

August 28, 2017 – Hackl called the Special Meeting of the Village Board to order at 6:00 pm in the Council Chambers of the Kratochwill Memorial Building. The following members were present: Anderson, Bartlett, Bindl, Blood, Miller and Wiederholt. Also present: Schramm, Wardell and Johnson.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION ON ATC UPDATES-electric line upgrade:

Wardell met with American Transmission Company (ATC) regarding a large reconstruction project from the Muscoda substations to Avoca/Lone Rock in 2018/2019 and then to Boscobel after completion. Wardell discussed with them the possibility of designing taller poles in the Village so our electric lines could be attached to their poles, this is called “underbuilt”. It would be eight poles with additional cross arms and associated equipment. ATC also needs a staging area for a job trailer and storage of equipment. Wardell suggested the area south of Hwy 133 and east of Middle Street in the landfill area. He will be meeting with them on Wednesday and the Board wants him to discuss trading rental space for doing the underbuilt.

DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION ON MEAL SITE CONSTRUCTION UPDATE AND PROJECT EXPENSES/FINANCES:

Hackl discussed the need to continue working on the remodeling for the meal site. Anderson obtained a quote of \$2,000 for cabinets and countertop. Bindl will contact Habitat for Humanity ReStore in Madison to see if they have cabinets and countertops. Hackl contacted Grant County ADRC and they will contribute up to \$2,500 for the remodeling project. The seams on the roof are still not caulked by Walking Iron. **MOTION** Anderson, second Bartlett to continue with improvements for the meal site. **MOTION CARRIED.**

PREPARING FOR 2018 BUDGET PROCESS:

The Board discussed the following items:

- Obtain a quote on replacement of metal poles on Wisconsin Avenue, on Nebraska to Iowa, and on Walnut to Iowa. Quote should contain: poles, replacement of underground wiring, new sidewalk from curb to store front. Wardell is to work on these quotes over the winter months.
- Kratochwill Building: front awning needs to be fixed or replaced. Miller will make contact with classes at the High School for design thoughts and construction. A dehumidifier is needed for the Village Office at a cost of \$200.
- Sewer Rate Increase: Wardell and Johnson will work on the five year plan that is needed by the auditors to establish a rate increase. The last sewer rate change was in 1999.
- Discussed items that are plugging up the lift stations. Johnson was directed to send a letter with the utility bills in September regarding usage of sewer system.
- Police- Squad #1 is scheduled to be replaced in 2018 and there is capital funds available for that purchase. Crossing lights at Wisconsin & Grove – estimated cost is \$8,000
- Wardell was instructed to get information on all vehicles – mileage, year, condition. International dump truck (blue) should be the next truck to be replaced.
- A hand press is needed for the electric department.
- All crosswalks need to be painted.
- Suggested putting “depth” lines in the pool and building a pavilion for spectators to be under for shade.

- Cemetery – at some point this needs to be a budget item as existing funds will eventually run out. A meeting should be scheduled with Katie Bedward from Edward Jones to review financial information.
- Clean up days should be scheduled the same as Town of Muscoda and Pulaski.
- Replacement/upgrading park equipment – Bartlett will contact Village of Blue River
- Promoting the campground better, look at permanent sites to possibly include water/sewer, look at rate for permanent sites. Maybe establish a group of individuals from the Chamber, Lions, Village, and others to work on park improvements.
- Replacement of the Jaycee Ballpark fence.
- Next budget meeting start at the Riverside park.
- Storm sewers: Blood asked about the intersection of Iowa & Warehouse as storm water ponds there. He was told that was a french drain and not much can be done about it except to purchase property and put in a retention pond. Hackl and Wardell will view trouble areas after the next heavy rain.
- Review Capital Improvement Plan at next budget meeting.

REVIEW SUPERVISOR EVALUATIONS AND EVALUATION OF GENERAL EMPLOYEE: done in closed session.

ESTABLISH ELIGIBILITY LIST FOR FULL TIME POLICE OFFICER AND SET COMPENSATION: done in closed session.

MOTION Miller second Blood to adjourn into closed session to review supervisor evaluations and evaluation of general employee and establish eligibility list for full time police officer and set compensation pursuant to State Statute 19.85 (1)(c). **ROLL CALL VOTE: YES:** Anderson, Bartlett, Bindl, Blood, Miller, Wiederholt and Hackl. **NO:** none. **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Board met with Cinda Johnson, Troy Wardell, and William Schramm individually to review their 2017 evaluation with them. After reviewing evaluations the Chief met with the Board to discuss the eligibility list and set compensation.

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

ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION MATTERS: MOTION Bindl second Blood to put Andrew Nelson and Julie Brooks in the Police Officer eligibility pool. **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION Bartlett second Anderson to hire Andrew Nelson. **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION Bindl second Anderson that the starting wage will be \$18.50 per hour; after six month an increase of .25 per hour and upon successful completion of orientation period of one year an additional .25 per hour. **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION Anderson second Bartlett to adjourn the meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.**

