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VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, June 10, 2019

- 1 & 2. 7 PM President Vern Seifert called the meeting to order and roll call was taken as follows:
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| Bill Wroblewski, President | Damon Ellison | Carrie Arens |
| Vacant Seat | Rob Buntz | Jon Seifert, Attorney |
| David Brassfield | Mike Michaud | Cindy Fayerweather, C/T |
| | | Missy Murray, Dep. C/T(absent) |
3. Additions/Deletions: None
4. Clerks Report: Motion by Rob B., 2nd by Damon E. to approve the Clerks Report for the May 13, 2019 Board meeting minutes; carried.
5. Treasurers Report: Motion by Damon E., 2nd by Carrie A. to approve the May Treasurers Report as given; carried.
6. PUBLIC COMMENTS: 1) David Brassfield asked why the Red Cross cleanup buckets are still being stored at the Municipal Building. We are waiting for the Red Cross or County to pick them up. 2) Lori Borchardt reported that the outdoor lighting concerns are still not resolved. Bill W. will contact Ted Johnson to fix the problem. Shannon Van Allen discussed her frustration of the campground lighting as well. Ron Schlosser will look at it.
7. Liquor Licenses, Cigarette License & Operator License applications for 2019-2020 year. Discussion was held, a motion was made by Damon E., 2nd by Mike M. to approve the license applications as given; carried.
8. Ron Schlosser/Mel Schoeder; Lake Pepin Campground rates issue: After many months of discussion and under recommendation by the Finance Committee, the Village Board voted at the January 2019 Board meeting to approve the sewer base rate charges of \$135.65 to be applied to the 131 Lake Pepin Campground campsites that are located within the Village limits. These rates would only apply during the 2 quarters the campground is open and not during the winter months when the campground is closed. The additional 70 plus campsites are in Pepin Township and are not hooked to municipal utilities so the base rates do not apply. Schlosser and Schoeder were present to argue the charges and to request the Village rescind the motion to apply the Lake Pepin Campground sewer base charges. Discussion was held; no action was taken by the Board to rescind the decision. The sewer base rates will remain in place as approved at the January Board meeting and will reflect on utility billings in August and November.
9. Pepin Area Schools Solar Project Grant: Mike Michaud has been working with Pepin Area Schools on applying for a Grant for Solar equipment. A draft of a letter of recommendation from the Village was written in support of the project. Rob B. made a motion, 2nd by Carrie A. to approve the letter as written; carried.
10. Police Report: Chief Jesse Van Alstine had no report other than the monthly printout.
11. Ambulance Report: Ben Elfrink, Co-Director, reported that the ambulance will be in attendance at the June Dairy Breakfast on June 15th. The Ambulance Service's annual fundraiser will be held on June 29th at the Municipal Building parking lot, everyone is invited to attend.
12. Beach Report: Jesse Van Alstine reported that the beach and piers are covered with debris from the flood waters. The Marina & Yacht Club will put together a Community project to clean up the area. The Beach Committee hopes to have the beach open by July 1st.

13. Fire Department Report: Ted Fenstermacher advised the Board that Fire Chief, Carl Gronquist, has passed away. Bill W. asked for a moment of silence in honor of Fire Chief Carl Gronquist. Ted Fenstermacher has now assumed the position of Fire Chief. Sam Rustad has moved into the 1st Assistant Chief position and Paul Riesgraf is now 2nd Assistant Chief. These positions will hold until the annual election of officers in the fall. Ted F. also discussed the wood and debris on the beach and pier. The Fire Department is willing to help clean up some of the debris.
14. Attorney's Report: No report.
15. PACC Report: Rob Buntz reported that the new Village Welcome signs solar lighting was installed this week. 3 scholarships were issued this year. A new directional sign is needed for the school. Signage was discussed throughout the Village.
16. Ordinance Committee Report: The Ordinance Committee met and discussed the Direct Sellers Permitting Ordinance. Recommendation to the Board to change the times of operation from 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM to the hours of 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Motion by David B., 2nd by Rob B. to approve the recommendation; carried. The Vaping Ordinance and the Mobile Food Truck Ordinance are still being worked on.
17. Street Committee: 1) 5th Street easement/extension: Gordon Riesgraf and Ivan Boras, property owners of the easement property on the eastern edge of 5th Street, are willing to quitclaim the easement to the Village of Pepin for street extension purposes. 2) Street light installation request for Don Drive: Bill W. will work with the Clerk's office on this. 3) Street work 2019: Aaron Kallstrom discussed street work he would recommend be done this year. 6th Street between Dunn and Prairie Street, Prairie Street between 3rd and 4th Streets, 5th Street between Lake and Pine Streets, patches on Pine and Main Streets, a total of 7 blocks need to be repaved.
18. Streets & Utilities: 1) Tim Stockman, Davy Engineering, discussed the proposed 2020 utility & street project which would replace undersized water mains and resurface the streets involved. Discussion was held, Bill W. will sign the contract with Davy Engineering for this project. 2) 2018 CMAR Sewer utility annual report. Discussion held, a motion was made by Rob B., 2nd by Damon E. to approve the filing of the 2018 CMAR report; carried. 3) 2018 CCR Water Utility annual report: presented for Board consideration. No issues, concerns or violations were reported. Discussion held, a motion was made by David B., 2nd by Rob B. to approve the 2018 CCR report; carried. 4) Cindy F., C/T discussed the need for a full water rate increase. We can file for a 3% rate increase but will not be very effective. After discussion, a motion was made by Rob B., 2nd by Damon E. to with the assistance of the Village's auditors, pursue a Water Utility Full Rate increase through the Public Service Commission; carried.
19. Dick Landwehr has contacted the Clerk's office regarding a small piece of land adjoining his property on 1st Street. He is trying to clear up what he sees as a cloud on his title and land description. After discussion, a motion was made by David B., 2nd by Rob B. to table the discussion until a meeting can be held with Mr. Landwehr; carried.
20. Vouchers: A motion was made by Rob B., 2nd by Damon E. to approve payment of the vouchers; carried.
21. Monday, July 8, 2019 will be the next regular Village Board meeting.
22. No other action was taken by the Village Board, a motion was made by Damon E., 2nd by Rob B. to adjourn the meeting; carried, meeting adjourned.

Clerk/Treasurer