

March 3, 2014

REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

Call to Order/Roll Call – Village President Susan Washa called this Regular Village Board meeting to order at 6:00 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, John Adametz, Risa Topper, Tom Hebgen, Daniel Swinehart and Becky Fredericks.

Certification/Compliance – Clerk certified that notice of meeting was posted on February 28, 2014. Zach Washa motioned as to compliance with open meeting law. Sue Colburn seconded. Motion carried.

Public Input – not for action – None

Discuss Merchant St Bids – take action, if necessary – Bart Nies of Delta 3 Engineering Inc. presented a spreadsheet of all the bids submitted for the Merchant St project. Lowest bidder was Maddrell Excavating LLC for a price of \$63,551.50. Bart informed the board that due to the potential of receiving LRIP grant monies the bid cannot be awarded until a letter is received from the State saying we will be receiving the grant monies. Item tabled until April meeting.

Discuss Changing Title of Office in Charge to Chief – take action, if necessary – President Susan Washa informed the board that she had contacted Eileen Brownlee to get her thoughts on this and Eileen informed her that she doesn't see any issues with changing the title. Susan also contacted to Sheriff Steve Michek and he told her that the two titles are pretty much the same, but OIC is used more on a temporary basis, and there is no employment status change. He also stated that if the decision is made to change the title to make sure to clarify that it does not come with a pay raise and that there is no authority to appoint/change employee titles and all decisions to be by the power of the board. Susan also informed the board that when she was talking to Eileen they discussed the ordinances that reference Officer in Charge and Eileen said that she can draw up one document to address the title change for all ordinances. After some discussion, Zach Washa motioned to approve changing the title of Officer in Charge to Chief of Police with the understanding that there is no pay raise and there is no appointing authority which will stay with the Village board. Caleb Buroker seconded. Roll call vote "Aye": John Kreul, Sue Colburn, Caleb Buroker, Susan Washa, Dennis Richgels, Tom Cody and Zach Washa. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve Highland Rodeo Club Request – John Adametz was present to ask permission of the board to hold a gun raffle at one of their events at the Rodeo Grounds on Labor Day weekend. After some discussion Tom Cody motioned to approve the Highland Rodeo Club request to have gun raffle with the agreement that the FFL will be involved in the transfer of ownership of the gun. Caleb Buroker seconded. Motion carried.

Our Town Discussion – Things that need to be looked into: music, ball games. Clerk will contact Ben Biser to see if his band is available and Susan will contact Ricky McMannes to check and see if he will be interested in running the ball tournament again this year. Zach Washa had mentioned that last year he had a few people had made the comment to raise the bean bag entry fee. Susan asked if we would want to consider a 50/50 raffle.

Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings – John Kreul motioned to approve the February 3, 2014 Board Meeting minutes. Zach Washa seconded. Motion carried.

Authorize Payment of Bills – Zach Washa motioned to approve payment of bills as presented: General Account \$60,059.76, Sewer Account \$12,951.29, Water Account \$11,472.92 and TID #2 Account \$3,897.34. Tom Cody seconded. Motion carried with Dennis Richgels abstaining.

Committee Reports:

Water – Tom Hebgen informed the board that there was a water main break due to a rock shifting and hitting the main on Prospect St. Tom and Steve had a few water laterals that they needed to thaw. Mandatory water run started February 21, 2014 and will remain in effect until further notice.

Sewer – Tom Hebgen informed the board that there have been a few homeowners that had the sewer laterals freeze, which are the homeowner's responsibility to thaw per the Village ordinance.

Fire District – Financial Report submitted. Susan Washa informed the board that she talked to Charlie Scullion and he said that the water rescue suits have been purchased and that a few of the members have done the training.

Law Enforcement – Report submitted.

Zoning Permits – Jeff Degenhardt

Correspondence Received – None

Set March Board Meeting – Board Meeting will be April 7, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

Adjournment – Caleb Buroker motioned to adjourn at 7:59 p.m. Tom Cody seconded. Motion carried.

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