

January 11, 2017

REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

Call to Order/Roll Call – Village President Susan Washa called this Regular Village Board meeting to order at 5:58 p.m. Roll call was taken with the following members present: Zach Washa, Chad Coyier, Tom Cody, Tony Kaster, Dennis Richgels, John Kreul and Susan Washa. Others present were John Adametz, Bob Pustina, Josh Tarrell, Tom Hebgen, Daniel Swinehart and Wayne Aeschbach.

Certification/Compliance – Clerk certified that notice of meeting was posted on December 5, 2016. Z. Washa motioned as to compliance with open meeting law. Kaster seconded. Motion carried.

Public Input – No public input.

Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting(s) – S. Washa motioned to approve the December 7, 2016 Board Meeting minutes. Cody seconded after noting some changes to make. Motion carried.

Approve Agenda of Current Meeting – Dennis Richgels to approve the agenda. Z. Washa seconded. Motion carried.

Authorize Payment of Bills – Z. Washa motioned to approve payment of bills as presented: General Account \$13,086.27 & \$223,056.55 (January Tax Settlement), Sewer Account \$6,286.06, Water Account \$5,402.61 and TID #2 Account \$7,512.14. Kaster seconded. Roll call vote “Aye”: Z. Washa, Coyier, Cody, Kaster, Kreul and S. Washa. Motion carried with Dennis Richgels abstaining.

The remaining 2016 bills that were approved for payment at the December 7, 2016 meeting were: General Account \$18,950.63, Sewer Account \$14,877.07, Water Account \$13,629.42 and TID #2 Account \$4,052.53.

Josh Tarrell to address board on High School Football Field – take action, if necessary – Josh Tarrell addressed the board about re-seeding the football field and to do this properly, they must stay off of for 1 year. They would possibly like to use the park for practices and possibly games. They would love to use the lights and Josh said they would be happy to be billed for the power use. Discussion followed – A motion by S. Washa was made to allow the school to use the park for practice and possibly games, if needed, for the 2017 football season. Motion was seconded by Kaster. Motion carried with Chad Coyier abstaining.

Highland Rodeo Club – Update on 2017 Events – Highland Rodeo Club President, Wayne Aeschbach, addressed board – LBW and Highland Rodeo are having scheduling problems. LBW wants the rodeo the last week in June, which is the Jr. Nationals. It will hurt attendance due to Jr. Nationals. They met as a club and decided they will not have the rodeo this year. Since fees are based on rodeo attendance they are asking to pay same as what they were last year. Wayne supplied the board with a copy of the letter they are sending to the LBW. Wayne wanted to know how the Village feels about this proposal. President Washa told Wayne that while she didn't see there being an issue with doing what he suggested no action would be taken at this time because it was not listed as an agenda item. This will be on the agenda for next month to take action, if required. Josh Tarrell offered a suggestion to Wayne to include in the letter as this would be their 25th year with the LBW.

Village President asked if there were any objections to move to item 8(a) due to Bob Pustina present for this agenda item. Hearing no objections the board moved to item 8(a) and then will return to agenda 7(c).

Park Street Lot Discussion – take action, if necessary – Bob Pustina was here to speak about the Park lot. Dennis and Josh attended a meeting with Larry Bierke and Mark Tallman on how to move forward. There is a grant available that the Village could apply for that would be approximately \$250,000. Larry, Dennis, Josh and a potential buyer looked at the grocery store. The buyer had concerns about a few things. The potential buyer is going to do a financial analysis to see if it is feasible. Mr. Tallman said he would be able to come out and meet with the board to potentially fill out an application for a grant. It would be very informative according to Dennis. Bob asked if it would be easier to obtain money if the village would own it or if Bob would own it. Dennis stated that he thought it would be better if the village would start it, but he was unsure on if this was 100% accurate so he said it would be best to contact Mr. Tallman and speak about it. One thing that is for sure is that the current location of the old store is that there needs to be more parking. Need to find out what is the space behind American Family Insurance and could that possibly be available for parking?

Discuss & approve purchase of UTV – Everyone agreed that there is a need for one. John Kreul said that yes there is a need but currently there is no room for our squad car so there really is not room for the UTV. What we could use it for – trash in park; emptying trash on Main St; watering flowers every day; out at the Sewer Plant for pulling weeds; hauling weed eaters; hauling chainsaws and saving wear & tear on the current trucks and the people. Tom Hebgen has asked around but has not gotten concrete numbers. John asked about the municipality discounts and if it would equate to the cost of a used one. The discounts make it smarter to buy a new one with a 3 year warranty. S. Washa made a motion to move forward with getting a quote for the UTV for next month. Coyier seconded. Motion carried.

Discuss village apartments – take action, if necessary – Jennifer White contacted John Kreul – she would like to paint her cupboards, if possible. Discussion took place – motion was made by S. Washa to approve Jennifer’s request to paint her cupboards with color approved by John Kreul. Cody seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approve 2017 Water & Sewer Budgets – This item is tabled until the February board meeting.

Update on maintenance shed – take action, if necessary – Discussion took place about the shed. Tom Cody suggested we get our actual plans in place first. It would move the process forward in the right direction. This building will be for cold storage. A motion was made by Kaster to move forward with developing a conceptual drawing from J & M Building Supply. Coyier seconded. Motion carried.

Update on concession stand shelter – take action, if necessary – Tom Hebgen presented the board with a conceptual drawing. The board discussed the drawing. Dennis thought about contacting Hollandale about their building as it will be about the same as theirs. Estimate for materials only without doors is \$12,600. Motion was made by Z. Washa to get base bid and base bid plus doors. Coyier seconded. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Economic Development – Previously covered by agenda items.

Law Enforcement – Report submitted. Looked at new patches that Daniel Swinehart is ordering.

Water/Sewer/Streets – Income surveys are going out to the Village Friday or Monday, encourage people to fill out.

Parks – Previously discussed.

Public Property – Previously discussed.

Fire District – Nothing for this month, they will be proceeding with getting quotes for driveway and roof.

Liquor/Operator Licenses – None to approve.

Building/Zoning Permits – None issued.

Forthcoming Events – None

Correspondence Received – Emergency Operations Plan – take home to review for February board meeting.

Set February Board Meeting – February 6, 2017 and subject to change.

Adjournment – Coyier motioned to adjourn at 9:27 p.m. Z. Washa seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Becky Fredericks, Clerk-Treasurer

Notes taken by Susan Washa, Village President