

February 6, 2019

REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

Call to Order/Roll Call – Village President Chad Coyier called this Regular Village Board meeting to order at 6:14 p.m. Roll call was taken with the following members present: Nicole Welsh, Tony Kaster, Dennis Richgels and Chad Coyier. Tom Cody arrived at 6:15 p.m. Others present were Jean Pierick, John Riley, George Breiwa, Dan Swinehart, Kyla Reamon, Peyton Coyier, Bart Nies, Jordan Fure, Michelle Esser and Doug Enke.

Certification/Compliance – Notice of meeting was posted on February 4, 2019. Richgels motioned as to in compliance with open meeting law. Kaster seconded. Motion carried.

Public Input – not for action – John Riley wanted to know what is going to happen with JI Construction and Delta 3 Engineering. Is the village going to file against their bond? Question – contractor didn't complete job to specs and should file against bond. John left the meeting.

Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting(s) – Kaster motioned to approve the minutes from the January 2, 2019 Village Board Meeting. Cody seconded. Motion carried.

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

Authorize Payment of Bills – After some questions were answered on some bills when Tom Hebgen arrived at the board meeting after plowing and sanding streets, Coyier motioned to approve payment of bills as presented: General Account \$27,146.50, Sewer Account \$2,224.71, Water Account \$5,770.03, TID #2 Account \$7,512.14. Kaster seconded. Roll call vote "Aye": Coyier, Welsh, Richgels, Kaster and Cody. Motion carried.

Tom & Jean Pierick request to address board on the flooding of their basement during the Isabell Ct street construction project – Jean Pierick was present:

- JI Construction LLC insurance company stated that unless JI was ticketed for the event, they would not cover the claim.
- Jean is seeking reimbursement for basement cleanup in the amount of \$4,229.62.
- President Coyier stated the village is not liable because they contracted with an independent contractor and Pierick's should seek reimbursement from the contractor.
- Jean did state that they did receive \$625.00 from the contractor for cleaning.
- Bart Nies, Delta 3 Engineering/Engineer on street project stated he believes JI Construction did what they were supposed to do but we had heavy rain and Pierick's live in a low spot. Delta 3 encouraged JI to make cleanup payment.
- Richgels stated the storm sewer goes thru the property and asked Bart if the storm sewer operated as designed.
- Bart stated the Pierick house is below grade so it is possible that the water just overflowed because of the excessive rains. He stated he has no evidence to state that JI did anything wrong.

- Richgels stated an example of in other conditions of heavy rain creating damage on personal property it is the responsibility of the personal property owner.
- Bart stated the resolution lies between JI Construction and the property owner.
- Jean left the meeting

Wastewater Treatment Plant Phosphorus Compliance Update – Bart informed the board that the 3rd year report is due March 21st. Jordan Fure, Delta 3 Engineering, is the wastewater engineer. The report will be submitted on time and Bart & Jordan explained the options that will be submitted in the report. Bart let the board know that the 4th year report will be due March of 2020; this will explain or choose the final approach. Bart explained that the DNR has permits with the communities so the communities have to deal with the phosphorus problem.

Bart and Jordan left the meeting at 6:43 p.m.

Peyton Coyier to address the board on his Senior Project – take action, if necessary –

Peyton Coyier and Kyla Reamon, Gerber Leisure Products

Peyton presented to the board that he would like to make inclusive playgrounds at the park and influence on communities. Looking at musical equipment, like a kettle drum, sway fun glider and poured in place surfacing, which would have a 4’6” concrete or 6” aggregate base. Stated there is a community build option. On the pour in place surfacing, if you put in under existing structures, the structures would need to meet current regulations and would work with structure manufacturer to determine compliance. There is a 7 year warranty on the surfacing with life expectancy of 15-20 years. The musical pieces are not very loud. Peyton states he hopes to be done by graduation. The equipment takes 2-4 weeks from order date. The board to decide to allow Peyton to continue fundraising and to come back to the March meeting to discuss options and potential install. Kyla left at 7:13 p.m. and Peyton left at 7:14 p.m.

