

REGULAR MEETING – August 13, 2019

President Hackl called the 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, Blood, Miller and Wiederholt. Also present: Schramm, Wardell, and Johnson.

PROOF OF PUBLICATION: **Motion** Bartlett, second Miller, to accept the Proof of Publication. **Motion carried.**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: **Motion** Miller, second Anderson to accept the minutes as presented. **Motion carried.**

APPEARANCE: WPPI Energy Chief Financial Officer Marty Dreischmeier was present to conduct the yearly update from WPPI. His main three topics were: Muscoda's membership in WPPI Energy, electric industry issues/updates, and supporting local needs. There are 51 members with two board meetings per year and annual meeting in September. Mr. Dreischmeier reviewed the power supply, new power sources and our carbon footprint. Recent developments include continued support in cyber security, customer support, tariff compliance, mapping and member user support. Muscoda's Energy Service Representative James Schwingle is in Muscoda each Thursday should any Board member or customer have questions.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- a. Results of CDBG application for well house:* President Hackl announced that the Village was notified that the Department of Administration has approved a CDBG grant award up to \$576,000 for the new well house project.
- b. Description sign for Kratochwill Memorial Building:* Trustee Anderson was in contact with BL Signs and they have agreed to make a 3 ½' sign for the utility pole that has "Police Dept, Village & Utility Offices and Senior Meal Site" on it. There is no cost to the Village for this sign. BL plans to start the awning replacement in mid-September.
- c. Update on TID projects and financing-possible additional projects:* Johnson explained that some of the approved items are not completed. Once all the invoices have been received that item can be discussed.
- d. Establishing cremation area:* Trustee Bartlett explained that he had met with the owners of Archie Monument to discuss the cremation area and stones. He would like the Board's approval to have Archie Monument prepare a proposal for the cremation area. It was agreed to have Archie draw up a proposal.
- e. Appointment of Village Forester:* Chief Schramm explained that he was contacted by a resident about their neighbor's tree limb that had fallen towards her home. It has been cleaned up, but this resident feels the tree could be dangerous. Upon researching the ordinances, the Village is to have an appointed Forester who would inspect trees for disease and/or determine if they are a hazard. The Chief explained the procedures that are in the current ordinance. He contacted the DNR to see if they had a Forester that could do inspections, and they do not. He did locate a company from the Middleton area that would charge \$150 for each inspection plus a report. The Board discussed the ordinance and the situation for the tree in question. It was decided to have Chief Schramm contact the owner of the tree to have them contact the concerned neighbor to see if something could be resolved. No Forester will be appointed. If one is needed in the future, the Village may contract with a company.

- f. Update on Hover Club of America visit in August:* Johnson reported that there were approximately 55 people for the event and everything seemed to go well.
- g. Cameras at the public swimming pool:* Chief Schramm received a quote from Total Technologies for \$3,859 for a camera; wireless is not recommended for the pool. Chief stated he could do the work in one day and probably get the equipment for less cost; he will have an estimate for the September meeting.
- h. Committee meeting attendance:* Trustee Bindl expressed his concern over quorums at Grant County Economic Development Meetings. Attorney Wood explained, per Village Code, anyone can attend meetings as long as they are approved. Administrator Johnson has a “public notice” posted for various meetings that Board members attend. Attorney Wood suggested that when agendas are received from Grant County to post that agenda also.

LIBRARY BOARD REPORT:

Minutes from April 3rd were included in packets. Hackl reported that there are issues with a door on the south side of the Library. She reviewed an email from Delta 3 Engineer Joe Bailie regarding the door issue. It was decided to have Trustees Anderson and Bindl work with Wardell on the doors.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT: no report

GRANT COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT: Hackl, Bindl, and Blood attended the July meeting in Lancaster; tour was of the jail; 2020 dues will remain the same as 2019.

