

November 2, 2015

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, Tony Kaster, Dennis Richgels, John Kreul and Susan Washa. Ginger Halverson arrived at 6:04 p.m. and Tom Cody arrived at 6:14 p.m. Others present were Tom Hebgen, Daniel Swinehart and Becky Fredericks.

Certification/Compliance – Clerk certified that notice of meeting was posted on October 30, 2015. Tony Kaster motioned as to compliance with open meeting law. Dennis Richgels seconded. Motion carried.

Budget Public Hearing

Amendment to 2015 General Budget/Adopt Budget Resolution No. 1-2015 – Susan Washa motioned to adopt Budget Resolution No. 1-2015 for a net change in revenues and expenditures of \$811.71. Zach Washa seconded. Roll call vote “Aye”: Zach Washa, Tony Kaster, Dennis Richgels, John Kreul, Susan Washa. Motion carried with Tom Cody and Ginger Halverson no in attendance

Approve Apartment Rent Increase – Tony Kaster motioned to increase rent \$10 to \$190/month effective January 1, 2016. Zach Washa seconded. Roll call vote “Aye”: John Kreul, Dennis Richgels, Tony Kaster, Zach Washa and Susan Washa. Motion carried with Ginger Halverson and Tom Cody not in attendance.

Ginger Halverson arrived at 6:04 p.m.

Approve 2016 Stray Animal Contract with Iowa County Humane Society – Dennis Richgels motioned to approve the 2016 Stray Animal Contract with Iowa County Humane Society with the option to pay following monthly billing. John Kreul seconded. Motion carried.

Review 2016 General Budget – Adopt Tax Levy and Budget Resolution – Susan Washa motioned to set the 2015 Village of Highland Tax Levy at \$170,393.64. Ginger Halverson seconded. Roll call vote “Aye”: Zach Washa, Tony Kaster, John Kreul, Susan Washa, Ginger Halverson and Dennis Richgels. Motion carried with Tom Cody not in attendance. John Kreul motioned to adopt the 2016 General Budget with total revenues and expenditures of \$590,494.97. Zach Washa seconded. Roll call vote “Aye”: Dennis Richgels, Ginger Halverson, Zach Washa, John Kreul, Tony Kaster and Susan Washa. Motion carried with Tom Cody not in attendance.

Public Input – not for action – None

Approve/Deny Michek Properties LLC Certified Survey Map – Tony Kaster motioned to approve the recommendation from the Planning Commission to approve the Certified Survey Map from Michek Properties LLC. Susan Washa seconded. Roll call vote “Aye”: Ginger Halverson, Dennis Richgels, Zach Washa, Susan Washa, Tony Kaster and John Kreul. Motion carried with Tom Cody not in attendance.

Tom Cody arrived at 6:14 p.m.

Approve Progressive Way LRIP Application – Susan Washa motioned to approve the Progressive Way LRIP Application. Tony Kaster seconded. Roll call vote “Aye”: Dennis Richgels, Zach Washa, Susan Washa, Tom Cody, Tony Kaster, John Kreul and Ginger Halverson. Motion carried. Dennis Richgels informed the board that he did attend the committee planning meeting at the Iowa County Highway Department. He said that it was him, Craig Hardy and representatives from the City of Dodgeville and the Village of Montfort. The amount will be about the same as it was that last time and looking to divide among the approved applicants. Dennis also informed the board that he mentioned to Craig about looking into a Safe Routes path to the school district and Craig said he will see if he can find anything on this and get back to him.

Review/Approve Memorandum of Understanding with Iowa County for the Statewide Voter Registration System – Tom Cody motioned to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Iowa County for the Statewide Voter Registration System. Tony Kaster seconded. Roll call vote “Aye”: Susan Washa, Ginger Halverson, Tony Kaster, John Kreul, Zach Washa, Tom Cody and Dennis Richgels. Motion carried.

Discuss Special Event Police Officer Pay – take action, if necessary – Susan Washa motioned to approve a \$15 per hour rate only for police officers that work a shift related to a grant. Ginger Halverson seconded. Roll call vote “Aye”: Tom Cody, Tony Kaster, John Kreul, Susan Washa, Ginger Halverson, Dennis Richgels and Zach Washa. Motion carried.

