

**August 5, 2013**

**REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING**

**Call to Order/Roll Call** – Village President Susan Washa called this Regular Village Board meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. Roll call was taken with the following members present: Zach Washa, Caleb Buroker, Tom Cody, Sue Colburn, Dennis Richgels, John Kreul and Susan Washa. Others present were Bart Nies, Tom Hebgen, Daniel Swinehart and Becky Fredericks.

**Certification/Compliance** – Clerk certified that notice of meeting was posted on August 1, 2013. Tom Cody motioned as to in compliance with open meeting law. Zach Washa seconded. Motion carried.

**Public Input – not for action – None**

**Discuss Hwy 80 & East Circle Drive Intersection – take action, if necessary** – Bart Nies of Delta 3 Engineering was present to provide the board with the storm sewer measurements that he took at this intersection. The board was informed that there is a 24" storm sewer pipe crossing Hwy 80 and connects to a 19"x30" storm sewer pipe that crosses E Circle Dr. This size of pipe would be able to take on a 1 year storm. It is suggested that at least a 42" storm sewer be installed which would take on a 10 year storm or a 48" storm sewer for a 25 year storm. The storm sewer pipe on the Drury farm they were not able to find the end of the pipe, suggestion to clean out the drainage area to find the end of that pipe. Tom Hebgen informed the board that he was not able to get anyone from the State Department of Transportation (DOT) to attend this meeting. After further discussion it was decided that the Village would work on finding the end of that storm sewer pipe and try to set up a day meeting with the DOT and then discuss options at a future meeting.

**Approve Well House/CCJ Construction LLC Pay Request #1** - Caleb Buroker motioned to approve the CCJ Construction LLC Pay Request #1 for \$34,997.40. Zach Washa seconded. Roll call vote "Aye": Zach Washa, Caleb Buroker, Tom Cody, Sue Colburn, Dennis Richgels, John Kreul and Susan Washa. Motion carried. The breakdown of the payment will be \$14,000 from CDBG grant monies and \$20,997.40 of Village funds.

**Discuss Financing Options for Well House Project – take action, if necessary** – Bart Nies informed the board that the Village was granted a loan with the Safe Drinking Water Loan Program (SDWLP). The loan would be a 20 year fixed rate loan with an interest rate of 2% to 2.5%. Bart informed the board of downfalls of the SDWLP loan is the Village would have to hire a bond counsel and there will be more administrative costs incurred. The other option that the Village has is a loan with Highland State Bank that will be an adjustable rate mortgage with 2% interest locked for 5 years. Becky Fredericks talked to Mary Bomkamp at Highland State Bank about interim financing with Highland State Bank until we close on the SDWLP loan if that is the route that we choose. After some discussion Tom Cody motioned to approve the Safe Drinking Water Loan Program 20 year loan with a locked rate of 2% to 2.5%. John Kreul seconded. Roll call vote "Aye": Zach Washa, Caleb Buroker, Tom Cody, Sue Colburn, Dennis Richgels, John Kreul and Susan Washa. Motion carried.

**Approve PSC New Rate Design** – The new proposed rate design has been completed on the Conventional Rate Case application. After some discussion Susan Washa motioned to approve the PSC New Rate Design as presented. Zach Washa seconded. Roll call vote “Aye”: Zach Washa, Caleb Buroker, Tom Cody, Sue Colburn, Dennis Richgels, John Kreul and Susan Washa. Motion carried.

**Discuss Fire District Agreement – set Joint Meeting, if needed** – It was decided to leave the agreement as is with no need for a joint meeting unless the Town of Highland or the Fire District wants to have a meeting.

**Our Town Recap** – The Village Clerk informed the board that despite the cold weather the picnic was a success and a profit was made on the event.

**Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings** – Tom Cody motioned to approve the July 8, 2013 Board Meeting minutes. Caleb Buroker seconded. Motion carried.

**Authorize Payment of Bills** – Zach Washa motioned to approve payment of bills as presented: General Account \$25,823.37, Sewer Account \$2,063.50, Water Account \$5,514.20 and TID #2 Account \$3,897.34. Tom Cody seconded. Dennis Richgels abstained. Motion carried.

**Committee Reports:**

**Park** – Village clerk informed the board that Tom Hebgen has the specs ready for replacing the park kitchen floor. Bids need to be submitted for the September board meeting.

**Law Enforcement** – Report submitted.

**Set September Board Meeting** – September board meeting will be September 3, 2013.

**Adjournment** – Caleb Buroker motioned to adjourn at 7:29 p.m. Dennis Richgels seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Becky Fredericks, Clerk-Treasurer