

May 2, 2017

REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

Call to Order/Roll Call – Village President Chad Coyier called this Regular Village Board meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Roll call was taken with the following members present: Zach Washa, Tom Cody, Tony Kaster, Dennis Richgels, John Kreul and Chad Coyier. Susan Washa was excused. Others present were Linda, Lindsay & Paula Roun, Carolyn, Donald & Emily Laufenberg, Curt, Jenna & Jamison James, Andy Skala, Tom Hebgen and Becky Fredericks.

Certification/Compliance – Clerk certified that notice of meeting was posted on April 28, 2017 and revised on May 1, 2017 adding agenda item 9(e). Kaster motioned as to compliance with open meeting law. Richgels seconded. Motion carried.

Acceptance of Donation – Donald Laufenberg & Lindsay Roun of Country Cardinals 4-H presented the Village Board a check for \$250.00 as a donation to the Our Town Celebration, they informed the board that the donation came from the proceeds of the Haunted Hayride. The Village Board graciously accepted the donation.

Public Input – None

Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting(s) – Kreul motioned to approve the minutes from the following meetings, March 15, 2017 Street Committee, April 3, 2017 Village Board Meeting, April 24, 2017 Iowa County Economic Development Meeting, April 25, 2017 Public Property Committee and April 28, 2017 Street Committee. Kaster seconded. Motion carried.

Approve Agenda of Current Meeting – Richgels motioned to approve the agenda. Kreul seconded. Motion carried.

Authorize Payment of Bills – Kaster motioned to approve payment of bills as presented: General Account \$19,751.36, Sewer Account \$3,328.95, Water Account \$1,342.94, TID #2 Account \$7,712.14. Sewer Bond & Interest \$52,247.66 and Water Bond & Interest \$30,283.37. Z. Washa seconded. Roll call vote “Aye”: Z. Washa, Cody, Kaster, Kreul and Coyier. Motion carried with Richgels abstaining.

Approve/deny sealcoating bids – The Street Committee met on April 28, 2017 to accept and open sealcoating bids. Fahrner and Scott Construction both submitted bids. The street committee made the recommendation to go with Scott Construction. The recommended streets were Varsity Lane and Isabell St. At the street committee meeting Carl Thorsen, Scott Construction Inc., said he would do spot repairs on Dodgeville St for \$1,500 and he also recommended crack filling some streets as maintenance to catchup on some of the streets. After some discussion, Cody motioned to award the bid to Scott Construction to chip seal Varsity Lane for \$9,485, Isabell St for \$4,998, spot repair Dodgeville St for \$1,500 and crack filling on various streets for \$10,000 with a total cost of \$25,983. Z. Washa seconded. Roll call vote “Aye”: Kreul, Richgels, Kaster, Cody, Z. Washa and Coyier. Motion carried.

Update on concession stand shelter – take action, if necessary – Richgels motioned to bid out the concession stand shelter for labor & concrete, building materials to be supplied by the village, bids due by May 22 at 10:00 a.m. The project completion date will be 30 days from bid acceptance. Bids will be solicited from local contractors. Kaster seconded. Motion carried. Cody motioned to grant the Public Property Committee authority to accept & award bid to successful bidder up to \$20,000. Z. Washa seconded. Motion carried.

Update on maintenance shed – take action, if necessary – Public Property Committee met with Andy & Danielle Skala to take a look at the location of the area of land the village would like to acquire from the Skala's for the maintenance shed. The section requested is 75' east to west and 60' north to south. Tom Hebgen informed the board that he could lower the height of the building in order to increase the length and width to make it feasible for more equipment. The taller vehicles can remain in the existing shed. The new shed size will be 48'x40'x9' and still is under the 25,000 cubic feet. Andy Skala was in attendance and he stated that he would be interested in an exchange of the property if the village would consider an easement to his driveway that has no street frontage and to clean up the whole back area of trees, bring in black dirt and seed for grass. The Village would be responsible for the cost of the Certified Survey Map. Kaster motioned to move forward with soliciting prices for the CSM and easement from Delta 3 Engineering Inc. and Driftless Area LLC and to go with the low bid to proceed immediately. Cody seconded. Roll call vote "Aye": Kaster, Kreul, Z. Washa, Cody and Richgels. Motion carried with Coyier abstaining.

Update on municipal storage addition – take action, if necessary – The board discussed that with the size of the maintenance shed changing and being able to accommodate the squad car and with the park shelter being built this project might be better to hold off and put as a possible project for the future. The board decided to table this matter for possible 2018 budget after the new maintenance shed is built to see if a separate building is needed.

MHTC Broadband Contract – take action, if necessary – The Village board discussed the matter and decided that there are other options available to the community and there are other locations for MHTC to consider for their equipment – possibly Cloud 1 LLC tower. They felt there were too many risks that outweighed the benefits. Z. Washa motioned to deny the contract. Cody seconded. Motion carried.

Village President asked if there were any objections to move to item 9(a) due to no contract being dropped off and a message has been sent to Susan Washa so waiting for her response. Hearing no objections the board moved to item 9(a).

Approve 2016 Audit – Discuss extension of TID – take action, if necessary – The board was informed that they could request a 3 year extension of the TID in order to have the TID payoff the full amount of the debt. Brent Nelson of Johnson Block & Co, Inc. did a projection sheet for the district on revenue vs. expenses and it shows that the district may not be able to pay off itself in the time period remaining on the TID. An extension could be requested and only the amount of time needed to payoff would be used and the TID closes immediately after the debt is paid in full. Kaster motioned to move forward in requesting a 3-year extension approval with the Joint Review Board. Coyier seconded. Roll call vote "Aye": Cody, Coyier, Richgels, Z. Washa, Kreul and Kaster. Motion carried.

