

**April 6, 2015**

**REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING**

**Call to Order/Roll Call** – Village President Susan Washa called this Regular Village Board meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Roll call was taken with the following members present: Zach Washa, Sue Colburn, Dennis Richgels, John Kreul and Susan Washa. Caleb Buroker and Tom Cody were excused. Others present were Tom Michek, Charlie Scullion, John Adametz, Wayne Aeschbach, Carolyn Adametz, Sarah Dyreson, Tom Hebgen, Daniel Swinehart and Becky Fredericks.

**Certification/Compliance** – Clerk certified that notice of meeting was posted on April 2, 2015. Zach Washa motioned as to compliance with open meeting law. John Kreul seconded. Motion carried.

**Public Input – not for action – None**

**Approve Highland Fire District Purchase thru DNR Forest Fire Protection Grant** – Tom Michek and Charlie Scullion were present to let the board know that the final price on the DNR Forest Fire Protection Grant is \$17,054.97, which \$8,527.49 will be the Fire District share after they get reimbursement. Zach Washa motioned to approve the purchase of fire equipment of \$17,054.97, with being reimbursed \$8,527.48. John Kreul seconded. Roll call vote “Aye”: Zach Washa, Sue Colburn, Dennis Richgels, John Kreul and Susan Washa. Motion carried. Tom Michek also let the board know that they received on bid of \$12,680.00 from Otter Creek Construction for the replacement of windows and doors at the fire station. This item will be placed on the May board meeting for discussion/approval.

**Discuss Village Apartments – take action, if necessary** – The board was informed that Jerry Richgels has moved out of his apartment and this is one of the apartments that has never had any repairs/updates done in quite a few years. After some discussion it was decided that the Public Property Committee will have a meeting on April 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. to look at the apartment. Becky Fredericks informed the board that there are two applications on file for the apartments.

**John Adametz to address the board on Highland Rodeo Club Contract – take action, if necessary** – John Adametz, Wayne Aeschbach, Carolyn Adametz and Sarah Dyreson were present in response to the letter the Rodeo Club received about being charged \$1,500.00 for the renewal contract in 2016. John informed the board that he has no issues with the year-to-year lease but questions the \$1,500 charge. He said that they don’t make enough money to be able to pay the \$1,500 and if they are required to pay this it will likely shut down the Highland Rodeo Club. The board informed them that we have the land to the south of the rodeo grounds that is be rented for cropland at a price of \$125/acre so this is how they came up with the \$1,500.00 charge for the 11 acres. The land has been used by the Rodeo Club for free 20 years and the board sees it as only fair to look into charging in the future. After a lengthy discussion it was decided that they board will look into this and have a decision by the June board meeting.

**Discuss Upland Hills Health-Village of Highland Easement/Right-of-Way/Land – take action, if necessary** – Nothing new at this time – agenda item will be added back to the agenda once more information is provided to the Village.

**Update on Midwest Poultry and Ratite Processors LLC grant request** – Becky Fredericks informed the board that she received an email from Mike Eppley stating that right now there are no grants available to go thru the Village of Highland at this time.

**Discuss brush pile – take action, if necessary** – Tom Hebgen informed the board that the hours on Saturday are going good, however, Bob is being called multiple times outside of the posted hours. People have been driving around the locked gate and some are even using the other drive to access the site. We will need to look at what to do to stop people from going around the gate – possibly law enforcement can issue trespassing fines. After some discussion, it was decided that the site will only be open 8:00 a.m. to Noon on Saturdays, weather permitting, and during regular business hours. Also it was decided that Bob & Tom’s numbers will no longer be posted for people to call for other times. This will be reevaluated at the May board meeting.

**Our Town Discussion – take action, if necessary** – We are looking at possible options for the Talent Show and Susan Washa informed the board that she has been working on the work schedule...possible people/groups to contact was discussed and Zach Washa volunteered the Knights of Columbus to cover a shift and it was suggested that Susan should contact the Highland Rodeo Club also.

**Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings** – Dennis Richgels motioned to approve the March 2, 2015 Board Meeting minutes. Zach Washa seconded. Motion carried.

**Authorize Payment of Bills** – Zach Washa motioned to approve payment of bills as presented: General Account \$34,949.74, Sewer Account \$16,943.29, Water Account \$16,952.14, TID #2 Account \$4,752.00, Sewer Bond & Interest Loan Payment \$50,771.14 and Water Bond & Interest Loan Payment \$29,372.08. Dennis Richgels seconded. Roll call vote “Aye”: Sue Colburn, John Kreul, Zach Washa, Dennis Richgels and Susan Washa. Motion carried.

**Committee Reports:**

**Economic Development** – Dennis Richgels informed the board that the excavation equipment has moved onto Brown & Brown Properties LLC land. Tom Hebgen informed the board that he talked to Ryan Brown about the water runoff and how to divert it from where the building would be located. The board was informed that Curt James was now looking at a lot in the Village of Cobb.

**Law Enforcement** – Report submitted

**Water** – Nothing new to report

**Sewer** – Tom Hebgen informed the board that the new WPDES permit was issued and by the looks of it there is going to be quite a bit of paperwork to do every 10 years.

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**Streets** – Tom Hebgen informed the board the Randy Sudmeier of State of Wisconsin/Iowa County Highway Superintendent contacted him that the State plans to do crack filling STH 80 from the carwash thru the Village out to Bob Klar. He wanted to let us know to see that since the State would be going thru the Village if the Village would want to do the curb line sealcoating at the same time. Tom informed the board that Randy quoted him \$5,600 to \$6,000 thru Iowa County and Tom has contacted Scott Construction Inc. to get a price. Becky Fredericks informed the board that she is still waiting on a quote from Craig Hardy for the sealcoating of County I/Main St.

**Public Property** – Tom Hebgen informed the board that Danny Lettman's water heater leaked and that carpet was wet but not sure how far the wet carpet goes because Danny has quite a few boxes stacked in the one bedroom, so this will need to be checked. Also a suggestion was made to check into the pet issue at Jennifer White's because Jennifer stated that she does not have a pet but someone had contacted Susan Washa asking that we allow Jennifer to keep her cat, so that should be checked into. The Public Property Committee will take a look at Danny's apartment and also stop in at Jennifer's when they meet on April 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Fire District** – Nothing more to report.

**Operator Licenses** – None

**Zoning Permits** – None

**Forthcoming Events** – Becky Fredericks informed the board that the Annual LWMMI Policyholder Conference is April 16 & 17 at the Chula Vista in Wisconsin Dells, which is free for one member of the Village.

**Correspondence Received** – Thank you card from the Family of Doug Oleson.

**Set May Board Meeting** – May 4, 2015

**Adjournment** – Zach Washa motioned to adjourn at 7:19 p.m. John Kreul seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Becky Fredericks, Clerk-Treasurer