Discuss Town & Country Sanitation One Pass Pickup – take action, if necessary – Doug Enke,

Town and Country Sanitation, talked to the board about the One Pass Pickup:

- New system of garbage pickup
- 95 gallon containers for both garbage & recycling
- Garbage pickup would be weekly
- Recycling pickup would be every other week
- Toter will be no cost
- Service will change to Tuesdays
- Unacceptable refuse:
 - Have 2 – 40’ containers for Spring and Fall cleanup days
 - Still not accepting electronics
- Kaster asked about the village apartments
- Doug said they would maintain same commercial pickup
- Cody asked about Richland Center having problems
- Doug stated problem of user misuse and the containers are being placed backwards and the Richland Center mayor has said the service is good.

- Recycling bins getting garbage – Doug said the municipality can pass an ordinance to fine homeowners for non-compliance.
- Welsh asked if there is any spillage
- Doug stated no, there are cameras showing
- Commercial pickup will not change
- Asked how the trailer court would work – this will stay as curbside as there is not the room for the truck to make a pass thru.
- 2020 thru 2022 would stay at the current rate with a 3.5% increase for the next 4 years.
- Cleanup days – the village would need to supply a person to monitor what is put in
- Cobb & Montfort will be starting around May 1st.
- Our current contract is good through end of year
 - Future contract – tires, electronics and construction material T&C won't be accepting them in our future contract if this new contract is not signed.
- Cleanup Days – what would be the cost of an additional 40' container
 - Doug said it would be \$450 a pull.
 - Montfort has been doing spring and fall cleanups for \$750 for 60' pull
- New contract:
 - 7 year contract
 - Staying the same but eliminating couches and TVs
 - Pricing will stay close and locked in for first 3 years

The village board decided they would like the following for a future meeting:

- Cost for existing plan with modifications for future years.
- Cost of new program and fall & spring cleanup and extra 40' container
- Back out clause and if/how that would impact the new contract

Other discussion:

- Doug said we are currently paying about \$6,000 for residential and commercial pickup - \$1345/month which includes large item pickup
- Concerns with elderly handling containers:
 - Doug stated the village can provide the elderly locations to T&C where the resident can just bring out bag and T&C will get out and pick up bag.

Michelle Esser left at 8:20 p.m.

Doug proposed:

- Start March 1st and go to December 31st with option that the village can pull out on December 31' 2018.

Cody stated:

- Sees public perception that residents see loss of service (recycling day) and more inconvenience and having a reduction in cost would be helpful.
- George Breiwa stated the village could say the resident is getting a \$150 value in toters.
- Doug stated could credit back \$0.45 per home back to January 1, 2019.

Doug said he will get info and give back to the board for a future meeting.

Tom Hebgen stated there is another company, Faherty, which competes with T&C and still is collection bags.

Approve/Deny Park Concession Roof bids – Nicole Welsh came in to oversee the bid opening at 10:03 a.m. – a contractor came in after bid opening at 10:59 a.m. and bid was not accepted.

Bids for labor & equipment came in as follows:

- Larry Nondorf Construction – \$1,948.00
- Otter Creek Construction LLC – \$2,300.00
- Ed Fredericks Custom Homes & Buildings LLC – \$2,600.00

Materials spec'd by J&M and provided at a cost of \$2,051.00

Coyier motioned to approve the roof bid from Larry Nondorf Construction at \$1,948.00 and materials from J&M at \$2,051.00 – total cost of \$3,999.00. Cody seconded. Roll call vote “Aye”: Richgels, Kaster, Cody, Welsh and Coyier. Motion carried.

Discuss purchase of lawnmower – take action, if necessary – Tom Hebgen informed the board that they normally have a 3 year rotation on purchasing a lawnmower. Ritchie's gave Tom a quote on a 2019 Ferris of \$10,800.00 which is based on 2018 pricing that they already have on hand. Will sell the old one on Wisconsin Surplus and think we would be able to get about \$3,500.00. If we wait to order a 2019 it would be \$1,000.00 more. Kaster motioned to purchase the lawnmower from Ritchie's and to list the old one on Wisconsin Surplus. Cody seconded. Roll call vote “Aye”: Welsh, Cody, Kaster, Richgels and Coyier. Motion carried.

