

Proceedings of Regular Board Meeting

October 11, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Village President, Mark Bade. Present were Treasurer Laska, Trustees Dorshorst, Hartjes, Suzda, and Ziebell. Absent: Clerk Peters

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Suzda moved, seconded by Trustee Hartjes to accept the minutes of the September meeting.

Rudolph River Rovers Snowmobile Club asked permission to use village land for the trails. A copy of the insurance liability was provided. Permission was granted with the provision that Village ordinances and stop signs are obeyed. Village residents can ride on the street from their home to the closest trail. There have not been any complaints. Trustee Ziebell moved, seconded by Trustee Dorshorst to approve the request. Motion was carried unanimously.

2017 Budget was presented for approval. Shared revenue is the same as last year. We can only raise 2% a year without a referendum to increase the levy. Trustee Dorshorst moved, seconded by Trustee Suzda, to approve the proposed budget for 2017. Motion was carried unanimously.

2017 Tax levy was set at \$30,478. Trustee Ziebell moved, seconded by Trustee Suzda to accept this levy. Motion was carried unanimously.

Roger Hartjes Trucking submitted snow plowing charges for the 2016-2017 winter season. They are: End loader \$85/hour; Mack truck and sand truck \$85/hour; Pickup \$65/hour. Roger uses his discretion and consults with Mark about when to plow. Trustee Dorshorst moved, seconded by Trustee Suzda to accept the rates. Motion was carried unanimously.

This past spring/summer season there are three properties for which the Village maintenance person mowed lawns Expenses were set at \$25/hour. Trustee Dorshorst moved, seconded by Trustee Suzda to put the lawn mowing expenses on the individual's tax rolls. Motion was carried unanimously. A letter will be sent to a Moravian Church representative asking for reimbursement of mowing expenses. Next year, if it is necessary to maintain the properties, the rate for mowing will be increased to \$35/hour. The Village of Rudolph does not want to be considered a lawn mowing business.

Clear water into the sewer system is a problem. Our total waste going to WR is increasing in volume thus increasing in cost. A discussion for reducing the flow and/or paying for the expense was discussed.

- ✓ Should there be a surcharge for residents whose sump pumps empty into the sewer system?

- ✓ To determine who may be at fault, will require a visit by our sewer operator. If this is the answer, how will he be paid? Should a pay rate be set? Should he be given an hour's wage for every four homes?
- ✓ Should residents who do not allow the operator into their home, or who do not respond to his call, be automatically be given the surcharge?
- ✓ Should everyone be charged extra?
- ✓ Should we subtract the initial fee proposed by WR, by the current fee to determine an increase in sewer fees?
- ✓ Should some businesses be charged an additional fee?

Further discussion is required before a final decision is made.

A new Junk Vehicle Ordinance has been developed by our attorney. President Bade distributed copies. Board members will review the proposed ordinance and discussion will be held at next month's meeting. Dan Hoyt, Village Ordinance Officer, was not available to tell about his visiting property owners regarding this problem.

Rural Development loan money is in their coffers. This is the balance of the money allowed for the sewer system update. Rural Development will release the money to the Village if they receive a letter from our attorney addressing some outlined issues. Kruczek Construction and MSA have not been paid in full because the Village has not signed off on the project. We are not satisfied with the performance and contend that the contract requirements have not been met. If released, the money will go into the Village regular account to recoup some expenses.

The listed bills were read and approved for payment.

Trustee Ziebell moved to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Barb Ziebell, Secretary Pro-Tem