

MEETING MINUTES MARCH 9, 2022 6:30 PM VILLAGE HALL

6:30pm meeting called to order by President Tom Bush. Attendance: Amy Hajdasz, Brian Beckel, Brad Bartels, and others in audience.

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

*Zech Gotham was present and provided plans for the railway project. He requested permission from the board to open and post advertisement for bids for Railway Project in the Ladysmith News Wednesday March 16 and March 24. Project timeline will be to start construction June 1 and complete the project by the end of August. Tom made the motion and Amy seconded. Motion approved.

*Zech went on to state that with the rising fuel costs, the price for asphalt went up \$8.00 per ton. Which will be an estimated \$90,000 over the original estimated cost of the project from 2019 figures.

*Zech then went on to provide an update on the utility project and with the 2020 audit that was submitted for the loan on the project, we should be able to have an updated loan closing date at the April board meeting.

* Dave Wierzba was present and provided an update on WACCI's fundraising for the pickleball court resurfacing project. As the meeting the club has raised \$9,758. They have also secured \$2,000 a year from Source Energies for the next 5 years, and \$2,000 donations from Larson Real estate, Oakwood Hills Veterinary Clinic, and the Deb and Rick Krahn family.

Deb and Rick Krahn Family

*Lastly Dave Wierzba brought up the suggestion to put in a new entrance to the court that was handicap accessible and wide enough for emergency personnel with a gurney to get in and out in case of emergency. Dave stated that WACCI would be holding a meeting at the village hall March 30th at 7pm.

*Village Board open and review 3 sealed bids for the demolition of the building at W14416 Railway Ave to include new sewer line installation to that lot and to Porky's Bar. The three bids were from Stolt Excavation and Trucking, Stout Construction, and Haas Construction. The village awarded the project to the lowest bid with Stout Construction of Chetek, WI for \$49,852.50 with a motion from Amy H. and Tom B seconded. Motion approved.

*Ragoschke property behind the village hall update: Troy from TAK inspections came and inspected the property. He will be writing up a report to condemn the property and the village will then work with Bakke Norman Law offices to move forward with demolition of the building.

*Board discussed options for the alley issue between Porkys and Active Dogs with Brian and Zech from Morgan Parmley. The board decided to just survey the area when the weather warms up and the frost is gone to determine what if anything can be done to lower the grade of the alley.

*Village board asked Brad to contact Rusk County Highway Department to address the rough roadway at the intersection of Highway 8 and County Road F, where it seems the culvert, they have put in is settling and creating a surface issue.

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*discussion was had by the village board members on the issues that have come up with snow plowing activities in the village this winter. The two issues are vehicle parked on the streets and trash cans being left out in the streets. The Board first suggested calling Waste Management to file a formal complaint with them due to the drivers not placing the bins back in the driveway or on the sidewalk. Secondly, the Board gave approval to put a notice out with the next utility billing cycle that any trash cans left out on the street after 24 hours will be picked up by the village. And the resident would need to pay a \$25 fee to get it back from the village hall during business hours. Lastly, with vehicles left on the streets during snow storms, the village will call and have the vehicles towed.

*Village Board had a motion made by Amy H. and seconded by Tom B. to raise the daily spending limit on Greg Olesiak's village debit card from \$500 to \$600. Motion was approved.

*Tom B. made a motion and Amy H. seconded a motion to approve a request from Matt Hamilton (CW High School JV Baseball coach) to use the village park ball field for games on March 31, April 4 and 26th, and May 7, 10, 12, and 17th. Village approved the motion.

*Village approved renewal of village municipality insurance policy with EMC insurance.

*Tom B. made motion to adjourn the meeting Amy H seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm