

## Minutes of Village Board Meeting Tuesday, June 15, 2022

Present: President Pro-Tem Ziebell, Trustees Rich Larsen, Megan Stashek, Christy Steinle, Nathan Fuller and Treasurer Sandy Pawelski.

President Pro-Tem Ziebell opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the public forum meeting minutes: Trustee Steinle moved, seconded by Trustee Larsen to approve.

May Regular Meeting Minutes: Trustee Larsen moved, seconded by Trustee Stashek to approve.

Park Lots: President Pro-Tem Ziebell asked each Trustee individually if they wished to still sell the park lots with the results as follow – Trustee Stashek: No, Trustee Larsen: No, Trustee Steinle: No, Trustee Fuller: No

Park Playground: President Pro-Tem Ziebell updated on the relocation of the park. She thanked Curt Agen from RVFD for making the Village aware of a grant opportunity and Trustee Steinle for applying for and receiving a \$9,000 grant from TC Energy for our park project. Trustee Steinle will talk with Ron Adamski from Ascent to begin the project and handle the removal of the trees.

Larkspur Repair: Larry Hartjes, village employee, took care of this repair with the assistance of Tony and Curt from the RVFD. Larry will figure out the hours and President Pro-Tem Ziebell will submit the bill directly to the trucking company that caused the damage.

Ball Diamond Renaming: President Pro-Tem Ziebell read a letter from the family of the gentleman Don Lee Steuck would like to have the field named after. President Pro-Tem Ziebell will share the letter with Mr. Steuck.

Industrial Lot Sale: Fuller Mechanical will close on the lot in the industrial park on June 24<sup>th</sup>. President Pro-Tem Ziebell will contact Brian Slinkman's office and handle the signing.

Streetlights: Trustee Larsen updated that all lights are changed over to LED lights on Highway 34. Van Ert Electric did the work.

### **New Business**

Board Vacancies: Review of vacancies - Clerk and President

Ordinance officer: President Pro- Tem Ziebell updated that she sent an email to the Village attorney asking if they would assume this roll for us. She awaits a response.

Junk Ordinance (re-write?) President Pro-Tem Ziebell updated on the situation with our ordinances. She has an email into the attorney to ask about the ordinances. Previous ordinance officer, Brandon, after sending letters for violations had discussion with residents regarding the wording of ordinances. Mitch Rebarck (received a letter) spoke at the meeting and stated past President Kniprath said he was unaware of the letters being sent. Trustee Steinle referenced past meeting minutes where this was discussed, Kniprath was in attendance and past President Kniprath signed the letters, so he was aware. Mitch referenced 29 other properties with issues. Betsy Tushkowski, a relative to Mitch and previous owner of Mitch's house, shared her experience with how unwelcoming the Village was in regard to an old parts car on a trailer when she live here. Betsy asked where kindness and Christianity went. Trustee

Stashek clarified that Christianity and following rules are 2 separate things. Mitch asked who was keeping track of complaints and wanted to be told who called him in for pulling a stump down the street and leaving a trail of dirt. Trustee Larsen went to talk to him about the mess and clean-up and swearing ensued. Trustee Larsen plead the 5<sup>th</sup> regarding who called the complaint in. Ashley Webb asked where ordinances can be found. Discussion of how the ordinance book states they cannot be scanned in and posted, our attorney said they could, it is a matter of finding someone to scan and post the huge book of ordinances. Trustee Stashek said she would do it. Ashley Webb said she was cited for her fence and it has since been taken down. John Van Asten spoke and said that the Board did not write the ordinances we are just asked to uphold them. Trustee Larsen asked that people consider the perception of a village. He would like to see the Village grow and that first impressions count rather than seeing discarded counter tops outside of home being remodeled. Roseanne Dorshorst spoke of the open Board opportunities. The audience was informed that they could contact a Board member if they were interested in being involved. President Pro-Tem Ziebell thanked all for the input

Government and Administrative Ordinance: The need to post Village agendas in certain spots was discussed Trustee Steinle made a motion to post at the Village kiosk on Main Street, Village Hall, Village Website and R Store location. Trustee Larsen seconded the motion.