At 6:27 p.m. Susan Washa motioned to go into recess until 7:00 p.m. so the Board of Zoning Appeals could hold their Public Hearing. Dennis Richgels seconded. Motion carried.

Due to the Board of Zoning Appeals Public Hearing still in session, Village President Susan Washa extended the recess for 15 minutes to 7:15 p.m. Dennis Richgels seconded.

Due to the Board of Zoning Appeals Public Hearing still in session, Village President Susan Washa extended the recess for 15 more minutes to 7:30 p.m. Ginger Halverson seconded.

Due to the Board of Zoning Appeals Public Hearing still in session, Village President Susan Washa extended the recess for another 15 minutes to 7:45 p.m. Tony Kaster seconded.

Village President Susan Washa motioned to reconvene at 7:45 p.m. Zach Washa seconded. Motion carried.

Pat Benish to address board pertaining to the Mobile Home Zoning Ordinance – Pat Benish asked to address the board pertaining to the Board of Zoning Appeals meeting discussion in reference to the setbacks in the mobile home. He wanted to know if any members had any issues with what was discussed and decided. Susan Washa said her only concern was the setbacks and in the Public Hearing that matter was addressed for the one mobile home lot and the others will be addressed at a later date, which she was fine with. Other than that none of the members had any questions or concerns.

Discuss Highland Police Sex Offender Notification Policy – take action, if necessary – After some discussion on the policy, Dennis Richgels motioned to approve the Highland Police Sex Offender Notification Policy. Tony Kaster seconded. Motion carried.

Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings – Susan Washa motioned to approve the October 5, 2015 Board Meeting minutes. Tom Cody seconded. Motion carried.

Authorize Payment of Bills – Zach Washa motioned to approve payment of bills as presented - General Account \$18,152.92, Sewer Account \$3,625.02, Water Account \$729.04, TID #2 Account \$4,612.00. Ginger Halverson seconded. Roll call vote “Aye”: John Kreul, Tony Kaster, Susan Washa, Zach Washa, Tom Cody and Ginger Halverson. Motion carried with Dennis Richgels abstaining.

Committee Reports:

Water & Sewer – Tom Hebgen informed the board that the water and sewer laterals will be installed on Wednesday for the clinic. He also informed the board that the lab results for the BOD levels have gone down to regular or even better, but he is still monitoring the levels.

Streets – Nothing new to report.

Parks – Tom Hebgen informed the board that the park had been winterized and closed for the season. Becky Fredericks informed the board that Kim Mensch had called and wanted to mention a suggestion for the Village Park on possibly installing a doggie cleanup station. Dennis Richgels said that Linda Roum had contacted him as well and was wondering about stations put up throughout the village. The board members felt that is no need for this and feel that residents should be responsible and courtesy and cleanup after their dogs.

Public Property – John Kreul informed the board that he did receive a bid from J&C Floor Shop for carpet and linoleum for the apartment at 603 Apartment St. A couple board members talked about getting together to clean the apartment and to remove the shower stall and toilet to save some money. John informed the board that he did make contact with Juan about the birds and they informed him that they would give them to a family member.

Law Enforcement – Report submitted. Daniel Swinehart informed the board that the prescription drug drop-off day only brought in one person. So he is currently looking into possibly getting a permanent box for the office.

Economic Development – Becky Fredericks updated the board on the meeting with representatives from Iowa County RLF and SWWRPC in reference to Midwest Poultry and Ratite Processors LLC looking into costs for finishing the building to allow for processing.

Operator Licenses – Susan Washa motioned to approve an operator’s license for Erika Gleason. Zach Washa seconded. Roll call vote “Aye”: Tony Kaster, John Kreul, Ginger Halverson, Dennis Richgels, Tom Cody, Zach Washa and Susan Washa.

Zoning Permits – No permits issued in October.

Forthcoming Events – Becky Fredericks informed the board that Delta 3 Engineering Client Appreciation Event is December 4, 2015.

Correspondence Received – None

Set December Board Meeting – Monday, December 14, 2015

Adjournment – Ginger Halverson motioned to adjourn at 8:51 p.m. Zach Washa seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Becky Fredericks, Clerk-Treasurer