

April 11, 2017 – President Hackl called the Regular Meeting of the Muscoda Village Board to order at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers of the Kratochwill Memorial Building. The following members were present: Anderson, Bartlett, Bindl, Goplin, Miller and Wiederholt. Also present: Faga, Schramm and Wardell.

**PROOF OF PUBLICATION:** MOTION Bartlett second Goplin to accept the Proof of Publication. MOTION CARRIED.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

President Hackl thanked Trustee Goplin for her years of service on the Board.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** MOTION Bindl, second Bartlett to accept the minutes as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

**APPEARANCE BY ERWIN GREENWALDT-2018 Hovercraft Event:**

Terry Chapman, member of Hoverclub of America, along with three other hovercraft enthusiasts were present to discuss the possibility of hosting the 2018 International Hovercraft Event in Muscoda, July of 2018. There may be up to 75 hovercrafts. This is not a racing event; it is an event of enthusiasts to get together and enjoy the river. Currently there are two organized hovercraft cruises in Muscoda; this has been going on for fifteen plus years and Erwin Greenwaldt is in charge of that event. Mark Cupp, Executive Director of the Lower Wisconsin State Riverway was present. He noted that there are no regulations, just logistics of hovercrafts, canoes and motorboats all at the same launch area. Discussed the condition of the launch area and if anything could be done. It is in rough shape; maybe grant funding could assist with repairs or even a new launch. Logistics if approved: hovercrafts park in primitive area, vehicle parking along north side of River Road or at campsite; trucks/trailers, looking into REMS building parking lot; and participants will either camp or lodge offsite. At this point, Chapman is looking for approval and support of the event. It was decided to have an AD HOC Committee meet to review the launch with Bindl, Cupp and Wardell on the Committee. Engineer Nies will be contacted for his input. A report will be made at the May 9<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

**LIBRARY BOARD REPORT:**

JoAnn Wiederholt introduced Alexis Kuehni. She is a Girl Scout in Muscoda and is working towards her Gold Award. Alexis gave a presentation on the things she has done relating to the Public Library such as organizing / assisting with the move to the new Library and obtaining various items for the time capsule that will be opened in twenty five years. JoAnn noted that policies for the use of the study room and conference room are being developed.

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:**

***Library Facility Progress report:*** Engineer Bailie submitted a written report updating the Board on the punch list items. Hackl also noted that we are still waiting on a “map” of the electric circuit.

***Update on 219 N Wisconsin Avenue demolition project:*** Minocqua Grading plans to be in Muscoda the last week of April to finish the project.

***Kratochwill Memorial Building upgrades/repairs:*** Iowa Wall Saw Company will be meeting with Wardell and Bindl on April 12<sup>th</sup> to discuss the installation of foam between the two buildings.

***Utility Easements:*** Wardell met with Scot Industries and Meister Cheese representatives and Engineer Nies to work out the logistics of the easements north of Industrial Drive. Wardell

asked about pulping off the timber on these easements. Wardell and Bindl will walk the plotting easements.

***Ash Tree Maintenance Agreement:*** DNR Forester Brandon Bleuer gave a presentation on ash tree inventory on Village owned property. This program is fully funded by grants. The program identifies ash trees in the quarantine area, which we are in, and comes up with a plan to remove and maybe repurpose the tree. This program can also be used on private property if the Village approves of that. **MOTION** Anderson, second Bartlett to sign the Cooperative Agreement with the DNR for ash tree inventory on public and private lands. **MOTION CARRIED.**

***Hiring replacement Attorney for retiring Attorney Brian McGraw:*** Faga presented information from the League of Municipalities on attorneys. The League did not have much information except that the attorney should have municipal law experience. The Board reviewed the list of attorneys and who they represent. Faga was instructed to send a request for proposal to Attorneys Been Wood, David Helmke and Paul Johnson. This will be discussed at the May 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.

***Public Cemetery Items:*** Faga reported that several contractors were contacted for lawn care services, but as of today, no one has committed. It was decided to have an ad placed in the paper for employment of a seasonal employee for lawn care of the cemetery and a sexton. The current individual that is digging graves will continue for now; he does not carry the required workers compensation or liability insurances and he will not purchase it. He mentioned that the current map is hard to work with and would be more interested if it was updated, also he has moved to Richland Center so it is not as convenient as it was when he lived in Muscoda; at this point he may give up the digging. Christy Bloedow was present and explained to the Board his grave digging experience. He does not have liability or workers compensation insurance and stated he would not purchase it. It was decided to have a Special Meeting on April 25<sup>th</sup> to work on cemetery issues. Bindl will meet with Mark Jelinek and Bart Nies before the meeting, around 6pm

***Update on sanitary sewer and water services at 400 W Greentree Trail:*** Johnson reported that she is working with the property owner and the current renter. By April 18<sup>th</sup> the renter is to have quote for the plumbing and an appointment for funding.

