

MEETING MINUTES January 10, 2024 6:00 PM VILLAGE HALL

6:00 pm Caucus meeting called to order by President Tom Bush. Attendance: President Tom Bush, Trustee Bob Babcock, DPW Brian Beckel, Clerk/Treasurer Brad Bartels, and others in the audience.

- Tom B. called the meeting to order at 6:00
- Tom Bush presided over the caucus and announced that there is one office up for election and called for nominations from the floor. Tom asked are there were any nominations for Village trustee? Bob Babcock nominated Amy Hajdasz for trustee. Tom Bush seconded the nomination. Tom Bush then asked if there were any other nominations? Heard none. Tom B. asked again, are there any other nominations? Heard none. Tom then announced that the caucus would remain open until 6:30 pm for any other nominations that may come forward.
- At 6:29 Tom Bush asked one last time if there were any additional nominations for Village Trustee? There were not any new nominations. Tom then announced that nominations were now closed for Village Trustee. Tom B. made motion to close the Caucus, Bob Babcock seconded. Caucus closed at 6:30.
- Tom then opened the regular Board meeting at 6:30 pm.
- Minutes from last meeting reviewed and approved as presented.
- Tom recognized Dave Rasmussen from MSA to review the TIF with the Board. Dave helped write the tax increment district plan and is soon retiring. Which is the purpose of the visit to review and answer any questions the board may have.
- Dave R. then spoke about the value and purpose of the district. Stressed that the plan and district has been very successful and stated that in his 35 years' experience has only seen one other community have a better return on their TIF. The plan we wrote opened your district in 2013 for a 20-year term. With expiration of the district in 2033. Dave stated that projects will need to be started by 2028. He also stated that the Department of Revenue does allow a year extension to the TIF for affordable housing. Brad B. asked if the Village wanted to do something like that, would that project need to be started by 2028? And Dave said yes, the infrastructure for that plan would have to but the village would want to pass a resolution in 2032 to allow for a 1-year extension to help complete the housing project. If the Village chose to do that. Tom asked about the possibility of using some of the fund balance to help pay done on any loans the Village had prior to the end of the district and stated we have checked with the USDA and others about this, and they saw no reason why we couldn't. Dave stated that is good idea and you should budget out any remaining projects and so you can plan out that remaining balance to apply to said loans prior to expiration of the TIF. Tom then thanked Dave for his service to our community and for coming in to review the district.
- Tom then invited Kyle Checkalski who was present to discuss his plans for a campground at the old school football field. Kyle said they are early in the planning process but did provide a map of a tentative layout plan for the campsites. He has started the application with the state for a campground as well as with the county for a permit. He understands there may be concerns from the community over this project and is willing to work with the board and community to address those concerns. He stated that they would likely plant some evergreens along Culver Ave to help mitigate noise and privacy for those residents on Culver Ave. Tom B suggested holding a public meeting when plans become more set in stone and available. Kyle agreed. Tom also asked about plans for hook ups. Kyle stated initially we just planned on electrical hookups. Erv Murray was in attendance and stated that there will likely be requirements from the DNR to have a pumping station of some kind or sewer hookups installed. Nothing decided on the project, just an informational meeting about the potential project.
- Republic Services were present and presented a proposal for refuse service 5-year contract. Waste Management has a current 5-year contract that will expire on 30 March 2024. Republic

proposed a few different options that had a \$12.50 a month per 96-gallon container. And recycling pickup every 2 weeks. With a \$5.00 a month fee for recycling. Currently the village contract has a \$10.25 fee for a 96-gallon container and \$4.00 recycling fee per month. Waste Management also proposed a new contract, that would have a \$16.90 fee per month for a 96 Gallon container and \$4.95 for recycling. Both would donate containers for spring cleanup and Booster Days. The Board will review the proposals and decide at the February 14th meeting.

- Anne Huiras was present and discussed garage door options with the board. She had spoken with Flambeau Door and Brian B. had a quote on some options for a new door on the old fire station. Dave Blasko was present and stated he would donate the old 1950 Weyerhaeuser Pump truck to park and have on display in the fire hall. Anne H. asked for another month to review the door options and come back with recommendations at the Feb meeting for the board to decide on.
- Brian Beckel went over a summary from public works. He stated that they have made some good progress on the installation of the new meters this past month with 20 new installations. Brian also asked if the board wanted to move forward with engineering a new resurfacing project for any of the alleys in town for this year's project. He said he spoke with Zech from Morgan and Parmley of the engineering costs projections and Zech said those wouldn't change if the board went through with the project this fiscal year. Tom Bush made motion to move forward with the engineering and to start with the alley ways between 6th and 7th streets and the alley between 5th and 6th Streets for this year. Bob B. seconded the motion.
- Tom brought up the idea he and Dave W. had to investigate the possibility of purchasing any land from the Zelinsky family top potentially expand the village with new lots for residential development. Both Dave and Tom spoke with Zelinsky family, and they would be willing to part with some lots on the north end of 5 ½ Street. However, the board isn't ready to make any offers at this time.
- Bob B. made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Tom B. seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm