

January 13, 2015

REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

Call to Order/Roll Call – Village President Susan Washa called this Regular Village Board meeting to order at 6:23 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 Ryan Brown, Mark Mahoney, Mike Eppley, Daniel Swinehart, Tom Hebgen and Becky Fredericks. Tom Michek and Charlie Scullion arrived at 6:58 p.m.

Certification/Compliance – Clerk certified that notice of meeting was posted on January 9, 2015. Zach Washa motioned as to compliance with open meeting law. Caleb Buroker seconded. Motion carried.

Public Input – not for action – None

Progressive Way Subdivision Parcel 136-0212.002 Offer to Purchase – take action, if necessary – Mark Mahoney of Driftless Area LLC was present to share an Offer to Purchase from Ryan & Patrick Brown. Ryan was present and said they would like to purchase the vacant industrial lot for \$12,500 for the purpose of an expansion of current Highland Machine business plus additional cold storage building for materials. On the offer, they would like a closing date of January 31, 2015, the water lateral size to be verified and request that all corner stakes be marked prior to closing. Tom Hebgen informed Ryan and the Village board that currently there is not a water lateral installed, it was purposely not installed to be able to work with whoever purchased the lot to install the size they need and have it installed in the correct area of the lot. Driftless Area LLC is offering to locate the corners for no more than \$200.00. Tom Hebgen said that the Village should be able to locate the stakes but if we cannot then we will contact Driftless Area LLC to do it. After some discussion Zach Washa motioned to approve the sale of parcel 136-0212.002 to Ryan & Patrick Brown for \$12,500.00 per Offer to Purchase dated December 9, 2014 and Counter Offer dated January 13, 2015. Caleb Buroker seconded. Roll call vote “Aye”: Caleb Buroker, Sue Colburn, John Kreul, Zach Washa, Tom Cody, Dennis Richgels and Susan Washa. Motion carried.

Approve/Modify/Deny Planning Commission Recommendation of Conditional Use Permit for Midwest Poultry & Ratite Processors LLC – The Planning Commission met right before the board meeting and they are making the recommendation to the Village Board to approve the Conditional Use Permit for Midwest Poultry & Ratite Processors LLC to allow them to slaughter chickens, turkey, game birds, pigeons, ratites, rabbits, guineas, ducks, geese and fish and to process beef, swine, sheep, goats, elk, bison, turkey, chickens, game birds, rabbits, ratites, guineas, ducks, geese, fish and venison. Any animals that are not approved for slaughter would be brought to the facility in containers for processing, not be skinned and hung on site. After a short discussion Tom Cody motioned to approve the recommendation from the Planning Commission to approve the Conditional Use Permit for Midwest Poultry and Ratite Processors LLC per the statement listed above. John Kreul seconded. Roll call vote “Aye”: Susan Washa, Dennis Richgels, Tom Cody, Zach Washa, Caleb Buroker, Sue Colburn and John Kreul. Motion carried.

Our Town Discussion – Village President Susan Washa informed the board that Jim & Tara Krueger had contacted her about the fireworks for Our Town. They submitted a contract for \$4,500.00 to do the fireworks display. After some discussion, Susan Washa motioned to approve the fireworks contract with Krueger Pyrotechnics & Firework Displays LLC for July 25, 2015 for an amount of \$4,500.00. Tom Cody seconded. Roll call vote “Aye”: Sue Colburn, Tom Cody, Dennis Richgels, Caleb Buroker, John Kreul, Zach Washa and Sue Washa. Motion carried.

Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings – Dennis Richgels motioned to approve the December 2, 2014 Board Meeting minutes. Caleb Buroker seconded. Motion carried.

Authorize Payment of Bills – Tom Cody motioned to approve payment of bills as presented: General Account \$228,280.95, Sewer Account \$1,232.31, Water Account \$764.03 and TID #2 Account \$4,612.00. Caleb Buroker seconded. Roll call vote “Aye”: John Kreul, Tom Cody, Sue Colburn, Zach Washa, Susan Washa and Caleb Buroker. Motion carried with Dennis Richgels abstaining.

The remaining 2014 bills that were approved for payment at the December 2, 2014 meeting were: General Account \$57,478.59, Sewer Account \$16,333.53, Water Account \$15,556.96 and TID #2 Account \$196.01.

Committee Reports:

Fire District – Tom Michek & Charlie Scullion were present to inform the board that the Fire Department applied for a DNR grant. It is a 50/50 Forest Fire Protection (FFP) Grant to purchase brush fire gear. They were granted the funding. The total application was for \$19,325.00, which \$9,662.50 would be the Fire Department’s share. However, Tom informed the board that Keith Hurlbert of Iowa County Emergency Management is going to be writing a grant and the Fire Department plans to enter in the communication equipment on that grant, which is a 25% cost. This would reduce the FFP Grant to \$12,125.00, with \$6,062.50 being their share. Tom Michek will have exact costs for the March board meeting looking for approval. Tom & Charlie also informed the board that they will need to do repairs at the fire station on the windows and doors. Tom Michek will work on getting some figures calculated for these repairs for a future meeting.

Economic Development – The board talked about the Uplands Hills Health purchase from Ss. Anthony & Philip Church for a new clinic. Midwest Poultry and Ratite Processors LLC hoping to get the rest of their building remodeled done to start with the processing. Highland Machine will be expanding in the near future with the purchase of the vacant lot from the Village for storage building right now and expansion in the future.

Law Enforcement – Report submitted. Daniel Swinehart informed the board that he has a new policy on sex offender notification procedures to be approved, which will be put on the February agenda. He also informed them that he is completing a resolution for the board to look at/approve for a speed change on Highland 80 extending farther out past the school entrance, this will be on a future agenda.

Water – Tom Hebgen informed the board that there was a water meter in the trailer court that froze and the issue was resolved.

Committee Reports Continued:

Sewer – Tom informed the board that they are planning to check the sewer mains on E. Circle Drive and Circle Drive because a complaint was received from a resident of sewer gas smell in the house. They are planning to flush the main by the end of this week.

Streets – Daniel Swinehart informed the board that he had made contact with an individual about plowing snow onto the Village street after the maintenance department had already cleared all the snow. He informed this person that it is illegal and they would be liable if an accident occurred due to this snow and suggested that the snow be removed.

Parks – Tom Hebgen informed the board that come Spring they will need to look into doing some repairs on the grandstand.

Public Property – Nothing new to report.

Operator Licenses – Caleb Buroker motioned to approve an Operator’s License for Pamela Rodgers. Dennis Richgels seconded. Roll call vote “Aye”: Zach Washa, Caleb Buroker, Tom Cody, Susan Washa, John Kreul, Dennis Richgels and Sue Colburn. Motion carried.

Zoning Permits – None

Forthcoming Events – Nothing

Correspondence Received – Thank cards from Lloyd Schwingle, Rosemary Michek, Charlie Scullion and Becky Pink.

Adjournment – Caleb Buroker motioned to adjourn at 8:38 p.m. Zach Washa seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Becky Fredericks, Clerk-Treasurer