

MEETING MINUTES April 13, 2022 6:30 PM VILLAGE HALL

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

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

*Board set a tentative date for Spring Clean-up as May 19th, 2022. Brad will verify with Waste Management and put final notification on next billing cycle.

*Zech Gotham was present and went over options for closing on the DNR loan for the Village utility rehab project #20-150. Three options were, 1. To pass a resolution to raise user sewer rates, 2. Pay off the Rural development loan balance of \$162,500, or 3. Obligate the village general fund money by resolution. Board discussed and decided against options 1 and 3. Bob Babcock made motion to pay off Rural Development loan from 2019 to free up enough sewer revenue to move forward with the DNR Loan. Amy H. seconded the motion and board approved. Brad will work with Rural development to have the loan paid off by end of May 2022.

* Bob B. requested also to ask Rural development about the possibility of potentially using some of the TIF funds to pay down on the Water system mortgage revenue bond from 2010.

*Zech G. then passed out bid tabulation from the sealed bid opening at the village hall Friday April 8th for Railway Ave project # 2019-213 to start in June, 2022. Stout Construction from Chetek had the lowest bid at \$361,084.90. Haas and Sons INC was 2nd lowest and Antzcak Construction INC. was third. Amy H. made motion to accept the bid of Stout Construction and Tom B. seconded. Motion approved. Zech G.

*Will Zimmerman was present and presented notes on a timeline of events from Feb through March on his frozen water line. Village board read through the notes and through discussion decided to investigate the matter a little further and talk to the contractor the attempted to unthaw the line initially. From there the board will make a decision on if and how much of the \$1,400 bill he is requesting the village to cover.

*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. Zech estimated cost of the project to be about \$50,000. The board made no decisions on the matter other than Tom B. said the village would not be responsible for paying to have the work down in order to divert the water around the buildings and out to the storm system. Just lowering the alley would create more issues with plowing and ice damming up.

*Village Board reviewed a request from the Village of Bruce for a donation to the ambulance service. Amy made motion of \$200 donation to the Bruce ambulance service and Bob B. seconded. Motion approved.

*Tom B. brought up the trees and stumps that need to be removed from the right of way along Railway Ave. near the Catholic Cemetery. Brian B. will be making contact with some local contractors for bids on project to be completed as soon as weather permits.

*Bob B mad motion and Tom B seconded motion to have the village board May meeting on May 17th after the Board of Review for the tax roll. Board of Review starting at 5:30.

*Ragoschke property north side of the Village Hall. Building inspector report to raze the building was submitted to Bakke Norman attorney's and the village is waiting for response to move forward. Village Board approved motion to apply all expenses incurred on the demolition and clean up of the property to next years tax bill for that property.

*Barb Z. requested to have her basketball hoop that was damaged a few years ago by the trucks resurfacing the street. Village Board approved and asked Brian B. to work with Greg on a solution for fixing the hoop.

*Tom Bush asked Brad B. to look into the Water quality trading contract as there should be a payment coming due to John Bonczyk for the year.

*Tom B. proposed an idea of a parking lot west of the pickleball courts. Small lot with approx. 18 parking stalls. The idea would be to use the millings from the Railway Ave resurfacing project for the parking lot. Bob B. made motion to move forward with requesting bids from local contractors for the project. Tom Bush seconded the motion. Motion carried and approved.

*Chetek Weyerhaeuser school district requested some ideas for their spring give back day. Board suggested picking up rocks and debris around the Veteran memorial and Train Depot, and the garden on Railway Ave. The board also suggested the same thing be done at the village park if the students had time to do both.

*Tom Made motion to adjourn and Amy H. seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:58