

July 7, 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, Sue Colburn, Dennis Richgels, John Kreul and Susan Washa. Tom Cody was excused. Others present were Bart Nies, Dick Cates, Dennis Povlika, Gail Richgels, Kim Mensch and Becky Fredericks.

Certification/Compliance – Clerk certified that notice of meeting was posted on July 1, 2014. Zach Washa motioned as to compliance with open meeting law. Caleb Buroker seconded. Motion carried.

Public Input – not for action – Dennis Povlika & Dick Cates were present to introduce themselves as candidates for the District 51 Representative to the Assembly. Both shared the thoughts and ideas.

Approve Merchant St/Maddrell Excavating Pay Request #1 – Bart Nies of Delta 3 Engineering Inc informed the board that the Merchant St Project has been completed and that he had a change order and a pay request from Maddrell Excavating. The Change Order has a decrease in quantities of \$8,862.04 and an increase due to a need for the use of road fabric for stabilization in the amount of \$1,800.00. Total change order shows a decrease of \$7,062.04. Therefore total pay request is for \$56,489.46 and Bart informed the board that he didn't plan to hold back the 5% retainage but the board has that option if they want to hold it back. Then Bart informed the board that Tom Hebgen had mentioned that he was concerned with the bumpy blacktop. Bart had talked to the contractor and they stated that was the best they could do with the elevation of the street and matching the existing parking lot. He informed the board that if they would want to hold back some money they can and that also there is a 1 year warranty on the project. After some discussion, Caleb Buroker motioned to approve Change Order #1 for \$7,062.04 and Pay Request #1 for \$56,489.46, which is the final payment amount. Sue Colburn seconded. Roll call vote "Aye": Zach Washa, Caleb Buroker, Sue Colburn, Dennis Richgels, John Kreul and Susan Washa. Motion carried.

Approve Merchant St Loan with Highland State Bank – After some discussion, Dennis Richgels motioned to approve a 5 year loan for \$57,000 at 2.5%. John Kreul seconded. Roll call vote "Aye": John Kreul, Dennis Richgels, Sue Colburn, Caleb Buroker, Zach Washa and Susan Washa. Motion carried.

Approve 2013 Audit – Johnson Block does not have the audit complete yet so we will table for a future meeting.

Discuss Dog Park – The Village board is looking at the possibility of putting in a dog park where the skating rink was originally. Kim Mensch and Gail Richgels both attended the meeting to inform the board that they are in support of/interested in the idea. Gail made the comment that it could also still serve as a skating rink. Item will be tabled to the August board meeting to give the board time to get more information.

Approve New Planning Commission Member – This item to be tabled until a future board meeting when President, Susan Washa, can find a replacement.

Approve New Weed/Tree Commission – Susan Washa would like to appoint Daniel Swinehart as the weed/tree commission since he is the one that enforces the ordinances. Caleb Buroker motioned to appoint Daniel Swinehart as the weed/tree commission. Zach Washa seconded. Motion carried.

Our Town – Work Schedule, set t-shirt price any final discussion – The work schedule still needs volunteers, we are still looking for volunteers for the chicken dinner serving line. New t-shirts were purchased to match the can koozies from last year. Board made the decision to sell the t-shirts for \$12.00 each. There was discussion on what to charge for the chicken dinner, it was decided to set the price at \$10.00 without a free drink this year.

Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings – Zach Washa motioned to approve the June 2, 2014 Board Meeting minutes. Caleb Buroker seconded. Motion carried.

Authorize Payment of Bills – Caleb Buroker motioned to approve payment of bills as presented: General Account \$37,821.70, Sewer Account \$15,817.95, Water Account \$56,819.55 and TID #2 Account \$4,612.00. Sue Colburn seconded. Roll call vote “Aye”: Zach Washa, Sue Colburn, Susan Washa, Caleb Buroker and John Kreul. Dennis Richgels abstained. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Water – Susan Washa informed the board that a customer had filed a complaint with the Public Service Commission (PSC) questioning the Village water billing/rates. Village Clerk has submitted a response to PSC and is currently waiting for the investigation results.

Sewer – Susan Washa informed the board that a flow meter and the samplers were hit by lightning. An insurance claim has been submitted and the parts are on order.

Law Enforcement – Report submitted.

Public Property – None

Park – None

Economic Development – The Highland Meat Market is open!

Fire District – Financial Report submitted.

Operator Licenses –

Susan Washa motioned to approve an Operator's License for Michelle Esser. Caleb Buroker seconded. Roll call vote "Aye": John Kreul, Sue Colburn, Zach Washa, Dennis Richgels, Caleb Buroker and Susan Washa. Motion carried.

Zach Washa motioned to approve an Operator's License for Brian Michek. Dennis Richgels seconded. Roll call vote "Aye": Susan Washa, Dennis Richgels, Caleb Buroker, John Kreul, Sue Colburn and Zach Washa. Motion carried.

Zach Washa motioned to approve an Operator's License for Christine Aide. Susan Washa seconded. Roll call vote "Aye": Caleb Buroker, Dennis Richgels, Susan Washa, Sue Colburn, John Kreul and Zach Washa. Motion carried.

Sue Colburn motioned to approve an Operator's License for Rachel Aide. Zach Washa seconded. Roll call vote "Aye": Dennis Richgels, Zach Washa, John Kreul, Caleb Buroker, Sue Colburn and Susan Washa. Motion carried.

Dennis Richgels motioned to approve an Operator's License for Jeri Esser. John Kreul seconded. Roll call vote "Aye": Sue Colburn, Susan Washa, Dennis Richgels, Zach Washa, Caleb Buroker and John Kreul. Motion carried.

Zoning Permits – None**Forthcoming Events – None****Correspondence Received – None**

Set August Board Meeting – Board Meeting will be August, 4 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Becky Fredericks, Clerk-Treasurer