

MEETING MINUTES JAN 18, 2023 6:30 PM VILLAGE HALL

6:30pm Caucus was opened and called to order by Trustee Amy Hajdasz. Attendance: President Tom Bush, Trustee Amy Hajdasz, Trustee Bob Babcock, DPW Brian Beckel, Clerk/Treasurer Brad Bartels, and Anne Yaeger, Linda Burdorf and Linda Hajdasz in the audience.

Amy Hajdasz presided over the caucus and announced that there are two offices up for election and we would be calling for nominations from the floor. Amy H. asked for any nominations for Village President, Bob Babcock nominated Tom Bush for President. Brad B. seconded the nomination. Amy H. asked if there were any other nominations? Heard none. Amy asked again, are there any other nominations? Heard none. Amy then announced that nominations for Village President are now closed.

Amy Hajdasz then asked if there were any nominations for Village trustee? Tom Bush nominated Robert Babcock. Brad B. seconded the nomination. Amy H. then asked if there were any other nominations for trustee? Heard none. Amy asked again, are there any other nominations for trustee? Heard none. Amy then announced that nominations for Village Trustee are now closed.

Amy H. made motion to close the Caucus. Tom B. seconded the motion. Caucus Closed at 6:35 pm.

6:35pm Tom Bush opened the board meeting. Attendance: President Tom Bush, Trustee Amy Hajdasz, Trustee Bob Babcock, DPW Brian Beckel, Clerk/Treasurer Brad Bartels, and others in the audience.

Minutes and agenda from last meeting waived and posted. Accepted and approved as presented.

- Tom opened floor to those in audience for any questions or concerns over the referendum question for the Village purchase of the VFW Hall. Heard none from the audience. Tom stated that at the February meeting the VFW would have utility bills and other financials available for any to review.
- Tom then opened floor to discuss bill for work at Hajdasz property at the end of Church Street. Linda Hajdasz came forward and presented notes for disputing the initial invoice from the Village for \$4,434.60. Notes attached with minutes. After some discussion amongst Brad, Brian, Amy, Linda, Tom, and Bob, Tom B. made motion to accept the proposed amount from Linda for the invoice. Bob B. seconded the motion, but stated that the village should not do business like this again. The Village should require a bill directly from the contractor for the portion of the village's work. And the property owner should be responsible for and billed directly from the contractor for the work on their property.
- Board discussed the upcoming retirement of Greg Olesiak this summer. Board decided to have Brad and Brain draft proposed posting and have it approved at the February

- meeting to then post in the paper and on Indeed end of February. Board stressed importance for the posting to include mechanical background and equipment operator experience for the position.
- Brad provided an update on new plow purchase from Rousars Welding in Rice Lake. Rousar's has the plow and is ready to install on truck. Will schedule for Jan 24th as there isn't any snow expected early next week.
- Board discussed potential need for a loader vs. the current tractor the village has. Brian presented a few options and quotes. Two from John Deere and one for a Case. Brad also mentioned that Greg O. talked to a Randy Hill from Baribeau Implement who suggested potentially renting the equipment and he would be willing to attend the next meeting to go over those options. Bob, Amy, and Tom all agreed that might be a worth while option. As it would give the guys a chance to find the right piece of equipment needed for the village before spending that kind of money on that type of equipment. Quotes ranged from \$113,000 to \$187,000 to purchase a loader.
- Board discussed putting together an application for the "Vibrant Spaces" Grant from Wisconsin Economic Development. The grants are for \$25,000-\$50,000 match. Village Board needs to approve with the intent that the grant is to match the amount spent on project by the Village. Board suggested applying for the grant to install a sidewalk from the new pickleball court to the park. This would be beneficial to keep people from having to walk on County Road F between the two locations. Brad would type the application for submitting by Jan 31st deadline. Bob B. made motion to submit said application and approve the matching dollar amount. Amy H. seconded the motion. Motion approved.
- Brad asked for board approval to deposit \$2,278 for the next 4 months into the Sewer Debt Service Fund to cover the first payment of the Sewer System Revenue Bond the village closed on last June. The 1st payment is due May 1st for \$10,412.50 each year. Final payment will be May 1, 2042. The loan is 0% interest. After the first payment in May, the monthly deposits to the Sewer Debt Service Fund will be \$868. Amy H. made motion to approve the deposits and Bob B seconded the motion.
- Brad received a letter from a guy in Whittenburg, WI looking for old Christmas decorations. Brad asked the board if they had any issued with reaching out to the guy to see if he would be interested in purchasing the 13 light hanger that used to be placed on the poles on Railway Ave. Board agreed to sell them if he is interested. Bob B. stated he would like to maybe then purchase some decorations that we could display at the Village Park since we are not allowed to place them on the power company poles any longer.
- Village member gave Tom B. a note that Tom read aloud. The Village Member complaint was about Burdy's customer parking and blocking the alley between the old village hall and Burdy's Bar. Tom B. said he would talk to Burdy about the complaint.
- Tom B. then made motion to adjourn Amy H. seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

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