

**Village Board Regular Meeting  
Village Hall, 110 Oak Street E,  
Monday, September 14, 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 Allan Present Doug Absent

**2. Agenda Approval**

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

**3. Correction and Approval of August 10, 2020 Minutes:**

Motion to approve August 10<sup>th</sup> minutes as presented by A Lahti 2<sup>nd</sup> P Swenson 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.)**

William Johnson reported that the Depot building projects were completed by Lloyd Lundeen and Ayd Electric updated the security light. W Johnson requested to be on the agenda in October to report on the Depot.

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

**5. Resolutions 09-14-20-01 and 09-14-20-02 – Clean Water Fund**

Erik Evenson, MSA, was present to discuss the resolutions and explain why they were necessary to apply for Clean Water Fund financing for the Wastewater CDBG project.

Motion to approve Resolutions 09-14-20-01 and 09-14-20-02 as presented by B Harlander 2<sup>nd</sup> A Lahti Vote: Carried

**6. Trunk or Treat Road Closure**

J Schott stated the request is to close off Oak Street E from Wisconsin Avenue to Polk Avenue on Halloween for the Annual Trunk or Treat event.

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

**7. Resolution 09-14-20 Library Tax Exemption**

J Phernetton explained that this is an annual resolution that needs to be submitted to the county to receive an exemption from County Library Tax.

Motion to approve Resolution 09-14-20 by B Harlander 2<sup>nd</sup> P Swenson Vote: Carried

**8. Stop Sign Recommendation – Public Works**

B Struck gave the history of the stop signs on Linden Street at the Peake Avenue intersection. The recommendation is to remove the signs. B Amundson shared her thoughts on the stop signs.

Motion to remove the stop signs in questions by A Lahti 2<sup>nd</sup> B Daeffler Vote: Carried

**9. WWTF Irrigation Bid**

E Evenson, MSA, discussed the bids received. It is MSA recommendation to accept the low bid from Staub Construction in the amount of \$717,000.

Motion to award bid to Staub Construction per MSA's recommendation by J Peterson 2<sup>nd</sup> B Harlander Vote: Carried

**10. CDBG Wastewater Project Budget**

E Evenson reviewed the project so far. Due to unforeseen problems the project is over the original budget by \$105,000. A decision will need to be made on what to do going forward. The options are to allow the overage or scale down Schedule C of the project. Board consensus to get more concrete financial impact numbers and revisit at the October meeting.

**11. Committee and Department Head Reports**

a) Public Works – Bill Struck: Work is continuing on the Sewer project. Work is completed under Linden Street and it should be paved the week of September 21. Very happy with the progress of the water tower painting. Will work on winterizing

parks after water tower painting is complete. B Struck responded to questions about safety protocols. He stated that safety, of the crew and the Village, is his number one priority and asked that if anyone has any questions regarding Public Works that they contact him directly.

b) Park Board – Rebecca Harlander: Park Board met for the last time in 2020. Thanked office staff and Public Works for all their help. Three memorial benches have been donated and will all be installed soon. Thanks to the Martin, Oeffler and Fossum families. Thank you to the flower committee, everything looks beautiful. Cross country ski trails are being reworked so that the access road to the boat landing can remain open during the winter season. Caretakers have left and Patty Swenson volunteered to clean the shelter before winter.

c) Library – Kris Surbaugh: J Phernetton read and emailed report. Library Board members and Village Board members met to look over building use agreement. Library will begin sending a newsletter to patrons that request it. Their online programming has been very successful and will continue. The Summer Reading program was successful, online programming made it difficult for some patrons.

d) Law Enforcement – Tamara Larson: Thanked Parks and Public Works for keeping parks so beautiful. 80+ calls for service last month. Officer Schlueter and Ringo are in K9 narcotics training right now, both are doing very good. Taser has been out on calls and has located drugs and paraphernalia, he is doing a great job.

e) Treasurer - Jennifer Phernetton: The budget is a little over on expenditures but that number is being skewed by grant payments that will be reimbursed. Submitted over \$14,000 in costs to the Routes to Recovery grant program for COVID-19 expenses. Received a grant disbursement from the K9 grants and sent in a request for squad grant reimbursement. Personnel/Finance Committee will meet before the October Board meeting to finalize the 2021 budget.

f) Ambulance Report – B Amundson: It was decided at the last meeting to raise the pay rate for the daytime shift in hopes of getting more staff. Still discussing possible merger with Amery Ambulance. Will meet again in October.

g) Personnel/Finance – B Amundson: Have reviewed budgets. Gave Board a heads up that cuts may have to be made and they should start thinking about their priorities.

h) Upcoming Meetings: Personnel/Finance will meet next week

## **12. Approval of Check Register:**

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

## **13. Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn at 7:49 pm by B Daeffler 2<sup>nd</sup> J Peterson Vote: Carried