MEETING MINUTES March 13, 2024 6:30 PM VILLAGE HALL

6:30 pm meeting called to order by President Tom Bush. Attendance: President Tom Bush, Trustee Bob Babcock, Trustee Amy Hajdasz, DPW Brian Beckel, Clerk/Treasurer Brad Bartels, and others in the audience.

- Tom B. called the meeting to order at 6:30
- Tom led the board in the pledge allegiance.
- Minutes from last meeting reviewed and approved as presented.
- Tom B. presented a quote from Flambeau Door Co. of Ladysmith for the old fire hall on Railway Ave. Tom stated that he and Bob B. attended a meeting with the local historical group looking to preserve the building for our community historical items. The meeting was to meet with Flambeau Door and discuss the type of door the club wanted. They decided on one with 3 rows of windows for good visibility of the old fire truck that will be placed inside. The estimate is \$6,525.00. Bob made a motion to approve the quote and Amy H. seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Brad brought up a request from the Depot Days committee to close Railway Ave from 4th Street to 5th Street July 6, 2024, for 2nd annual Depot Days. Tom made a motion to approve, and Bob seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Brian went over a public works summary:
 - \circ ~ The wall in the old fire hall has been completed to lock the Village SCADA system.
 - o Brian requested to bring Doug Chisnell lawn mowing activities for the summer months.
 - Doug was present later in the meeting as well. And asked if the Board would approve a pay raise for him. The board decided to table that decision until we get closer to summer to decide.
 - Brian brought up that he has been working on a renewal contract with the Bonczyk family for the water quality trading deal for the DNR permit. There was a small 4-acre field that wasn't included by those who wrote the contract and that was on the original permit. The Village has an overall phosphorus credit with the DNR, so the 4-acre field isn't necessarily needed at this time. Brian suggested just renewing the contract as is. The board agreed.
 - \circ The Ford 450 needs new tyrod ends.
 - Pre-engineering will start next week on the re-pavement plans for the alley ways between 5th and 6th Street and 6th and 7th Street to include a new man hole installed on north end of the alley between 6th and 7th. Tom made a motion to approve adding that manhole to the contract and Amy seconded.
 - Brian then stated there is approximately new 20 meters yet to be installed in residences. There have been some issues getting something scheduled with those residences to install. The meter, which only takes about 15 minutes. Board suggested putting a notice in those individual utility bills in April and if nothing has been scheduled to complete the meter installation by June 1, 2024. Let them know they will incur a \$50 charge each month after June 1, 2024 the meter is not installed.
- Amy asked what the other board members thought was a reasonable price range for a used side by side or gator type machine for lawn mowing activities and other street and park related summer work. They all agreed on looking for something in the range of \$8500 to 10,500. Amy said she would work with Brian on anything see finds online. Once they find something in that range the board will vote on the purchase of the machine.
- The board reviewed the EMC insurance plan for the Village. And Tom mentioned we need to remove the jetter and snow blower from the policy. Amy made a motion to approve the insurance policy renewal with the minor changes mentioned by Tom. Bob B. seconded the motion. Motion.

- Tom mentioned that we should list the dog catcher number in the next bill for people to report dogs of their lease or outside of their fence.
- Tom motion to adjourn the meeting, Bob B seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm