

May 4, 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, Ginger Halverson, Tom Cody, Tony Kaster, Dennis Richgels, John Kreul and Susan Washa. Others present were Risa Topper, Curt James, John Adametz, Carolyn Adametz, Jennifer White (arrived at 6:09), Tom Hebgen, Daniel Swinehart and Becky Fredericks.

Certification/Compliance – Clerk certified that notice of meeting was posted on May 1, 2015. Zach Washa motioned as to compliance with open meeting law. Dennis Richgels seconded. Motion carried.

Public Input – not for action – None

Curt James to address board on parcel 136-0212.06 – take action, if necessary – Curt James informed the board that he is interested in parcel 136-0212.06 for constructing a truck repair shop. He is currently renting in Cobb but the building is running out of space so looking at options. He is looking at putting up a 120x'60' building with 2-24'x18' overhead doors and 6-16'x14' overhead doors with a 36'x36' office. He would like to build in 2016 but definitely by 2017 and looking to have 2-3 employees. The question of mine shafts was asked and per the map that Tom Hebgen shared with the board there are no mine shafts under the parcel. Another question asked was about a retention pond, Tom Hebgen informed Curt and the board that the retention pond by the Village shop was created big enough to handle the whole area so a separate retention pond would not be needed but might need to include some ditching to handle the water runoff. After some discussion the question was asked as to how much of the 4.76 acre lot that he would be interested in and at what price. Curt informed the board that he would like the whole lot with a minimum of 3 acres. Then he is looking at a price of \$3,000-\$4,000 per acre for the full lot as is, with no excavation done by the Village. The board discussed the issue of a Developer's Agreement and if a realtor would need to be involved since this lot was not part of the agreement with the two realtors that have the residential lots in Progressive Way. They decided that a Developer's Agreement would be required. After some further discussion it was decided that an Industrial Development Committee Meeting will be schedule to discuss options on what they should sell, the whole lot or keep a portion and to discuss a price. They will also discuss the options of who to use to help with the sale, one of realtors or Eileen Brownlee, the Village Attorney. A meeting will be set for later this month to bring the information to the June board meeting.

Discuss State Hwy 80 Crack Filling – take action, if necessary – At the April board meeting Tom Hebgen had informed the board that Randy Sudmeier, the State of Wisconsin/Iowa County Highway Superintendent, had contacted him about crack filling the curblines on Hwy 80 when they come thru to do State Hwy 80. Randy had given Tom an estimate of \$6,000 and Tom had contacted Scott Construction Inc, their bid was \$2,500-\$10,000 depending on the total pounds needed. The project will be Spring St (the car wash) and all the way to the end of Main St. It was discussed that the product that Scott Construction uses is a polyfiber crack filler, which seems is a better product than the product that the county would use. Tom informed the board that Iowa County is looking to do Hwy 80 in the next 2-3 weeks. Tony Kaster motioned to approve the proposal from Scott Construction for the STH 80 curblines in conjunction with the State/County project. Dennis Richgels seconded. Roll call vote “Aye”: Zach Washa, Ginger Halverson, Tom Cody, Tony Kaster, Dennis Richgels, John Kreul and Susan Washa. Motion carried.

Discuss Cty Rd I Sealcoating – take action, if necessary – Last year Craig Hardy, Iowa County Highway Commission, had contacted Tom Hebgen about sealcoating the Village parking lanes when Iowa County will sealcoat Cty I/Main St from Jeff Michek’s to Red Zone. At that time they wanted to do the project in 2014 and Tom had informed Craig that we didn’t have money budgeted for the project. There is \$6,000 budgeted for this project. Craig’s estimate for the project would be \$5,068.50 for sealcoating and he recommended the Village doing crack filling on the parking lanes and curblines at a price of \$1,419.00 for parking lanes and \$2,774.00 for curblines for a total not to exceed \$9,261.50. Tom Hebgen had also received an estimate from Scott Construction Inc for the curblines, \$3,859.00, and sealcoating parking lanes for \$7,732.00 for a total cost of \$11,591.00 which does not include crackfilling the parking lane. Tom Cody motioned to have Iowa County do the project per the email dated April 30, 2015 for a total not to exceed \$9,261.50. Zach Washa seconded. Roll call vote “Aye”: John Kreul, Dennis Richgels, Tony Kaster, Tom Cody, Ginger Halverson, Zach Washa and Susan Washa. Motion carried.

Approve 2015-2016 Woodburning Site License Renewal Application – Tom Cody motioned to approve the 2015-2016 Woodburning Site License Renewal Application.

Village President asked if there were any objections to jump forward on the agenda to 5(a) and 5(b) due to people present for those two agenda items. Hearing no objections the board jumped forward to agenda item 5(a) and 5(b).

Discuss Village Apartments – take action, if necessary – Jennifer White was present requesting from the board to allow her to have a cat in her apartment. She told the board that she would be willing to pay a bigger security deposit or more rent. Due this not being an agenda item no action could be taken but will put on the June agenda. Next discussion – Jerry Richgels has moved out of 603 Apartment St and the Public Property Committee met and felt that the apartment needs to be cleaned and that the flooring should be replaced along with the shower. Jacquelyn Gordon was contacted about submitting a proposal for cleaning the apartment. Her proposal was an estimated 24-26 hours at \$20/hr. After some discussion, John Kreul motioned to remove the flooring and shower and to have Jacquelyn clean based on her proposal. Susan Washa seconded. Roll call vote “Aye”: Dennis Richgels, Tom Cody, Zach Washa, John Kreul, Tony Kaster, Ginger Halverson and Susan Washa. Motion carried. Estimates for flooring and shower will be gathered for June board meeting.

