

MEETING MINUTES MAR 15, 2023 6:30 PM VILLAGE HALL

6:30pm 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. Minutes 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. Diane Elwood was present and expressed her support for the referendum and stated that in her opinion it was a win-win situation. The Village would get the property for a very minimum cost and if for some reason the community center didn't work out the Village could then sell the property for a gain. James Christorf was also present and expressed his support for the purchase as a place for residents to gather and get to know each other as well as many other opportunities for the building that would benefit the community. Brad asked Tom what the VFW currently charges for rental of the facility. Tom said, it depends on what they wanted to use, but for full use of the facility the VFW charged \$225 for full use.
- Spring clean up discussion. Tom suggested that we set aside the week of May 15-20 for spring clean up, as there is going to be a lot of brush. Brad stated that Those Guys Tree Service provided an estimate last week for \$150 an hour for their 3-4 guys and equipment and estimated 30-40 hours of work in town. Tom made motion to hire Those Guys Tree Service and Bob B. seconded. The tree service guys would start one end of town and work their way to the other through the week. But residents will need to have their brush from their yard's moved to the curb by Monday May 15<sup>th</sup> by 8:00 am. The only broken limbs they will cut down are any in the village right of way. Any trees or limbs that are down in yards will be the responsibility of the property owner. The village and tree service will not be cleaning yards. Tree service will come down each street with the shredder to pick up any brush piles along the curb. The mulch will then be stockpiled on Historic Road for anyone in the village to use. The garbage pick up will only be on Tuesday May 16<sup>th</sup>. A list of what cannot be picked up for garbage will be mailed with utility bill.
- Bob B. made motion to list the old snowplow for \$5,500 and suggested listing the plow with Wisconsin Surplus auctions. Tom seconded. Brad will make contact with them to get it listed.
- Tom brought up the idea to purchase a welder for the shop at the hall. Brian said he would get a few different quotes for the equipment they would want.
- Zech Gotham was present to discuss options for 3<sup>rd</sup> Street rehab project this summer and 1<sup>st</sup> Street/Washburn Ave to 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. He presented some overhead photos and preliminary plans and a rough estimate for construction costs of \$295,501.00. 1<sup>st</sup> resurfacing=\$52,239.00 / Washburn Rehabilitation = \$60,937.00 / 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Reconstruction = \$150,325.00 and General Project items for mobilization, traffic control and street sweeping + \$32,000.00. Board told Zech to go ahead and pursue the project for late summer early fall completion. Zech Stated he would need to wait for some the

- snow to melt so they can do there field work and staking to finalize the plans before we would be ready to post the project for bids.
- Discussed fraud protection plan offered by Chippewa Valley Bank and decided to table that for now decision until April meeting.
- Discussed adding noncorrosive liquid to the tires of the loader for better traction. Brian stated Baribeau Implement quoted us for \$800 to do it and verified they use Rim Guard's Beet Juice, Which non corrosive and environmental friendly. Bob B. made motion to purchase the liquid and Tom B Seconded.
- Bob and Tom review the 8 applicants we had for Greg's position. Both Bob and Tom decided to wait on offering anyone interview until April's meeting. Reason being Amy H. isn't present to review the resumes and the deadline in the job posting is April 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Brad shared some information from Dave Wierzba for 4 benches to be placed in the pickleball court. The benches would be blue and 8' long. Community club would reimburse the village for the purchase. But thought it would be easier for us to order them and have them delivered to the hall. Board had no issues with doing this, but would prefer the benches to be bolted to he surface.
- Tom B. made motion to adjourn at 8:35 pm Bob B. seconded. Meeting adjourned.