

December 9, 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: Ginger Halverson, Tom Cody, Tony Kaster, Dennis Richgels, John Kreul and Susan Washa. Zach Washa arrived at 6:37 p.m. Others present were Jason Anderson, Tom Michek, Steve McGuire, Tom Hebgen, Daniel Swinehart and Becky Fredericks.

Certification/Compliance – Clerk certified that notice of meeting was posted on December 7, 2015. Susan Washa motioned as to compliance with open meeting law. Ginger Halverson seconded. Motion carried.

Public Input – not for action – Jason Anderson was present to address the No Parking signs recently installed by his house on Merchant St. He is wondering why they were only installed by his house and not by Fillback's and Grandma's. Jason was informed that the width of the road by his house is only 23' wide and 30' by Fillback's & Grandma's. He was also informed that driving lanes need to be 11' on both sides so at least 22' wide leaving no room for parking lanes. There was discussion on parking options by Jason's house and suggestion was to talk to Pat Hying to be able to extend their current driveway to make it wider for two vehicles. Contact will be made with Pat to see about extending. Possible future agenda items will be to discuss parking on the south side of Merchant St and on Diagonal St between Stone St & Prospect St.

Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings – Ginger Halverson motioned to approve the November 2, 2015 Board Meeting minutes. Tony Kaster seconded. Motion carried.

Village President asked if there were any objections to jump forward on the agenda to 8 – Fire District Report due to Tom Michek being present for that agenda item. Hearing no objections the board jumped forward to agenda items 8 – Fire District Report.

Committee Reports – Fire District

Fire Chief, Tom Michek, was present to let the board know about the expenses and repairs to the trucks. Informed the board that the windows and doors project went smoothly, only need to paint the doors and will be done in the spring. He told the board that the roof was leaking and was repaired by Jack Benish. In the future, they would like to look at a new roof, a pitched roof vs. a rubber roof. They also want to look at the cost to insulate the block walls. He informed the board that DSPS did an audit at the fire district in reference to the 2% fire dues.

Zach Washa arrived at 6:37 p.m.

Audit was good overall, with only comments that they would like to see the in and out of the 2% dues and also talked about fire inspections procedure. Current process is working but they were given recommendations and ways to improve. They were informed that in the future they will probably need to have a "trained" person do the inspections.

Discuss Cancellation of Insurance Coverage with Local Government Property Insurance Fund – take action, if necessary – Premiums with LGPIF are going to increase about \$3,000 so we received a quote from Municipal Property Insurance Company, MPIC, for \$5,721 (which is a \$368 increase from the 2015 LGPIF premium). Ginger Halverson motioned to cancel coverage with LGPIF and move to MPIC for 2016 insurance. Zach Washa seconded. Roll call vote “Aye”: Zach Washa, Ginger Halverson, Tom Cody, Tony Kaster, Dennis Richgels, John Kreul and Susan Washa. Motion carried.

Approve 2016 Water & Sewer Budgets – Susan Washa motioned to approve the 2016 Water & Sewer budgets. Tony Kaster seconded. Roll call vote “Aye”: Ginger Halverson, Dennis Richgels, Tom Cody, John Kreul, Zach Washa, Susan Washa and Tony Kaster. Motion carried.

Approve 2016-17 Election Workers – Ginger Halverson motioned to approve the 2016-17 election workers. Zach Washa seconded. Motion carried.

Approve 2016 Outdoor Storage Permit – Bob Bomkamp – Tom Cody motioned to approve the 2016 Outdoor Storage Permit for Bob Bomkamp. John Kreul seconded. Motion carried with Susan Washa opposing.

Approve 2016 Election Hardware Maintenance Agreement with Command Central – Tony Kaster motioned to approve the 2016 Election Hardware Maintenance Agreement with Command Central. Dennis Richgels seconded. Motion carried.

Set Caucus date between January 2 and January 21, 2016 – Susan Washa motioned to set Caucus Date for January 13, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. Zach Washa seconded. Motion carried.

Approve Christmas Gratuities – Ginger Halverson motioned to approve Christmas gratuities as discussed with gift certificates being purchased from Hying Hardware. John Kreul seconded. Motion carried.

Discuss apartment repairs/remodel – take action, if necessary – Two quotes were received for the replacing the linoleum and carpet in 603 Apartment St – J&C Floor Shop \$1,363.72 or Bowden & Alexander \$1,900.00. Tony Kaster motioned to approve the quote from J&C Floor Shop. Dennis Richgels seconded. Roll call vote “Aye”: John Kreul, Tony Kaster, Ginger Halverson, Susan Washa, Zach Washa, Tom Cody and Dennis Richgels. Motion carried. John Kreul will get estimates on the remodeling of the bathroom.

Authorize Payment of Bills – Tom Cody motioned to approve payment of bills as presented - General Account \$29,905.66, Sewer Account \$7,286.98, Water Account \$6,461.21, TID #2 Account \$4,612.00 and approved invoicing Blackhawk Lake for attorney fees for the shower house project questions and to hold back the Iowa County Hwy Dept. check until clarification on why charges are higher than estimate. John Kreul seconded. Roll call vote “Aye”: Tony Kaster, Tom Cody, Susan Washa, Zach Washa, Ginger Halverson and John Kreul. Motion carried with Dennis Richgels abstaining.

Authorize remaining 2015 bills to be paid by December 31, 2015 – Tony Kaster motioned to approve paying remaining 2015 bills by December 31, 2015. Dennis Richgels seconded. Roll call vote “Aye”: Ginger Halverson, Zach Washa, Susan Washa, Tony Kaster, Dennis Richgels, John Kreul and Tom Cody.

Committee Reports:

Water – Nothing new to report.

Sewer – Tom Hebgen informed the board that there is badger digging holes by the sewer plant, so far there are 10-12 holes by the liner of the pond. Tom and Daniel have been working with the DNR on possible ways to get the badgers to leave the property.

Streets – Tom asked the board what direction we should go to discuss with Upland Hills

Parks – Nothing new to report.

Public Property – The board talked about doing some inspections at the apartments and to check the smoke alarms.

Law Enforcement – Report submitted.

Economic Development – Alphabet Academy is in the remodeling process in hopes of opening early 2016.

Operator Licenses – None issued in November.

Zoning Permits – James & Whitney Snyder, new residential construction

Forthcoming Events – None

Correspondence Received – Thank you cards received from the Middle School Charter in reference to allowing them to put up bird houses in the park.

Set January Board Meeting – Wednesday, January 13, 2016 immediately following Caucus

Adjournment – Ginger Halverson motioned to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. Susan Washa seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Becky Fredericks, Clerk-Treasurer