

**Village Board Regular Meeting
Village Hall, 110 Oak Street E,
Monday, November 9, 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 (Zoom) Brett Present (Zoom) Patty Present Jackie Present Allan Present Doug Present

2. Convene Public Hearing

Motion to convene public hearing by A Lahti 2nd D Gustafson Vote: Carried

3. 2021 Proposed Budget and 2020 Levy

No public was present.

4. Close Public Hearing

Motion to close public hearing by J Peterson 2nd P Swenson Vote: Carried

5. Agenda Approval

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

6. Correction and Approval of October 12, 2020 Minutes:

Motion to approve October 12th minutes as presented by A Lahti 2nd J Peterson Vote: Carried

7. 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.)

None

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

8. Approve 2021 Budget and 2020 Levy

Budget is the same as presented at the October meeting.

Motion to approve the 2021 Budget as presented and the 2020 Levy in the amount of \$452,406 by P Swenson 2nd B Daeffler Vote: Carried

9. Library Trustee Appointment – Christina White

Appointment of Christina White to fill Alyssa Route's seat on the Library Board.

Motion to approve appointment A Lahti 2nd J Peterson Vote: Carried

10. Library Sinking Fund for Repairs

B Harlander spoke for the Library Board on a plan to put any additional money from the Library budget into a sinking fund to help with larger building repairs. J Phernetton will check with auditor and the Board will discuss again at the December meeting.

11. 2021 Insurance Renewals

Renewals received at the end of October show a total increase of \$3,356 for Worker's Comp, Liability and Property. J Phernetton will determine how this will be dispersed between funds.

Motion to approve 2021 Insurance Renewals by J Peterson 2nd A Lahti Vote: Carried

12. Contract Amendment for Clean Water Fund Application/Administration CDBG Sewer Grant, MSA – Erik Evenson

E Evenson explained the contract amendment and the Clean Water Fund application and how the administration costs are set up. The Clean Water Fund application for loan forgiveness will be submitted in 2021.

Motion to approve contract amendment for Clean Water Fund Application and Administration of the CDBG Sewer Grant with MSA by A Lahti 2nd D Gustafson Vote: Carried

13. 2021 North Land Ambulance Building Rent

Board has discussed this previously. North Land would no longer pay rent at the emergency vehicle garage or apartment but would still be responsible for the utilities that they are currently paying. This will help to alleviate some of their financial strain.

Motion to approve discontinuation of North Land building rent in 2021 by B Harlander 2nd P Swenson Vote: Carried

14. Committee and Department Head Reports

a) Public Works – Bill Struck: Water Tower rehab and street projects are complete for the year. Crew worked hard to get all the projects complete, it was a busy summer. Will continue to sweep the streets and transition into the winter routine.

b) Park Board – Rebecca Harlander: Skating Rink is still in limbo. Working on a dugout plan for 2021. Some buckthorn work will still be able to be done, it will begin soon. Thanked Public Works for stump removal and trail leveling on shoreline. Chet Anderson passed away. Chet was instrumental in getting the Coon Lake boardwalks and bridges completed and will be missed. Thanked Jen for all of her hard work, she will be missed!

c) Library – Kris Surbaugh: Library is busy. They are working on online outreach and also Book Club outreach, streaming on Zoom. Collaborations with Polk County Libraries have been a success and will continue. Many people are using the wi-fi and they are also offering computer instruction. 1696 checkouts and renewals! Thanked Jen for all her help!

d) Law Enforcement – Tamara Larson: Thanked Jen for all her help, especially with the USDA grant. That was a huge benefit for the police department and wouldn't have happened without her help. Listed a few of things that were paid for with the grant money. Noah Gausman has been tentatively rehired as a part-time officer. Ben and Ringo will be done with school this month. Trunk or Treat was a huge success.

e) Treasurer - Jennifer Phernetton: Presented a snapshot of the 2020 budget. Expenses seem high but grants funds will be coming out and will reduce the total expenses. The Village is right on track for the year. B Amundson thanked Jen for all of her help and hard work while at the Village.

f) Ambulance Report – B Amundson: Board extended the full-time day wages through the weekend days to hopefully increase interest of picking up those shifts. Will continue to advertise for help.

g) Upcoming Meetings: None

15. Approval of Check Register – Check #191158 – 191215

Motion to approve check register as presented by D Gustafson 2nd A Lahti Vote: Carried

16. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 7:15 pm by D Gustafson 2nd A Lahti Vote: Carried