

MEETING MINUTES August 9, 2023 5:30 PM VILLAGE HALL

6:30 pm meeting called to order by President Tom Bush. Attendance: President Tom Bush, Trustee Bob Babcock, Trustee Amy Hajdasz, DPW Brian Beckel, Clerk/Treasurer Brad Bartels, and others in the audience.

- Tom B. called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.
- Presented a hard copy of minutes from previous meeting, no objections and approved as presented.
- WFD Fire Chief George Murray presented a quote for a storm siren. In the amount of \$28,829.00 from ANCOM Communications. George went on to say the siren at the old fire hall is not a storm siren and is a fire siren. The fire siren doesn't rotate like the storm siren will. The new storm siren forecasts to be heard at a diameter of 2 miles. The current fire siren can only be heard at about a third of that diameter thereby covering the village limits. With the new siren to be installed, it requires a back up generator for power in emergencies. George will be presenting the need for a generator at the new fire hall to open overhead doors and such in cases of power outages, at an upcoming Fire District meeting to request an increase in next years budget to cover cost of the generator. He also stated that in the case of the power outage the county experienced this past winter, Weyerhaeuser was the only community that didn't have a designated place for a warming shelter, as none of our public buildings have a backup generator. Bob B. made a motion to advertise the project for bids and Amy H. seconded the motion. Motion carried. Brad will publish the advertisement in the coming weeks in Ladysmith Newspaper.
- Cole Paulson was present from CCF to go over new paperwork for establishing the new accounts with CCF and get signatures from all the signing members of the Village on said accounts. Cole also stated that village members can complete an ACH form with Brad if they would like to set up an automatic monthly payment. Brad then also stated he did talk to Elavon (the company that CCF uses for secure online payments) and went over their proposal for setup. Elavon would charge the Village onetime set up cost \$159.00 and then \$10.00 a month for the service. This would allow village members to click on link on the village website to make their utility payments which would cost the customer a 3% fee each time. Amy made a motion to accept the offer from Elavon for online payments and Tom seconded.
- A complaint was brought up at last month's meeting about not being able to see when coming out of the alley at Burdy's on to Railway Ave. Board decided to paint lines on the street to not allow anyone to park so close to the alley. However, Bob and Linda Burdorf filed a complaint with Amy H. to bring up at the meeting. After Amy discussed the issue with Bob Babcock and Tom B. the board decided to hold off on any painting on the street there and that they should look

at all the alleys coming out to Railway Ave before making the decision on that one alley.

- Brad presented the final draft of a new ordinance for the board to adopt to regulate removal of snow and ice on sidewalks and on to village streets. Bob B. made a motion to adopt said ordinance and Tom B. seconded. Ordinance 2023-1 adopted and will be published in next week's Ladysmith Newspaper. As well will be posted in town at the old fire hall and Village office.
- Request from Weyerhaeuser Area Community Club to close portion of County Road F along the park for Booster days was read and approved with a motion from Tom B. and seconded by Amy H.
- Discussion of the need for a couple bus stops for the school children was had and decided their may be a need for a couple stops with a bus stop shelter. And the Village will work with the school district on how many stops they make currently and how many children are picked up in town. As well as requesting some funds from the school district to help pay for the project.
- The board discussed constructing new sidewalk along 2nd street on the park side of street from Culver Ave to Washburn Ave and then along Washburn Ave to the East on the northside of Washburn to 3rd street. Amy H. made a motion to advertise for bids on the sidewalk at the park for the project to completed yet this fall and wait until next spring for the sidewalk along Washburn form 2nd street to 3rd street as that portion may require moving one of the power poles. Tom B. seconded the motion. Brad will post an ad in paper to accept bids for approval at the September meeting.
- Tom and Amy discussed the potential need for an ordinance for a bar restaurant to host outdoor activities to require a fenced patio. Discussion was brought up as the Farmhouse Restaurant and Bar wants to host a grand opening later this month and use their open area along the restaurant. Currently their liquor license covers the outside lot in the premises description. No action needed at this time. Farmhouse is clear to host the event.
- Draft "tiny home" ordinance read and discussed. Amendments made and will be sent to the attorney for review and final draft for September meeting.
- Tom motioned to adjourn Amy seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.