

**February 1, 2016**

**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 arrived at 6:07 p.m., Tony Kaster, Dennis Richgels, John Kreul and Susan Washa. Others present were Peg Koehler, Wayne Aeschbach, John Adametz, Sarah Winkler, Jill Schooley, Tom Hebgen, Daniel Swinehart and Becky Fredericks.

**Certification/Compliance** – Clerk certified that notice of meeting was posted on January 29, 2016. Zach Washa motioned as to compliance with open meeting law. Ginger Halverson seconded. Motion carried.

**Public Input – not for action** – Peg Koehler, candidate for Iowa County Judge was in attendance to give a speech on who she is and why she is running for Iowa County Judge.

**Approve Cloud 1 Lease Agreement** – Jill Schooley was present to inform the board that the redlined items that were discussed at the previous meeting were addressed and corrected in the agreement. Jill also stated that in exchange for not being able to offer the village free internet they have raised the rent from \$250 to \$300 per month. Village Clerk informed the board that the revised contract was sent to Eileen Brownlee, Village legal counsel and Eileen is in agreement with the additions and corrections. Jill showed the board the proposed driveway changes and the board felt the new layout is much better because of the less impact on the current cropland. After some discussion Susan Washa motioned to approve the Option and Land Lease Agreement with Cloud 1, LLC as presented. Zach Washa seconded. Roll call vote “Aye”: Zach Washa, Ginger Halverson, Tom Cody, Tony Kaster, Dennis Richgels, John Kreul and Susan Washa. Motion carried.

**Our Town Discussion – Approve fireworks contract** – Krueger Pyrotechnics & Firework Displays, LLC submitted a contract for fireworks for the 2016 Our Town Celebration. Zach Washa motioned to approve the contract with Krueger Pyrotechnics & Firework Displays, LLC in the amount of \$4,500.00. Ginger Halverson seconded. Roll call vote “Aye”: John Kreul, Dennis Richgels, Tony Kaster, Tom Cody, Ginger Halverson, Zach Washa and Susan Washa. Motion carried.

**Highland Rodeo Club to address board on plans for improvements to the truck pull track and any other improvements – take action, if necessary** – Wayne Aeschbach, John Adametz and Sarah Winkler, members of the Highland Rodeo Club were in attendance to inform the board of their plans to make improvements to the truck/tractor pull track to make it a better track. The board informed them that they are okay with their planned improvements on the track. The rodeo club members also informed the board that they would be interested in doing wagon rides at the Our Town Celebration this year again, which the board members agreed it was well enjoyed by those last year and it would be nice if the rodeo club would do it again this year. The club members informed the board of their 2016 events. Then they also informed the board that they plan to add a light pole on the opposite end of the arena, which is needed, and they are currently working with an electrician on this.

**Discuss purchase of a generator – take action, if necessary** – Tom Hebgen informed the board that he had talked to Pat Hying about the possibility of purchasing a generator and the one that Pat thought would be the right size for the Village office would cost around \$3,500. Tom will get prices on a couple generators for the March board meeting.

**Discuss storage building – take action, if necessary** – The discussion of building a storage building took place due to running out of room and the building on Brewery St has some issues. The Public Property Committee will have a meeting on February 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. to discuss possible layouts for the storage building.

**Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings** – Zach Washa motioned to approve the January 13, 2016 Board Meeting minutes. Ginger Halverson seconded. Motion carried with Tony Kaster abstaining.

**Authorize Payment of Bills** – Dennis Richgels motioned to approve payment of bills as presented: General Account \$14,824.19, Sewer Account \$1,422.96, Water Account \$1,385.02 and TID #2 Account \$11,102.00. Tom Cody seconded. Roll call vote “Aye”: Ginger Halverson, Tony Kaster, John Kreul, Susan Washa, Zach Washa, Tom Cody and Dennis Richgels. Motion carried.

**Committee Reports:**

**Economic Development** – Susan Washa informed the board that the Community Surveys are submitted and the results are looking pretty good.

**Law Enforcement** – Report submitted.

**Water** – A question was asked about the Village having lead pipes for the water system and Tom informed the board that the Village has no lead services.

**Sewer** – Nothing new to report.

**Streets** – Nothing new to report.

**Parks** – Nothing new to report.

**Public Property** – The apartment remodeling project is moving along. John made the suggestion that the public property should do apartment inspections to check smoke detectors. This will be part of the February 15<sup>th</sup> Public Property Committee meeting.

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

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

**Zoning Permits** – Village of Highland – apartment remodel

**Forthcoming Events** – Dennis Richgels mentioned the Super Bowl Pregame Event at Ss. Anthony and Philip on February 7<sup>th</sup> and the Ambulance Breakfast on February 14<sup>th</sup>. The Village clerk informed the board that the Annual LWMMI Policyholder Conference is at the Chula Vista in Wisconsin Dells on April 28 & 29, free for one member.

**Correspondence Received** – None

**Set March Board Meeting** – March 7, 2016

**Adjournment** – Ginger Halverson motioned to adjourn at 7:43 p.m. Zach Washa seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Becky Fredericks, Clerk-Treasurer