

**Village Board Regular Meeting  
Village Hall, 110 Oak Street E,  
Monday, July 13, 2020**

**President: Becky Amundson; Trustees: Brett Daeffler, Patty Swenson, Allan Lahti, Brad Harlander, Doug Gustafson and Jackie Peterson.**

**1. Call to Order by President Becky Amundson at 7:00 pm. At the Village Hall.**

Roll Call: Becky Present Brad Present Brett Present Patty Present Jackie Present (7:02) Allan Present Doug Absent

**2. Agenda Approval**

Motion to approve agenda by B Harlander 2<sup>nd</sup> A Lahti Vote: Carried

**3. Correction and Approval of June 8<sup>th</sup> and June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Minutes:**

Motion to approve June 29<sup>th</sup> minutes as presented and approve June 8<sup>th</sup> minutes with a correction to the vote on item #9, Family Days 2020, the vote was recorded as simply carried but was actually 6-1 by B Harlander 2<sup>nd</sup> B Daeffler Vote: Carried

**4. Public Comments (Open to any citizen who wishes to address the board. Each person, or topic, will be allotted 3 minutes. Please note there may be limited discussion on the information received, however, no action can be taken until specific notice of the proposed action is given. Please state your name and place of residence.)**

J Schott read a comment submitted by William Johnson "Thanks to the Village Office for in the information that goes out with the utility bills. I really thought the last one explaining the reason to not blow grass clippings into the street was good. Hopefully, residents read it, and will help protect Coon Lake by not doing that in the future." J Schott announced that the polling place for the August and November elections will be the Crosswalk Community Church.

**\*\*\* NOTE: OFFICIAL ACTION MAY BE TAKEN ON ANY AGENDA ITEM \*\*\***

**5. Water Tower Financing**

J Phernetton went over options for financing the tower. Board of Commissioners, Sterling Bank and Safe Drinking Water with Sterling. Board discussed options. A Lahti asked about benefit to stay with Sterling. J Phernetton state the Sterling Bank has treated the village well in the past. The Village also has a few notes with Board of Commissioners. Payment amount was discussed.

Motion to fund the Water Tower project with a loan from Sterling Bank by A Lahti 2<sup>nd</sup> B Daeffler Vote: Carried

**6. July 25, 2020 Family Days Licenses**

The Lions requested a temporary beer license and an operator's license for the softball tournament July 24-26. The Chamber requested a temporary beer license and an operator's license for the Lumberjack Show on July 25th and the Skol Bar requested an open container exemption and permission to block off the one-way portion of Traffic Avenue on July 25th.

Motion to approve requested licenses/permits/permissions by D Gustafson 2<sup>nd</sup> A Lahti Vote: 4-3 Carried

**7. North Land Ambulance**

B Amundson reported on a meeting that she, A Lahti and B Harlander attended with a committee from North Land Ambulance regarding the upcoming changes presented by North Land. That committee discussed a possible plan to keep an ambulance stationed in Frederic with a full-time crew during the day and volunteers on nights and weekend. North Land would ask that the rent for the emergency vehicle garage and the apartment be waived. This is only a possibility and will be discussed at the upcoming North Land Ambulance board meeting.

**8. Committee and Department Head Reports**

a) Public Works – Bill Struck: Bid notice for the sewer rehab will go out this week. Sewer lines were graded after the village wide televising and work will be completed first on the lines that received a D or F grade. Water tower rehab is scheduled for September. Line paving and crack sealing has been completed. A portion of the road work being completed on Linden Avenue will be covered by the sewer grant as the sewer work needs to be completed under the road. 2020 lead/copper testing period has begun and those residents that have received the survey in the past will be receiving the 2020 survey shortly.

b) Park Board – Rebecca Harlander: Flower committees are working hard and flowers are doing really well. The trees planted along the Gandy Dancer trail look better after gator bags were placed on them. R Harlander thanked the village crew for their help with the watering. R Harlander and M Ammend are working on clearing brush on the East side of Coon Lake and removing invasive plants along the shoreline. A Lahti asked about Buckthorn removal. A company will come in and treat the park for Buckthorn in the fall. Projects that will still be completed this year include rehabbing the kiosk by the Depot and permanent trail signage will be placed at Woodlawn and along the trail.

c) Library – Kris Surbaugh: Absent. Submitted a report to be read to the Board. Library continues to offer browse and curbside appointments and are considered extended hours. Summer Reading Program will have the Royal Guards of MN at the park on Thursday, July 23 from 6-8 pm. This will be free and open to the public. Event will be outdoors and masks and social distancing are encouraged. There are Take and Make activity bags available for kids at the Library. The Friends of the Library are having a Grab and Go Bag O Books sale on Saturday, July 25 from 8 am to 1 pm. The Library Board adopted an amendment to the Emergency Policy that addresses protocols in the case of epidemics/pandemics. R Harlander added that there is a story board walk around the shore line of Coon Lake in the Park as an activity for kids.

d) Law Enforcement – Tamara Larson: Ben Schlueter reported there were 67 calls for service. Taser, K9, completed his certification and is on calls now. K9 Ringo will attend training beginning August 19. The department needs a barricade for the squad between the front and back seats. Chief Larson also requested she be allowed to use the squad for obedience training if she pays for the training. B Amundson stated this will be discussed at the Personnel/Finance meeting on Wednesday.

e) Treasurer - Jennifer Phernetton: At the halfway mark of the year and expenses are at 55%, right where they should be. The Village received a grant from the WI Elections Commission for \$857 to cover additional expenses related to Covid19. Jen shared a spreadsheet on the Village debt and the shared deposit accounts.

f) Ambulance Report – Next meeting is Wednesday.

**9. Approval of Check Register:**

Motion to approve Check Register as presented by P Swenson 2<sup>nd</sup> A Lahti Vote: Carried

**15. Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn at 7:39 pm by D Gustafson 2<sup>nd</sup> J Peterson Vote: Carried