Discuss snow removal from private properties – take action, if necessary – Clearing snow at parking lots around town, what is our policy? Tom said that State laws state that if someone is a contractor that does this then the village cannot compete against them. Location in town where owner has to push snow across Hwy 80 and wants someone to come in and haul it away at a cost to them, business would push snow to pile on Merchant St and have village come pick it up as opposed to pushing across the road, which is against ordinance. The cost would be \$75/hour per man and tractor and also \$75/hour per man and truck. Welsh stated would the village want to ask the resident to provide a list of private sector businesses the business owner has contracted to haul away their snow. George Breiwa stated the village can see if there are any private sector businesses that would want it instead of making the business owner do it. Village does due diligence of no private interest in task. Village can pick up and haul snow at a cost to the property owner at the going rate. Defensible position – private contractors not interested, it has to be done and property owner is paying standard rate.

Our Town Celebration:

➤ **Set the date:**

- July 20-21st
- Daniel Swinehart stated he may not be there.
- Tom Hebgen suggested that Holidays in Highland take over Our Town and Holidays in Highland can have start-up money.
- Holidays in Highland working on getting their 501c3
- Firemen possible do chicken BBQ – funds fireworks
- Village will provide the fireworks money for the first year.
- Donations from business directly to fireworks
- Welsh to check Summer Rec tournament dates
- Welsh to talk to Holidays in Highland girls
- Shifts last year were too long

Welsh motioned to move forward with Our Town with contact with Kastner for July 20 date once Nicole Welsh lets them know ball tournament. No second received.

Richgels stated maybe the firemen could partner or take over and suggested to wait and talk to them and also Holidays in Highland.

Discussion on proceeds made on chicken BBQ, could that cover the cost of fireworks? It was stated fireworks cost \$4,500 and chicken sales profit is around \$3,200. They figured would need concession stand to get more revenue to pay for the fireworks. Richgels mentioned possibly getting class reunions to help increase the chicken sale profits. Welsh said she will check with Holidays in Highland and report back to the village board. No action at this time.

Residential Zoning Districts amendment discussion – take action, if necessary – The board was given the email and amendment from Eileen Brownlee, village attorney. These changes would have to apply to all 3 residential zoning districts. George Breiwa & Coyier discussed if the 1 unit/100 persons would apply to the R2 & R3 districts also? Coyier will respond and check with Eileen. Kaster motioned to send the amendment to the Planning Commission. Coyier seconded. Motion carried. The question was asked if this could be added to the next scheduled planning commission meeting – Chad will check. After checking over Eileen’s information it was determined that this can’t be added to the next meeting.

Update on apartment remodel – take action, if necessary – Electrical estimate from Hying Hardware came in at \$865.00. George Breiwa supplied the Village board with a document “Veteran’s Housing Improvements – Weighing the Value”.

- Are units up to code? When do we need to bring up to code?
- Richgels stated maybe the agenda needs to change from should we put more money into it to should we be getting out of the rental business
- Can’t justify the expenditure because the incoming revenue and the market doesn’t support it
- Keep on agenda for next month

Committee Reports:

Economic Development – No meeting due to weather

Law Enforcement – Report submitted

School Safety Discussion:

- Swinehart informed the board that Principal Tarrell asked how the board would feel if the school would put up a gate at the end of Cardinal Dr. adjacent to industrial area.
- The village, school, fire and ems would be the only ones who have a key.
- Asked for Tom to plow it.
- Remove the current fence and install a gate.
- School will finance project
- Gate would always be closed only opened in emergency

Burglary – insure, educate and put addresses on your homes

Add to agenda – communicating with residents

- Newsletter
- Facebook
- Website

Hunter Safety – Daniel and Tom Cody will be holding one on March 23rd.

Water/Sewer – Hebgen stated that a couple homes had water problems from the cold.

Parks – Nothing

Streets – Nothing

Public Property – Nothing

Fire District – Kaster said they are still looking at the roof plans.

Picnic Licenses – None

Operator Licenses – Richgels motioned to approve an Operator License for Virginia Wittman. Coyier seconded. Roll call vote “Aye”: Kaster, Cody, Coyier, Richgels and Welsh. Motion carried.

Building/Zoning Permits – None

Forthcoming Events – Ambulance Breakfast – Sunday, February 10th

Correspondence Received – Thank you card from Rosemary Michek.

Set March Board Meeting – March 6, 2019

Adjournment – Kaster motioned to adjourn at 11:08 p.m. Welsh seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nicole Welsh, Board Trustee

Typed by Becky Fredericks, Clerk-Treasurer