

Proceedings of Regular Board Meeting

July 13, 2021

Present: President Bruce Kniprath, Trustees: Richard Larsen, Christy Steinle, John Van Asten, and Barb Ziebell; Treasurer, Sandy Pawelski. Excused absence: Clerk Mickey Reif

President Kniprath opened the meeting with Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Steinle moved, seconded by Trustee Larsen to approve last month's minutes. Unanimously approved.

Old Business –

Ordinance Position – Heidi Brantmeier has applied for the position. Heidi said this will be good experience for her major in school. She has been told the wages and what is expected in the position. She will receive an hourly wage for her services in addition to the \$100/quarterly wage. Trustee Steinle and Trustee Larsen will assist Heidi with the direction she should be pursuing. President Kniprath moved to appoint Heidi Brantmeier the Village Ordinance Officer. Trustee Ziebell seconded. Appointment was unanimously accepted.

Street signs – Mike at Rapids Sign came to Rudolph and looked at the street signs. He made a larger one for 1st Street North. It was a little more expensive. The other street signs will be a decal that will be put on each sign. Trustee Larsen will ask that they be made a few at a time. He and Larry Hartjes will install the new signs.

Ag Building roof has not been fixed. Trustee Larsen and Larry Hartjes have not had the time to tackle the needed repair. They will fix it in the most economical manner within the next couple of weeks.

If you want to see wild parsnip looks like, drive County Road S towards the Bliven farm. There is a 40-80 acre field of it. The County does not know how to treat it. Trustee Larsen has used 60 gallons of spray trying to get rid of the parsnip at the park. Dan O'Connell has commended Larsen on his efforts. When the parsnip turns a light yellow, it will be dying. However, you can also see small new sprouts in the same area. Trustee Larsen was spraying a foot area at a time. It was suggested that he work a three foot area each time. Wood County provided Trustee Larsen with brochures on wild parsnip. They were put on the table for anyone who wanted one.

The firm Lumis and Barkley will still represent the Village in legal matters. It is just that the attorney with whom we contracted will not be our rep. President Kniprath has attempted to reach him but to no avail.

Work on the railroad crossing on Main Street should begin the week of July 25. President Kniprath and Trustee Larsen will investigate how the sewer line was buried underneath. Everything seems to go to the east side of the tracks. The railroad wants to take out the line. We could take out the line because it is abandoned. The railroad should take out the line and do it the right way.

New Business

Pete's Market Service has purchased a lot from Roger Hartjes and has submitted a request that it be rezoned to I-1. The Board, as the Zoning Committee, will schedule a public hearing with a Class 2 notification. The property is currently zoned B-1. Public notice must be posted at least 3 days prior to the meeting. Instead of putting it in the newspaper, it will be posted on the Village website. A meeting will be scheduled for Thursday, July 22 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. All interested parties will be asked to attend. If no objections are made, the Village Board will make a decision about re-zoning.

Jared Wilhelm, Village sewer inspector, inspected thirteen manholes. He discovered that a few have a lot of water coming in. There are several companies that work with this problem. A solution could be to insert elephant grout into a manhole. Works quite easily. The manhole in front of the fourplex on 4th Street N has to be redone, if the road is ever in need of repair. A manhole in the vicinity of Trustee Steinle's house needs repair. One on the other side of town is only 2 feet down. There is an extremely large amount of water going into it. Jared will get estimates from a couple of companies and present it to the Village Board. The valve that President Kniprath and Trustee Larsen looked at should be given another look. Someone didn't finish the job because a handle was not put in to open the valve.

Culvert on Dairyland. The longest it can be in 8" by 10'. President Kniprath and Trustee Van Asten will have to shoot the grade. It goes uphill to the next culvert so the ditch will always have standing water at one end. Trustee Stieinle asked why the Village has to look at the situation. She had to fix the problem by her house. There was a discussion about the right-of-way. Some roads are 33' from the crown. There is a culvert that runs under the road. This is not a second driveway. At this time it is an empty lot. As a side question and answer, it is not necessary to get a permit to re-do a driveway. Another side note: permits are issued by President Kniprath. New building permits are issued by Ben Grimm, Wisconsin Rapids. Again, referring to the culvert, President Kniprath, will read the Ordinance Book re sizes of a culvert and the difference between new and existing.

Dick Trickle Memorial Committee wants to purchase ten aluminum picnic tables to replace the wood tables inside the shelter house. Right now, there are approximately 13 tables inside and 10 outside the shelter house. Trustee Larsen was asked to investigate the cost of aluminum tables. He found the cheapest price from a company in Kansas, \$662.94 each, with free shipping. President Kniprath also looked into prices and found them ranging between \$1,200 and \$1,300 each. The Village will purchase the tables and will be reimbursed by the Dick Trickle Memorial Committee. The tables will be aluminum tops with galvanized bottoms. The new tables will only be used inside the shelter house.

Bids were sent to various companies re playground equipment relocation at the park. No one responded and the deadline has passed. Since the project should really go forward, Trustee Steinle will contact Ron Adamski, who, at one time, showed an interest in the work. She will ask if he is still willing to take on the job.

Fuller Brothers, LLC are interested in purchasing 2.55 acres in the industrial park. It is a lot off Highway 34. There will be a building on it. Something like Mike put up. The cost will be \$14,000. What needs to be done is the business must submit an offer to purchase and file with a title company. It was explained that there is no sewer. The Village Board has been quoted an estimated expense of a million dollars to extend sewer to the industrial park. Fullers asked if they could put in a mound system. That will be possible as long as the bathroom(s) do not have 16 or more fixtures. There is a fence along the property belonging to the person who rents the land. President Kniprath will contact him to take down the fence. Fuller will submit a plan for the property.

Trustee Ziebell asked, since Clerk Reif was not present, if someone can issue a one day beer license and two bartender licenses for St. Philip Church picnic on Sunday, August 1. President Kniprath said he would take care of it.

Clerk Reif has expressed a desire to be relieved of her position as she has three jobs, a one year old, and is attending school. Trustee Steinle knows someone who may be interested in the position. Nothing will be done until Clerk Reif officially submits a resignation.

Recently at the park, Trustee Larsen and President Kniprath raised the basketball hoop for some young men who were playing the game. The young men were so very, very appreciative. They also remarked on how well the park was maintained. Trustee Larsen said it was good to see these young men enjoying themselves at the park.

Joe, County Highway Supervisor, has not responded to President Kniprath's question if the \$18,000 cost of resurfacing Hilltop and Sunset is a responsibility of the Village or if fifty percent is our share. Grotto Avenue and Knowledge Avenue are desperately in need of repair. President Kniprath does not think that these roads qualify for the 50-50 money. Joe feels that if these two roads are patched, the work will last for at least ten years. Some of the Board members strongly disagree with this assessment. We have received some grant money. At a previous meeting, President Kniprath suggested that the money can be used for infrastructure. Treasurer Pawelski is not sure. She will send a copy of what she received with the check to Trustee Ziebell who will follow through for a definitive answer. It was suggested that President Kniprath invite Supervisor Joe to next month's Village Board meeting.

Trustee Steinle moved, seconded by Trustee Van Asten to pay the bills as printed. Carried Unanimously.

Trustee Ziebell, seconded by Trustee Larsen to adjourn. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Barb Ziebell, Secretary Pro-Ten