Approve 2016 Audit - Coyier motioned to approve the 2016 budget as presented reference the request for the 3-year extension approval. Kreul seconded. Roll call vote "Aye": Z. Washa, Kaster, Kreul, Richgels, Cody and Coyier. Motion carried.

Approve Release of Recorded Easement – Parcels 136-0212.003 & 136-0212.004 – Kaster motioned to approve the Release of Recorded Easement for parcels 136-0212.003 and 136-0212.004. Richgels seconded. Motion carried.

Approve/Deny Security Deposit Refund to Amanda Dilley – 603 Apartment St – Coyier motioned to refund the security deposit after final inspection on May 3rd, all the apartment keys are turned in and all of the utility bills are paid in full, any outstanding bills will be deducted from the refund. If keys are not returned on May 3rd then Amanda will be responsible to pay rent for the month of May. Cody seconded. Roll call vote "Aye": Cody, Kreul, Kaster, Z. Washa, Coyier and Richgels. Motion carried.

Discuss price on parcel 136-0212.06 in Industrial Park – take action, if necessary – After a lengthy discussion, Z. Washa motioned to set a price of \$50,000 – his motion was denied because the rest of the board members weren't in agreement so more discussion took occurred. Z. Washa motioned to set a price of \$40,000 with no stipulations on building timeframe or \$32,000 with the stipulations to build on the parcel in 2 years with Village of Highland approval of plans and in the event fail to build the village has the option to buy back at the purchase price minus a \$5,000 penalty and the closing costs. Coyier seconded. Roll call vote "Aye": Kaster, Coyier, Kreul, Z. Washa, Richgels and Cody. Motion carried.

Approve Police Grant Purchase – Z. Washa motioned to approve the purchase based on receiving the grant monies. Richgels seconded. Roll call vote "Aye": Cody, Kreul, Z. Washa, Kaster, Coyier and Richgels. Motion carried.

Approve Committee Appointments – Richgels motioned to the appointments recommended by the Village President as presented. Z. Washa seconded. Motion carried.

Approve Blackhawk Lake Commission Member – Only one letter was received from interested individuals for the seat. Village President Coyier made the recommendation to appoint Al Linscheid. Kreul motioned to approve the recommendation. Cody seconded. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Economic Development – Chad Coyier informed the board that he attended the first Iowa County Economic Development Meeting; minutes from that meeting were submitted.

Law Enforcement – Report submitted.

Water – Nothing new to report

Sewer – Tom Hebgen informed the board that lightning storm knocked out the WWTP samplers and chart recorder – claim has been filed with the insurance company and they accepted so now waiting for the company to get the equipment and install it. Dennis & Tony informed the board that they had attended a meeting at the Village of Avoca with the DNR pertaining to the phosphorus rules & regulations.

Streets – Previously discussed.

Committee Reports (cont.)

Parks – Tom Hebgen informed the board that scoreboard will be put up shortly but have been battling the rain and not wanting to dig up the grass too much. He also informed the board that he is working on the ball diamond light switch and that gravel will be put in the chix pit shelter.

Public Property – Tom Hebgen asked if John Kreul would take a look at the door on 601 Apartment St, Jerome had contacted Tom about water running in.

Fire District – Chad Coyier informed the board that Charlie Scullion, fire board member, had stopped and talked to him and that the Fire District has decided to reject all of the bids for the driveway project and will be re-bidding with a change in the proposal.

Liquor/Operator Licenses – Rachel Boe has filed an application for an Operator’s License and after review of the background check Officer Swinehart made the recommendation to deny the application. Kaster motioned to deny with Coyier seconding. Motion carried.

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Our Town Discussion – Approve contract with Chicken Truck – Susan had returned a message stating that she never received the contract and that they had said they would get to the Village office. Cody motioned to approve Chad Coyier to sign the contract, at his discretion, if Chicken Truck is able to perform at Our Town for \$400 or less. Richgels seconded. Roll call vote “Aye”: Z. Washa, Cody, Kaster, Richgels and Kreul. Motion carried with Coyier abstaining.

Chad informed the board that he had talked to Paul Wedig, Highland Varsity Basketball coach, to see if he would consider running a basketball tournament at Our Town. Paul & Chad had looked at the basketball court at the park and Paul felt that he probably make it work. He would be looking for teams that are not in high school.

The board was also informed that there will be a 7th & 8th grade Summer Rec softball tournament for Our Town.

Building/Zoning Permits – Randal Poppe, for new electrical service and Mike Flynn for a remodel.

Forthcoming Events – Events in the Village – May 5th & 6th, Village Wide Garage Sales and Spurgeon Vineyard & Winery 30th Anniversary Celebration, May 6th – OM Chix BBQ and SSAP Spring Plant Sale, May 7th – St Phillip’s Mass, May 13th – Highland Firemen’s Steak Feed. Village meetings – May 30th - Iowa County Economic Development Meeting at 7 p.m.

Correspondence Received – Nothing

Set May Board Meeting – June 5, 2017 and subject to change.

Adjournment – Z. Washa motioned to adjourn at 11:04 p.m. Kaster seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Becky Fredericks, Clerk-Treasurer