

**January 6, 2014**

**REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING**

**Call to Order/Roll Call** – Village President Susan Washa called this Regular Village Board meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. Roll call was taken with the following members present: Caleb Buroker, Sue Colburn, Dennis Richgels and Susan Washa. Tom Cody arrived at 5:42 p.m. John Kreul was excused and Zach Washa was absent. Others present were Bart Nies, Daniel Swinehart, Tom Hebgen and Becky Fredericks.

**Certification/Compliance** – Clerk certified that notice of meeting was posted on January 3, 2014. Dennis Richgels motioned as to compliance with open meeting law. Sue Colburn seconded. Motion carried.

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

**Discuss Progressive Way Subdivision Streets – take action, if necessary** – Bart Nies of Delta 3 Engineering Inc. presented the board with 3 cost estimates for the Progressive Way Subdivision as follows:

- Valley Street (Progressive Way to East End) – \$152,690.00
  - Storm Sewer Construction – \$46,560.00
  - Street Construction – \$106,130.00
- Horizon Street (Valley St to West end) – \$50,330.00 – street construction only
- Progressive Way (Main St to Valley St) – \$71,500.00 – street construction only

After some discussion on financial matters, the board decided that right now with these prices it does not seem financially feasible so this matter will be tabled at this time.

**Discuss payment to CCJ Construction LLC – take action, if necessary** – At the December board meeting it was approved to pay CCJ Construction LLC the full amount contingent upon the punch list being complete, all paperwork being submitted to Delta 3 Engineering Inc. and final approval from Bart Nies to pay. However, due to the fact that there is still a punch list that will not be complete until Spring, the Village President would like to hold back \$1,000.00 until the project is complete. Susan Washa motioned to withhold \$1,000.00 from CCJ Construction LLC because they did not meet the contingencies set at the December board meeting. Tom Cody seconded. Roll call vote “Aye”: Caleb Buroker, Tom Cody, Sue Colburn, Dennis Richgels and Susan Washa. Zach Washa & John Kreul were absent. Motion carried.

**Discuss Merchant St Street Improvements Project** – Dennis Richgels attended the LRIP meeting in December and the Village of Highland was voted as being an eligible recipient of LRIP monies to use on Merchant St Street Improvements. Caleb Buroker motioned to have Bart Nies of Delta 3 Engineering Inc. to proceed forward for bidding this project this year. Sue Colburn seconded. Roll call vote “Aye”: Caleb Buroker, Tom Cody, Sue Colburn, Dennis Richgels and Susan Washa. Zach Washa & John Kreul were absent. Motion carried.

**Discuss Title of Office in Charge – take action, if necessary** – Daniel Swinehart is requesting that his title be changed from Officer in Charge to Chief. He told the board that there is no change in how things will be handled. After some discussion, it was decided to table this item until we can contact the Village Attorney, Eileen Brownlee, to discuss the matter.

**Authorize 2013 budget funds to be used in 2014 for a new shop furnace** – Caleb Buroker motioned to authorize 2013 budget funds to be used in 2014 for a new shop furnace. Tom Cody seconded. Roll call vote “Aye”: Caleb Buroker, Tom Cody, Sue Colburn, Dennis Richgels and Susan Washa. Zach Washa & John Kreul were absent. Motion carried.

**Our Town Discussion** – Village President Susan Washa informed the board that Jessica Kastner has contacted the Village requesting to be considered for the fireworks display this year. After some discussion, an idea of having a Battle of the Booms was discussed. Village Clerk will contact Krueger Pyrotechnics to discuss with them to see if this would be possible.

**Discuss Peerless Service Co Proposal – take action, if necessary** – Tom Hebgen informed the board that we received a proposal from Peerless Service Co. for pulling well #1. The DNR says that it should be done every 10 years and it was 1991 when it was done last, so we are well past the 10 year recommended time frame. Proposal is for a new pump and all new fittings, descale well etc... at a cost of about \$16,000 to \$17,000. Caleb Buroker motioned to approve the proposal from Peerless Service Co. for Well #1. Dennis Richgels seconded. Roll call vote “Aye”: Caleb Buroker, Tom Cody, Sue Colburn, Dennis Richgels and Susan Washa. Zach Washa & John Kreul were absent. Motion carried.

**Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings** – Tom Cody motioned to approve the December 2, 2013 Board Meeting minutes with the noted changes. Dennis Richgels seconded. Motion carried.

**Authorize Payment of Bills** – Caleb Buroker motioned to approve payment of bills as presented: General Account \$219,156.44, Sewer Account \$606.92, Water Account \$7,278.12 and TID #2 Account \$3,897.34. Sue Colburn seconded. Motion carried.  
The remaining 2012 bills that were approved for payment at the December 2, 2013 meeting were: General Account \$7,061.34, Sewer Account \$11,642.05 and Water Account \$12,909.12.

**Committee Reports:**

**Law Enforcement** – Report submitted.

**Fire District** – Susan Washa informed the board that Charlie Scullion told her the generator is going to be returned and the guy is going to work with the Fire District to find a compatible generator. Charlie also informed her that the Fire District is looking to purchase two new water rescue suits. Susan also informed the board of issues of concern with the money collected for calls and the fact that this money is being used by the Fire Department to purchase items. An issue of concern is should the money go to the Fire District and not the Fire Department.

**Zoning Permits** – Tim McGuire

**Forthcoming Events** – Caucus January 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

**Correspondence Received** – Thank cards from Lloyd Schwingle and Rosemary Michek

**Adjournment** – Caleb Buroker motioned to adjourn at 7:23 p.m. Sue Colburn seconded.  
Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Becky Fredericks, Clerk-Treasurer