

Proceedings of Regular Board Meeting

October 13, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Village President, Mark Bade, at 6 p.m. Present were Trustees: Todd Dorshorst, Joe Haupt, Jerry Rybicki, Barb Ziebell and Treasurer, Carl Laska. Absent: Clerk Ron Peters
Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Trustee Haupt moved to accept the September minutes, seconded by Trustee Dorshorst. Carried unanimously.

Review of the previous month's minutes:

- A winter project for the Park Committee, with input from the Village Board, will be to establish guidelines for rental of the park
- Dan Hansen, Village Building Inspector, seems to be fulfilling his inspection and issuing of permits duties as outlined in his contract. However, he has not complied with the "Consultant will submit a monthly written report (copy of permit application) to the Client summarizing permit activity". President Bade will again request this from Dan.
- Neither President Bade, nor Clerk Peters, have heard from Joanna Schumann about the status of our CDBG application. Presuming that all is in order and we can proceed, President Bade announced that CAP Services was the successful bidder to manage the CDBG funds. CAP Services will receive and review all applications. They will assign a number to each approved application. The Citizens Participation Committee (CPC), who will assist in disbursing the funds, will not know the names of residents who apply. President Bade appointed a CPC which will include: Barb Brehm, Todd Dorshorst, Carol Haupt, Jim Suzda, and Barb Ziebell. If additional village residents are willing to serve, the CPC may increase by two members. Trustee Haupt moved to approve the CPC appointments and the possible addition of two members. Jerry Rybicki seconded the motion. Carried unanimously.

New Business:

Budget for 2010 – Trustee Dorshorst moved and Trustee Rybicki seconded to accept the proposed budget for 2010. Motion carried unanimously. Clerk Peters left a note stating the tax levy has not been determined at this time. It will be set in November.

Insurance Rates - Westland Insurance Services submitted a proposal for workmen's compensation, liability, and no fault sewer backup at a total cost of \$5,359. This is a \$91 decrease in premium. The fee for workmen's compensation went down the \$91. Trustee Rybicki moved and Trustee Haupt seconded to accept Westland Insurance as our carrier for October 2009 through October 2010. Motion carried unanimously.

At this time Kathy Hartjes asked if the village's insurance will cover the activities of the Country Christmas celebration. Since this question has been asked in the past, it is not likely that it is possible. However, Kathy was given the name and telephone number of the village's insurance agent. She will personally contact him.

Renew Contract with South Wood County Humane Society – Trustee Haupt shared a copy of the proposed contract between South Wood County and the Village of Rudolph. President Bade moved to accept the new contract for the calendar year 2010. Seconded by Todd Dorshorst. Carried unanimously.

Snow Plowing for the 2009-2010 winter season – Roger Hartjes Trucking submitted these rates: Mack Truck with Wing and Sander/\$80 hour; Endloader/\$80 hour; Pickup truck/\$80 hour. Trustee Haupt moved to accept Roger Hartjes Trucking for snow removal and sanding. Trustee Dorshorst seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Removing Brush Pile from Compost Site – Greg McDonald has been out to look at the brush pile. He stated for \$600, max, he can remove the brush and sweep the site. He charges \$100/hour. Mr. McDonald feels that it **may** not be as costly as \$600. Trustee Rybicki moved that McDonald be hired to get rid of the brush pile for a cost not to exceed \$600. Trustee Dorshorst seconded the motion. Carried unanimously. If there is a need for additional brush removal in the spring, McDonald may again be considered.

MSA Update/Discussion on Wastewater Facility Plan – Dan Greve gave the results of the borings that were done. Ground water and bedrock are too shallow for waste water lagoons. If the ponds were PVC lined, it would be close with the ground water levels. However, the liner is not an option. When the present ponds were built, the codes were different. The only alternatives are: some form of activated alternate mechanical system, such as Dairy State has, or send waste treatment to city of Wisconsin Rapids for a fee. Presently, Rapids takes waste water from Biron at an approximate cost of \$30/month per resident. The actual cost of discharging to Rapids will depend upon how many pipes and city treatment systems we will be going through.

The Board was reminded that sewer rates will have to be increased. Dan suggested that some money may not be available if the sewer rate is not at least at the state average. Presently, the state average is \$32/quarter.

Dan will present different solutions to the Board. The Board's decision will be sent to the DNR for final approval. Of course, the most cost effective solution will be sought. Grant money requests will be initiated as soon as possible. The Village is already on the list for a DNR low interest loan. Dan will attend next month's meeting with more information.

Miscellaneous –

- President Bade read a very good sewer report.
- As soon as the present brush pile is cleaned up, a site for the new brush pile will be established.
- The lights on the Christmas decorations have all been checked. When the decorations are put on the poles, the banners will be taken down.
- There is a car in the village that is being dismantled. Constable Pulchinski will be told to give the resident two weeks to complete the work and to get rid of the vehicle. There are two other locations with unlicensed vehicles. Constable Pulchinski will be asked to contact the residents for removal of same.
- An explanation was given to Larry Hartjes of the location where the sewer access will cross County C when the road renovation is done next year.
- Treasurer Laska will give to Clerk Peters an insurance questionnaire and a tax roll assessment form for completion.
- There was some vandalism at the park. A bat was drawn on the side of the barn. This was reported to the sheriff's deputy when he was in the village looking at the same type of vandalism at Bank-A-Count.
- Also, within the last couple of weeks, someone yanked one of the sinks almost completely from the wall in the men's bathroom. Dave Szemborski has it temporarily fixed. Since the bathrooms will be shut down until next spring, repair of the sink will be done at that time.
- Dave also has all of the lawn mowers ready for spring work.

- The Eagle Scout project of a bench at the park is continuing nicely. It should be completed this fall.
- Road survey is completed and has been sent to the DOT. Trustee Haupt is waiting for a response that they received it.

Trustee Haupt moved and Trustee Dorshorst seconded to accept reading and payment of the bills.

On motion and vote the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Barb Ziebell
Acting Village Clerk