Ordinance Rewrite: Ordinance 2-2-8 Salary increases for board President and Clerk were never recorded. Ordinance 2-3-3 Village clerk position from an elected position to an appointed position, Ordinance 2-3-5 Village Treasurer position from an elected position to an appointed position, and Ordinance 2-3-7 Constable position shall be appointed now changes to Ordinance Enforcement Officer. The pay for this position was \$100/quarter per year and increased in March to \$175/quarter based on qualifications.

USIC: President Pro-Tem Ziebell was able to reach someone regarding the large locating bills – 53 charges for the same located service location. She was informed that the first 15 minutes is what we are charge for and if it takes longer, we are charged every 15 minutes. We will pay the invoices.

Lawns that need mowing: There are 2 properties that need mowing in the village. Previous amounts for mowing were low. If a lawn needs to be cut Larry will mow it and charge the homeowner \$100/time. President Pro-Tem Ziebell will contact those properties.

Liquor License: previous clerk did them before she resigned. We need to follow up on payment. Motion made by Trustee Larsen and seconded by Trustee Stashek to issue Patsy's a Class B intoxicating liquor and a fermented malt beverage license. Passed. Motion made by Trustee Steinle and seconded by Trustee Larsen to issue a Class A fermented malt beverage for consumption away from the premise where sold, a Class A intoxicating liquor license for consumption away from the premise where sold and a Cigarette and Tobacco products retail license along with 4 operator license. Passed. Trustee Larsen motioned and Trustee Stashek seconded the issue of a Class C wine license upon payment of the license. Pass. For the record Roseanne Dorshorst (previous Clerk) updated that Patsy and Justin Ashbeck do not need to pay operator's license fee as they are the owner of the business.

Review of Sewer bill insert: Additions made to the insert. Trustee Steinle will edit and send to Jim Janz for delivery.

Support of RVFD Celebration: President Pro-Tem Ziebell reminded the group of the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration on July 9<sup>th</sup>.

Sewer Rate Increase: President Pro-Tem Ziebell passed out an outline of Village sewer expenses and what rates will need to be to cover the amount due to Rapids and repairs. This will be discussed next month at the meeting.

New Business in Rudolph: Dollar General wishes to come to Rudolph and is looking at land in the Village along Highway 34.

**Other:**

Park Event lawn damage: Someone drove across the lawn at the park at a recent park rental event. The renters were contacted. It was the catering company. They asked that the lawn be repaired, and a bill sent to them, and they will pay.

Resolution 2022-1: Authorization of a second signer to check paid by the Village of Rudolph. Trustee Larsen made a motion and seconded by Trustee Steinle to accept President Pro-Tem Ziebell as a secondary signer.

Bank: First State Bank will review new credit cards for the Village. Former President Kniprath's card was destroyed, and Clerk Kelnhofer's card was turned in.

Honor Walk: President Pro-Tem Ziebell read a thank you note from Rich Cournoyer, chairman of the Legion honor Walk.

County Grant opportunity: President Pro-Tem Ziebell shared an email she received from Wood County about grant opportunities. She will send email to Trustee Steinle for review and application.

Industrial Park Lots: A developer from Appleton(?) called about 2 larger lots in the industrial park. They would like to purchase them with an exemption that they lease them back to the farmer for one year. After that time, they will develop a storage unit complex. Trustee Steinle recused herself from the discussion as she is in that line of work and felt it would be a conflict of interest. Discussion on the topic that this maybe not the type of industry for that area. Audience member, Carol Haupt, asked if we could make that decision. President Pro-Tem Ziebell would contact the relator to discuss.

Ambulance Committee: Trustee Larsen is now on the ambulance committee and updated on a recent meeting. Fentanyl is running rampant in the area and overdoses have occurred. The ambulance owner updated that it is a "cheap" drug costing \$30-50/hit.

Street Sweeping: Whirlwind has not been contacted to sweep the street since the last meeting. Trustee Larsen will contact them and have them start. Audience member, Joe Haupt, updated that he recently saw a street sweeping company called Precision out of Princeton, WI sweeping the streets in Junction City. We will add that name to next years contacts for a bid.

Skating Rink: Trustee Larsen updated that he had a black dirt donation for the planting of the ice-skating rink and would like to proceed to make that area a permanent setting.

Bills: Trustee Steinle made a motion and seconded by Trustee Larsen to pay the bills as typed.

Adjourn: Trustee Larsen made a motion and seconded by Trustee Stashek to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Christy Steinle, Trustee