

**Village Board Regular Meeting
Village Hall, 110 Oak Street E,
Monday, March 9, 2020**

President: Becky Amundson; Trustees: Todd Miller, Patty Swenson, Bob Jorgenson, Allan Lahti, Doug Gustafson, Brad Harlander

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

Roll Call: Becky Present Brad Present Todd Present Patty Present Bob Present Allan Present Doug Present

2. Agenda Approval

Motion to approve agenda by T Miller 2nd B Harlander Vote: Carried

3. Correction and Approval of February 10th, 2020 Minutes:

Motion to approve February 19th minutes by B Harlander 2nd A Lahti 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.)

Michael Noreen, candidate for the County Board of Supervisors, introduced himself.

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

5. Village Building Use Agreements

B Harlander stated he has been researching the roofs at the Depot and Senior Center, in regards to the Library roof repair. A. Lahti questioned if the parking lot should be included with the Senior Center Building. It was discussed and the parking lot will be removed from the agreements as it is a public parking lot. There was some question on the insurance on the buildings. This will be researched and updated, if necessary.

Motion to present Use Agreements to involved parties and then to the Finance Committee for review by T Miller 2nd A Lahti
Vote: Carried

6. Library Debt Resolution

B Amundson stated that all Board members had received a copy of the auditor's report. The Finance Committee met with the Library Board and hoped that the Village and Library could come to a compromise on the debt. A compromise wasn't met and the Finance Committee is making a recommendation to the Village Board that the Village cover the debt from the General Fund and work with auditors on a schedule of payments to bring the Library current as of 1.1.20. B Harlander gave history on how Library Board sees the debt. Stated there were past misunderstandings and it is a complicated situation and the only way to investigate the debt further would be bring it before a CPA. A Lahti stated he is not happy about the solution presented. T Miller stated the Finance Committee has had many discussions regarding the debt and that the auditor said it has to get resolved. D Gustafson stated it was difficult to resolve the debt. B Amundson restated the Finance Committees recommendation that the General Fund bring the balance to \$0 over the next 3-5 years on a schedule created by the auditors. B Amundson stated that if it turned into a legal battle the legal fees could total as much as the debt. B Harlander stated that he wants to make it clear that the Library didn't do anything deceptive.

Motion to approve Finance Committee recommendation for the General Fund to cover the debt on a payment schedule developed by the Auditor by P Swenson 2nd B Harlander Vote: Carried

7. Wastewater Treatment Plant Project Survey and Update

B Struck informed the Board that in order to comply with CDBG rules an archeological study needs to be done on the land by the WWTP. This survey will verify that there are no historic sites. Board had a copy of all proposals submitted to MSA. MSA recommended that the Board accept the lowest bid which was from Mississippi Valley Archeology Center.

Motion to accept MSA recommendation and approve bid from MVAC by T Miller 2nd A Lahti Vote: Carried

8. Committee and Department Head Reports

a) Public Works – Bill Struck: Received DNR approval for 2020 Water Tower Rehab project. Water loss was reduced by 13% this year. There will be another leak detection this Spring and also new meters for the well houses in 2021. These things should reduce water loss even further. Will start to advertise for bids for street work. As soon as it dries up they will start to fill potholes. Public Works has been removing Ash trees on boulevards according to the tree inventory/plan completed last year. Trees will be replaced by another species of tree. T Miller asked about street repair where new service was installed. B Struck stated this is the responsibility of the property owner. T Miller also asked about Short Avenue and B Struck said they are planning to use the grader and smooth it out. A Lahti asked if Starwire would be returning to repair boulevards that were damaged during their project. B Struck stated he will contact them and make sure they know they have not finished their work. B Struck will work on a creating a Right of Way Permit to use in the future for this type of work.

b) Park Board – Rebecca Harlander: Winter season is completed. Thanks to the Ammend's, Larsen's, Swenson's, William and Art for keeping the trails groomed. Thanks to Brad, Patty, Wendy, Maria and Rebecca for all their hard work at the Skating Rink. Skate inventory is complete, they received many dated skates this year. There will be an Arbor Day program at the Elementary School this year as part of the Tree City USA application. May 20 will be Community Give Back Day and they are working on a list of projects in cooperation with the school. Are working on an application for a Youth Sports Unlimited grant to update the dugouts at the ballfield. June 6th is National Trail Day and the Park Board is hoping to have a kickoff event on the east side of the lake. People will be able to walk the trail and there will be refreshments.

c) Library – Kris Surbaugh: The library is very grateful for all their volunteers and donations. The Sockhop was a huge success! Proceeds will go to the Library. Will be cooperating with the Luck Library on a prom dress exchange on March 27th. They are in need to dresses and they can be donated at either library. Continuing outreach to the elementary, high school and Roots & Branches. The Robotic and Chess Clubs are still very active. February circulation was 2998 with checkouts and renewals and there were 20 new patrons!

d) Law Enforcement – Tamara Larson: February was another busy month. Installed new CrimeStar software. There is a DOJ audit that must be done by April 4th. The Public Safety Police K9 Auxiliary was forms to fundraise for the K9 Unit. They meet every other Wednesday at the Barrel House and everyone is welcome. There will be a meat raffle at the Skol Bar on March 31st at 5:30 pm.

e) Treasurer - Jennifer Phernetton: Absent

f) Ambulance Report – Todd Miller: Special Meeting 3.5.20

g) Personnel/Finance – Becky Amundson: Met on 2.12.20. Review part time employee section of police budget, there is just no extra money for more coverage. Met with Northwest Passage representative regarding a OILT program. Northwest Passage is willing to do more community projects instead of a PILOT. They will also start to charge the students home county when police transports are necessary, this will cut down on the cost of service to Northwest Passage. Discussed Use Agreements and the Library Debt, as stated earlier in the meeting.

h) Upcoming and Off-Site Meetings – Becky Amundson: Looking at meeting in the Library for the June Board meeting. There will be a Public Hearing on March 23 at 6:00 pm. Prior to that hearing the Public Works Committee will meet at 5:45 and there will be a special Board meeting following immediately after the public hearing. This hearing is a step in the process of raising sewer rates. This is necessary for the CDBG sewer project.

9. Approval of Check Register:

Motion to approve Check Register as presented by B Harlander 2nd T Miller Vote: Carried

10. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 8:30 pm by D Gustafson 2nd T Miller Vote: Carried