#### **CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT:**

Wendell Smith reported that the Chamber is working on the 2017 Fall Opener.

#### **GRANT COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT:**

Hackl and Bindl attended the meeting in the Lancaster area.

#### **MOREL MUSHROOM FESTIVAL COMMITTEE REPORT:**

The Committee met on April 3<sup>rd</sup> and plans are just about complete.

#### **POLICE REPORT:**

Chief Schramm submitted his monthly report. Additional items: Sell the old light bar or give to Public Works Department-Wardell stated that there was no need for it; request for proceeds from sale of squad to go back into squad fund-tabled until May 9<sup>th</sup> meeting; Trustee Goplin brought up a cross walk by the Post Office/Nursing Home area-Schramm will look into that; and the resident at Marion's Place, LLC that had a thirty day eviction, it has been rescinded and he will be staying in Muscoda. **MOTION** Anderson, second Goplin to accept the Police Report and sell the old light bar. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:**

Wardell submitted his monthly report. He also noted that all parks are open with little problems. **MOTION** Bartlett, second Wiederholt to accept the Superintendents Report. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**ADMINISTRATOR CLERK-TREASURER REPORT:**

Johnson submitted her monthly report. Asked about early bird pool passes and attendance at various meetings for Board members and herself. **MOTION** Anderson, second Bartlett to accept the Administrator Clerk-Treasurer report, have early bird pool passes during the month of May and authorize Johnson to attend the two day policyholders meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION ON LICENSES:**

**MOTION** Miller, second Wiederholt to accept the applications and grant operator licenses to Heather Waddell, Kaylee Krueger and Kana Ewing; Temporary Class B Picnic License to American Legion Post 85; and Temporary Operator License to Thomas Nondorf. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION ON PAYMENT OF INVOICES:**

**MOTION** Bindl, second Anderson to approve invoices to be paid as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.** Hackl abstained.

**REPORT FROM FINANCE/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE-APPLICATION #17-02 AND STATUS OF EXISTING LOANS:** Done in closed session.

**CONSIDERATION OF ADJOURNING INTO CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS APPLICATION #17-02, AND STATUS OF EXISTING LOANS PURSUANT TO STATE STATUTES 19.85(1)(f):**

**MOTION** Anderson, second Bartlett to adjourn into closed session to discuss application #17-02 and status of existing loans pursuant to State Statutes 19.85(1)(f). **ROLL CALL YES:** Anderson, Bartlett, Bindl, Goplin, Miller, Wiederholt and Hackl. **NO:** none. **MOTION CARRIED.**

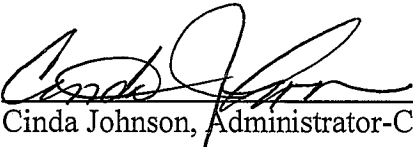
**RETURN TO AND RECONVENING IN OPEN SESSION:** **MOTION** Bartlett, second Anderson to reconvene in open session. **ROLL CALL YES:** Anderson, Bartlett, Bindl, Goplin, Miller, Wiederholt and Hackl. **NO:** none. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION, IF ANY AND IF REQUIRED BY LAW TO BE TAKEN IN OPEN SESSION  
ON CLOSED SESSION MATTERS:**

**MOTION** Bartlett, second Anderson to reconvene in open session. **ROLL CALL YES:** Anderson, Bartlett, Bindl, Goplin, Miller, Wiederholt and Hackl. **NO:** none. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** Bartlett, second Anderson to approve the Revolving Loan #17-02 for \$35,000, 1% interest, 1 year deferral on payment, 8-year loan and collateral will be a first on three parcels of property and a second on property that is being acquired. **ROLL CALL YES:** Anderson, Bartlett, Goplin, Miller, Wiederholt and Hackl. **NO:** none. **MOTION CARRIED. Bindl passed on voting.**

**ADJOURNMENT:** **MOTION** Anderson, second Bartlett to adjourn. **MOTION CARRIED.**

  
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Cinda Johnson, Administrator-Clerk