

## **REGULAR MEETING – November 16, 2021**

President Hackl called the Special Meeting of the Muscoda Village Board to order at 6:00pm in the Council Chambers of the Kratochwill Memorial Building. The following members were present: Anderson, Imhoff, E Johnson, Miller, Seifert and Wiederholt. Also present: Wardell and Johnson.

### **PROOF OF PUBLICATION:**

**Motion** Anderson, second Imhoff to accept the Proof of Publication. **Motion carried.**

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

### **DISCUSSION/ACTION ON AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR FENCING AT INDUSTRIAL SUBSTATION:**

Administrator Johnson announced that two bids were received ranging from \$59,890 to \$69,550 and Engineer Krause recommends contracting with the low bidder, Northway Fence of Menomonee Falls. **Motion** Seifert, second Miller to award the contract to Northway Fence in the amount of \$59,890 for fencing around the Industrial Park Substation. **Roll call vote: Yes-E** Johnson, Wiederholt, Imhoff, Anderson, Seifert, Miller and Hackl. **No:** none. **Motion carried.**

### **DISCUSSION/ACTION ON AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR SUBGRADE CONSTRUCTION WORK AT INDUSTRIAL SUBSTATION:**

Administrator Johnson announced that one bid was received from Michels Power of Neenah and Engineer Krause recommends accepting their bid. **Motion** Imhoff, second Wiederholt to award the contract to Michels Power of Neenah for Subgrade Construction work at the Industrial Substation. **Roll call vote: Yes-Miller, Seifert, Anderson, Imhoff, Wiederholt, E Johnson and Hackl. No:** none. **Motion carried.**

### **DISCUSSION/ACTION ON CHARGING FOR SPRING CLEANUP ITEMS:**

The Board discussed the cost for the annual spring cleanup of approximately \$25,000 to see if there is any way to recoup some of the expense. Discussed charging for individual items like tires, appliances, electronics, etc versus a flat dollar amount per load. **Motion** Imhoff, second Anderson to charge \$20 for each trip to the landfill during spring cleanup. **Roll call vote: Yes-Miller, Seifert, Anderson, Imhoff, Wiederholt, E Johnson and Hackl. No:** none. **Motion carried.**

### **DISCUSSION ON BUDGETS INCLUDING USE OF FUND BALANCE:**

Administrator Johnson explained that she estimates that the General Fund will be a positive fund balance for 2021 of approximately \$190,000 and the Fund Balance for the Village has not dropped below \$1.5 million since before 2013. The Board discussed using approximately \$90,000 from fund balance to balance the 2022 budget or raising the levy \$40,000 and using only \$50,000 from fund balance. Some members felt that since the Village has had a very favorable fund balance for years and that the electric rates will be increasing to cover infrastructure improvements, that the fund balance should be used to balance the budget for 2022. Johnson was instructed to prepare the levy documents using \$90,000 from fund balance thus having the same levy as 2021.

### **CLOSED SESSION MATTERS:**

**Motion** Imhoff, second Seifert to adjourn into closed session to discuss 2022 Police Officer wages and salary versus hourly rate of pay for Chief of Police pursuant to State Statute 19.85(1)(c) and Plan Commission recommendation on sale of property to Grant County pursuant to State Statute

19.85(1)(e). **Roll call vote: Yes-**E Johnson, Wiederholt, Imhoff, Anderson, Seifert, Miller and Hackl. **No:** none. **Motion carried.**

**RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION:**

**Motion** duly made and seconded to reconvene in open session. **Roll call vote: Yes-**Miller, Seifert, Anderson, Imhoff, Wiederholt, E Johnson and Hackl. **No:** none. **Motion carried.**

**ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION MATTERS:**

No action taken.

**ADJOURNMENT:** **Motion** duly made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. **Motion carried.**

*Cinda Johnson*  
Cinda Johnson, Village Administrator