Highland Rodeo Club Contract discussion – take action, if necessary – John & Carolyn Adametz were present to address the board on the rodeo club contract and to discuss some more the \$1,500 fee that the Village wants to charge them in 2016. They handed out a schedule of the planned rodeo club events for 2015. After some discussion on the charge it was decided that more information should be gathered and that will be brought back to the June board meeting.

Approve Committee Appointments – Village President Susan Washa presented to the board the new committee appointments for May 2015 to May 2016. Zach Washa motioned to approve the committee appointments as presented. Tom Cody seconded. Motion carried.

Approve Blackhawk Lake Commission Member – The Blackhawk Lake Commission Appointment Committee met on April 29, 2015 and interviewed the 3 candidates, Al Kosharek, Tammy Thielorn and Chad Coyier, interested in the Blackhawk Lake Commission appointment. The committee voted on the appointment and Al Kosharek received 3 of the 5 votes. Village President Susan Washa made a recommendation to the Village Board on behalf of the committee to appointment Al Kosharek for the 5 year term ending May 2020. Tony Kaster asked why a Town of Highland resident was appointed when they can't – he was informed that we found out a couple years ago that Town of Highland residents are allowed to serve on the Commission. Dennis Richgels asked why Al was picked over the other candidates and Susan informed him that the committee felt Al's experience was the best qualification of all the candidates. After some more discussion Zach Washa motioned to appoint Al Kosharek to a five year term on the Blackhawk Lake Commission ending May of 2020. Tom Cody seconded. Motion carried with Tony Kaster opposing.

Discuss/Update on Industrial Lot Buffer Strips – take action, if necessary – At the April 7, 2014 Village Board meeting this was discussed and it was decided that the Industrial Development Committee would meet to address this. A meeting was never held and it was decided that this needs to be handled. An Industrial Development Committee will have a meeting and Dennis Richgels will let the Village Clerk know when it is so she can post it.

Update on brush/compost site – take action, if necessary – Village Board was informed that the Saturday hours and scheduled weekday times are going pretty well. Tom Cody questioned why we pick up multiple times a week and wondered about the cost for this service. After some discussion it was decided that right now things will stay the same and then the board can look at this in the future.

Our Town Discussion – take action, if necessary – Village President Susan Washa informed the board that Ricky McMannes has confirmed that he will be running a 7th & 8th grade softball tournament this year. The Whiskey River Band has been confirmed at a cost of \$360. Susan informed the board that she did mention to 4-H that we might be looking at an organization to run the Kiddie Olympics if PATHS is not interested to do it this year. Also 4-H will be holding the Glow Run/Walk on Friday evening. Daniel Swinehart will be having the Bike Rodeo. Susan informed the board that in June she will need the rest of the board to help fill the work schedule. She also informed the board they she wants them all to help with serving the chicken dinner.

Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings – Zach Washa motioned to approve the April 6, 2015 Board Meeting minutes, the April 8, 2015 Personal Property Meeting minutes, the April 27, 2015 Joint Fire District Meeting minutes and the April 29, 2015 Blackhawk Lake Commission Appointment Committee Meeting minutes. Ginger Halverson seconded. Motion carried with Tom Cody abstaining.

Authorize Payment of Bills – Dennis Richgels motioned to approve payment of bills as presented: General Account \$20,758.89, Sewer Account \$1,887.79, Water Account \$2,410.52, TID #2 Account \$4,787.00. John Kreul seconded. Roll call vote “Aye”: Tony Kaster, Ginger Halverson, John Kreul, Zach Washa, Dennis Richgels, Susan Washa and Tom Cody. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Economic Development – Nothing new to report

Law Enforcement – Report submitted – Daniel Swinehart informed the board that he is working on a couple of grants.

Water – Nothing new to report

Sewer – Nothing new to report

Streets – Nothing new to report

Parks – Summer Rec has started and the first games are set for May 18th.

Public Property – Nothing new to report

Fire District – John Kreul asked the board where the money from invoicing for fire call etc...goes, wondering if it goes to the Fire District or the Fire Department. Dennis Richgels informed him that he believes it goes to the Fire District. Also asked about the money received when the fire station is rented, Dennis let him know that he believes this money goes to the Fire Department.

Operator Licenses – John Kreul motioned to approve an Operator’s License for Rick Laufenberg. Zach Washa seconded. Roll call vote “Aye”: Susan Washa, Tony Kaster, Zach Washa, John Kreul, Tom Cody, Dennis Richgels and Ginger Halverson. Motion carried.

Zoning Permits – Brown & Brown Properties LLC

Forthcoming Events – Open Book is May 5 from 4:00-6:00 and Board of Review is May 13 starting at 6:00.

Correspondence Received – None

Set June Board Meeting – Tuesday, June 2, 2015

Adjournment – Ginger Halverson motioned to adjourn at 10:00 p.m. Zach Washa seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Becky Fredericks, Clerk-Treasurer