

SPECIAL MEETING – September 24, 2019

President Hackl called the Special Meeting of the Muscoda Village Board to order at 6:30 pm in the Council Chambers of the Kratochwill Memorial Building. The following members were present: Anderson, Bartlett, 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.

PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT SELECTION:

Johnson had copies of the quotes on the playground equipment from the last Park Improvement Committee meeting. Lee Recreational quote is valid until December 1st. Trustee Bindl was going to contact Lee and CRS to see if he could get better prices. It was decided to table the purchase of the equipment until the October 8th board meeting and President Hackl will call the two companies on Wednesday and explain the situation.

WORK ON 2020 BUDGET:

Johnson distributed budget work papers and asked the Board for direction on 2020 projects or if they knew of anything that needed to be done in the Village.

Johnson and Wardell explained the new Multimodal Local Supplement (MLS) program. This is a one-time funding opportunity. Must be for public works projects in excess of \$250,000 for Village's, 6-year completion, no utility funding, promoting economic development and public safety scores higher and applications are due December 6th at 5:00pm. Wardell suggested storm water replacement from the parking lot by Walsh's to Iowa Street and north on Iowa to the retention pond on Greentree Trail. This will be an agenda item for the October 8th board meeting. Need to select a project at that time if we want to submit an application in December.

The following was discussed:

- Election equipment – our current election equipment is outdated and will no longer be supported by Command Central. Grant County has taken the lead on this project and will purchase the equipment and then municipalities pay them back. The new equipment for the Village will be \$7,560.50 The entire amount is in the proposed budget but that amount can be reduced and spread over three years.
- Johnson presented information relating to a proposed increase for election workers. A comparison of other municipalities was distributed. Increasing the Chief Inspectors to \$10/hour and poll workers to \$9.50/hour would cost an additional \$375 in even number years when there are four elections.
- Computer equipment – currently the office computers are on windows 7. After December 31st they will not be supported by WPPI and the Village will not be able to access the State Election system with all the voters information. I am in the process of obtaining quotes to upgrade our systems.
- Recycling charges – Town and Country has given their customers notice that effective January 1st there will be a monthly charge for recycling disposal of \$60 per ton. In 2018, the Village had 80.28 tons of recycling. The \$60 rate could be adjusted down if Town and Countries charges drop.
- The annual spring cleanup charges were discussed. The cost is approximately \$20,000. It was decided to continue this service at no charge to residents as it does get the Village cleaned up.

- Wardell noted that the equipment is in good condition. Due to the use of the skid steer, the number of hours on the lease needs to be increased.
- Chief Schramm discussed wages and the availability of Police Officers. When compared to other communities, Muscoda is one of the lowest paid Police Departments and it is getting difficult to attract Officers. A new taser will be needed in 2020.
- Johnson distributed current wage information, MEUW wage/benefit survey, supervisor evaluation forms and 2020 health information. The health information had three examples: 88% of average employer contribution, splitting the increase 50/50 between the Village and employees and the final example was if the employees paid 100% of the increase.

REVIEW EVALUATIONS OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES AND CONDUCT EVALUATIONS OF SUPERVISORS: closed session

CONSIDERATION TO ADJOURN INTO CLOSED SESSION TO REVIEW EVALUATIONS OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES AND CONDUCT EVALUATIONS OF SUPERVISORS: Motion Anderson, second Bartlett to adjourn into closed session. Roll call vote: Yes: Bartlett, Wiederholt, Miller, Anderson, and Hackl. No: none. Motion Carried.

Schramm and Johnson left at this time. Wardell stayed for a short period.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION:

Motion Anderson, second Miller to reconvene in open session. Motion carried.

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

No actions taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion Wiederholt, second Anderson to adjourn meeting. Motion carried.

Cinda Johnson, Village Administrator Clerk

