

Village Board Regular Meeting – TELECONFERENCE MEETING
Village Hall, 110 Oak Street E,
Monday, April 27, 2020

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

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 B Harlander 2nd P Swenson Vote: Carried

3. Correction and Approval of March 9th, 2020 Minutes:

Motion to approve March 9th minutes, with one typo correction by A Lahti 2nd B Harlander 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 thanked departing Board members and welcomed new and returning members. Reported that the Friends of the Gandy Dancer Trail group cleaned up the trail 1 mile on either side of Frederic, they did a great job. Polk County Department of Tourism has been gearing up for reopening.

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

5. Welcome to New Board Members and Thank You to Departing Board Members

B Amundson congratulated Brett Daeffler, Jackie Peterson and Brad Harlander on being elected to the Village Board. She also thanked Bob Jorgenson and Todd Miller for their service on the Board. She sent a thank you message out to them on behalf of the Board.

6. Skol Bar August Event – Updated Information

Ryan Sheldon was not present and no information was made available.

7. 2020 Street Project Approval.

B Struck discussed information he shared with the Board regarding the planned street projects and the bids received for the work. He made recommendations to accept the bids from Monarch Paving, Fahrner and NorthRoots.

Motion to accept recommendations of work planned and approve bids from Monarch Paving, NorthRoots and Fahrner by B Harlander 2nd A Lahti Vote: Carried

8. Board Member Updates

Each member was asked to give an update on how they were handling the Safer at Home order.

9. Committee and Department Head Reports

a) Public Works – Bill Struck: Public Works is being more diligent with their hygiene methods. Practicing social distancing with each other and the public. They have been sweeping streets and filling potholes. Visu-sewer is done with their work and Bill has been working with MSA on the grant. A Lahti thanked Bill for working with Starwire to get the boulevards restored after their work.

b) Park Board – Rebecca Harlander: Parks are currently closed due to Covid19, except for walking and fishing. Community Give Back day has been cancelled this year. Rebecca will work with Mr. Krueger to try to get the roof done on the South shelter. The Park Board will continue to work on gardens while practicing social distancing.

c) Library – Kris Surbaugh: The library has been closed due to Covid19. They have just started offering curbside service. Staff has been working on policies and doing story time on Facebook Live. They are anxious to reopen when it is safe to do so.

d) Law Enforcement – Tamara Larson: They have implemented Covid19 protocol. The department got a K9 Drug Grant, this grant will cover training for the department K9s. Taser is in his fifth week of school and is doing good. The new squad truck is at Larsen’s getting a bedliner. Squad car received some damage in a high-speed chase but Polk County Sheriff’s department will cover the cost of repair. Welcome to new and returning board members and thank you to departing members.

e) Treasurer - Jennifer Phernetton: Auditor has completed the 2019 audit and the final report should be received in the next week or two. Explained a document that was included in the packet regarding a report by a financial consultant, an expense that was approved previously by the Finance Committee. Hazard pay was given to the election workers that worked at the April Election. There has been no change to funding announced due to Covid19. Welcome to new and returning board members and thank you to departing members.

f) Ambulance Report – Postponed and rescheduled for May 27, 2020.

g) Personnel/Finance – Becky Amundson: Met on 4.2.20 discussed the six-month review of police officer B Schlueter and extended probation period.

h) Upcoming and Off-Site Meetings – B Amundson suggested looking at meeting in the Library for the July Board meeting and possibly the Depot in August or September. There is a Personnel and Finance meeting scheduled for 4.28.20 at 3 pm.

10. Approval of Check Register:

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

10. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 8:01 pm by B Daeffler 2nd J Peterson Vote: Carried