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MEETING MINUTES APRIL 10, 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 of allegiance.
- Minutes from last meeting reviewed and approved as presented.
- Brian Beckel Public Works summary:
  - o Well motor has a ground shorting error that needs to be fixed to prevent Chlorine being pumped in the system without any water flow. Brian Had Moberg Electric in and they suggested installing an interlock switch.
  - o The pre-engineering work on the alley re-paving project this summer should start this week yet.
  - o We will be disposing of the 2<sup>nd</sup> outhouse from the beach at Bass Lake.
  - o Josh will begin working on the old fire hall project for installation of the new garage door next week.
  - o We contacted Xcel Energy, and they will move the power pole. But we will need to remove the existing sidewalk section first. Brian will contact Kevin Checkalski to get us a quote for removal and installation of the new sidewalk.
  - o Brian should have the annual Consumer Confidence report completed for review at the May Meeting.
- Review of the storm siren invoice compared to the estimate from ANCOM had a difference of the original total that was approved by the board of \$2,500. The reason for the difference was a calculation mistake when the estimate was submitted. The \$2,500 item was listed correctly but the item number didn't populate in the calculated total. The Invoice total is \$31,329.00. Bob B. made a motion to approve the new total and make payment to ANCOM of \$31,329.00. Tom B. seconded the motion.
- Bus Stops will be constructed on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street near the pickleball court and on Washburn Ave on the empty lot behind the community center that the VFW owns.
- Brad presented a summary of a new loan proposal from CCF Bank for the Village Hall building. This would be the final 5-year period for the loan to pay off the building. Brad will have a proposal from Chippewa Valley Bank and Community Bank for comparison at the May meeting for a decision.
- Bob B. brought up some new he had heard about some additional Shared Revenue from the Department of Revenue intended for townships and municipalities to use for improvement it's fire districts. Brad will reach out to the Department of Revenue to find out more information.
- Amy presented estimates on several John Deere Gators from Tractor Central in Chippewa, Sheldon, and Cameron. After reviewing the 7 different options the board had agreed on a 2011 John Deere XUV 825I. It is listed for \$13,500 in Chippewa Falls. It has 975 miles and was a local trade from a couple that used it around their farm. Was always stored inside. Bob B. said he would go to Chippewa Falls Thursday April 11 to check it out and test drive it. Amy H. made a motion pending Bob's inspection to purchase the gator for an offer of \$13,000. Bob seconded the morion.
- Tom asked about a clean up day for the village. Brad reminded everyone that with the new contract with Republic Services, each resident will call Republic at 715-549-3156 to schedule your pick-up for a date that works for them. Amy suggested having a designated cleanup week to encourage a spring cleanup. Bob and Tom agreed and chose the week of May 20-24. During that week, if the resident places limbs/brush by the curb the Village will pick up and haul to site on Historic Rd. For those interested in the bulk garbage picked up that week. WILL NEED TO CALL REPUBLIC to schedule it.

- Open book has been scheduled for May 11<sup>th</sup> from 9 am – 11am. The Board of review has been scheduled for May 22 at 5:30-7:30 pm.
- Those Guys Tree Service provided an estimate to remove 5 trees that are in the Village right of way and trim some limbs that are hanging over the street. They estimate that work to be about 7 hours of labor at \$200/hour for manpower and equipment. For a total cost to the Village of \$1,400. Bob B made a motion to approve the quote and hire Those Guys, Amy H seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Brad presented request from the Village of Bruce for Ambulance Services of \$383.40. This is to help cover the cost of electric and heat for ambulance garage. Amy made a motion to approve the donation of \$383.40 to the Village of Bruce. Tom seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Bob B. asked if the Village could haul in a few loads of dirt to level out the ground along the south side of the Fire District building. Brian said he would have Josh do that from the pile available on Historic Rd.
- Brad brought up the lot behind the Village Hall building that the village had the home razed and trees removed from the Ragoschke property. The county informed Brad that they would be starting the process to take that property June 2025 and asked if the Village would be interested buying that property? Knowing that the Village would eat that cost already spent on cleaning up that property. The board acknowledges that cost and is interested in purchasing the lot next year.
- Tom made a motion adjourn the meeting. Amy seconded the motion meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.