

# Proceedings of Regular Village Board Meeting

May 14, 2019

Meeting opened with Pledge of Allegiance.

All were present: Trustees: Donna Moscinski, Christy Steinle, John Van Asten, Barb Ziebell; Treasurer, Sandy Pawelski; and President, Bruce Kniprath.

President Kniprath moved that the Minutes of the April Board meeting be approved. Seconded by Trustee Van Asten. Motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Steinle moved that the Minutes of the April special Board meeting be approved. Seconded by Trustee Van Asten. Motion carried unanimously.

Board of Review will be at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, May 28. It will be called to order, then a motion will be made to postpone the meeting until Tuesday, August 27 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. The reason is to give our assessor time to have our valuations in compliance with the state. On August 27, Open Book will be held from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Participating in Board of Review will be President Kniprath, Trustee Moscinski, and Trustee Ziebell.

Our park maintenance worker, Dave Szemborski, has had some major surgery. Until he is able to return to work, assistance is needed in the park duties. President Kniprath and Larry Hartjes are mowing the grass. The bathrooms have to be kept cleaned and someone is needed to open the park for reservations. A member of the Dick Trickle Memorial Committee power washed the bathrooms. In one of the bathrooms, the floor drain is plugged and one toilet does not flush. Is there a possibility of purchasing a smaller urinal for little boys? Motion lights will be installed in the bathrooms. Another LED light will be installed at the park.

President Kniprath will re-stock supplies for the Dick Trickle Memorial Event scheduled for Sunday, May 19. At present, the Little League has moved tables and the dumpsters in a better location for their tournament. After the tournament ends on Saturday, the 18<sup>th</sup>, the tables and dumpsters will be put back in their proper location. The Dick Trickle Memorial Committee will be setting up a tent and will be borrowing extra tables and chairs for the activity. The committee asked for permission to paint four parking posts purple and white. Permission was granted.

The Little League has to let the Village Board know when they schedule a tournament, so that the activity does not interfere with anyone who has reserved the park.

Until Dave Szemborski is able to return to work, trustee Van Asten and/or resident, Gary Erickson, will be certain that the park is locked after any scheduled event.

The net for pickle ball and tennis will be put up on Wednesday, May 15.

There is a fire hazard on the west side of the park, in the woods, and around the barn, with all of the dead leaves, branches, etc. The yellow brick road is indistinguishable. A cleanup crew is needed for this project. Perhaps the Park Improvement Committee and Village Park Committee members can be two groups to start the work. This work will be addressed in the July 1<sup>st</sup> sewer bill insert.

A letter has been sent to Scott Fischer regarding the vehicles at his property and a letter may be sent to Rich Budzinski for the lawn mowers parked behind a building at his new place of business. Both parties will have 30 days after receipt of the letter to begin removal of the equipment/cars. If no progress is

made, then ten days later, a citation will be issued. Following this, a court date will be set. Dan will alert the Village Attorney if and when paperwork should be started for the court appearance.

President Kniprath will send a letter to Jeff Mrozek about his property on Main Street. Jeff is repairing the roof. He will be asked when the project should be completed.

All complaints residents may have about properties they feel are in violation of an ordinance have to be in writing and signed. Anonymous letters and telephone calls will not be accepted as valid requests for Board action. A paragraph addressing this issue will be included in the July 1<sup>st</sup> sewer bill insert.

A motion to approve issuance of an application by the Wisconsin Rapids Lions Club to serve beer and wine at the Dick Trickle Memorial Event was made by President Kniprath, and seconded by Trustee Steinle. Motion carried unanimously.

The ditch along County Road C by Moraine Avenue does not drain because the new highway put in by the County is so much higher than the ditch. All of the water freezes up in the manhole. This cost the Village an expensive sewer back up last winter. A new larger culvert will be installed across Moraine to drain into the school yard. The school district has approved. President Kniprath and Rich Larsen will look at the situation, will do some measuring, and will go forward with the project.

Gary Erickson asked for a new stop sign at Meadowview Lane and Park Street. He was not aware that it had been changed. Stop signs that are along the highway are the responsibility of the County.

The Village Board has been invited to attend the dedication and unveiling of the Dick Trickle Statue at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 19 at the park. The event is scheduled from 12:00 Noon to 6:00 p.m.

Sewer Operator Scott Rybicki will be invited to our next Board meeting to explain his responsibilities. One site was off line all winter. By a chance opportunity, it was discovered. No one knew how to do a re-set.

A motion was made by trustee Steinle to approve the bills be paid. Seconded by Trustee Van Asten. Motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Van Asten contacted Solarus about repair of the sidewalk in front of the telephone building on Main Street.

Motion was made by Trustee Ziebell that the meeting be adjourned. Trustee Moscinski seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Barb Ziebell  
Interim Village Clerk