REPORT ON MEETINGS ATTENDED BY BOARD MEMBERS:

Trustee Blood submitted a written report on the happenings at Grant County Tourism Council meeting and asked for approval to attend the September 19th meeting in Boscobel and the October 17th meeting in Fennimore. All Board members expressed interest in attending the August 28th GCED meeting being held here in Muscoda. **Motion** Anderson, second Bartlett to approve Blood to attend the September & October Grant County Tourism Council meetings in Boscobel and Fennimore; all Board members to attend the August 28th GCED meeting in Muscoda; and Hackl and Bindl to attend annual WPPI meeting in Elkhart Lake. **Motion carried.**

POLICE REPORT: Chief Schramm submitted his monthly report and discussed having internships for officers. **Motion** Miller, second Anderson to approve the Police report. **Motion carried.**

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT: Wardell submitted his monthly report. He also reported that earlier in the day he and Bindl attended the DNR meeting in Wausau to ask for additional funds for the boat land project. The Village was awarded an additional \$14,693.42. The amount was a little less than what was requested. Wardell and Ekleberry were thanked for volunteering to do mutual aid in the Wisconsin Rapids area. Forty four MEUW member utilities responded with mutual aid. **Motion** Anderson, second Miller to approve the Superintendent Report. **Motion carried.**

ADMINISTRATOR CLERK-TREASURER REPORT: Johnson submitted her monthly report. Discussed various meetings that need to be scheduled; fielding several calls for camping; training required for CDBG grant on 24th of September in Madison; does the Village want to charge for electric on the seasonal sites that are still under construction; and several attachments (August calendar, OT/DT/comp report, MEUW Live Lines, Meister Cheese/Focus on Energy info). **Motion** Anderson, second Wiederholt to approve the Administrator Clerk report, schedule

meetings as necessary, forego additional electric charges for the seasonal sites for 2019 and authorize Johnson to attend mandatory CDBG training. **Motion carried.**

ACTION ON LICENSES: **Motion** Bartlett, second Anderson to accept the applications and grant three temporary Class B Beer licenses to the American Legion for August 28, September 25, and October 23, 2019, and operator licenses to Jennifer Degenhardt, Jennifer McGrath, Gwen Clark, Miranda McKinney, and Larissa Rounds. **Motion carried.**

PAYMENT OF INVOICES: **Motion** Bartlett, second Anderson to approve the invoices as presented. **Roll call vote: Yes:** Wiederholt, Bartlett, Bindl, Miller, Anderson, and Hackl. **No:** none. **Abstained:** Blood. **Motion carried.**

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON STEPS FOR COLLECTION OF CERTIFICATION FEES FROM EMPLOYEE(s)-closed session Wis SS 19.85(1)(c): discussed in closed session.

DISCUSSION ON LAND PURCHASE/AGREEMENT FOR ATC SWITCHING STATION-closed session Wis SS 19.85(1)(e): discussed in closed session.

CONSIDERATION OF ADJOURNING INTO CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS STEPS FOR COLLECTION OF CERTIFICATION FEES FROM EMPLOYEE(s) PURSUANT TO WIS SS 19.85(1)(c) AND LAND PURCHASE/AGREEMENT FOR ATC SWITCHING STATION PURSUANT TO WIS SS 19.85(1)(e): **Motion** Bindl, second Wiederholt to adjourn into closed session. **Roll call vote: Yes:** Wiederholt, Bartlett, Bindl, Blood, Anderson, Miller, and Hackl. **No:** none. **Motion carried.**

RETURN TO AND RECONVENING IN OPEN SESSION: **Motion** Bartlett, second Blood to reconvene into open session. **Roll call vote: Yes:** Wiederholt, Bartlett, Bindl, Blood, Anderson, Miller, and Hackl. **No:** none. **Motion carried.**

Land for switching station will be referred to Plan Commission.

ADJOURNMENT: **Motion** Bartlett, second Blood to adjourn the meeting. **Motion carried.**

Cinda Johnson, Village Administrator Clerk