

## **SPECIAL MEETING – July 26, 2022**

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, Louis and Johnson.

### **PROOF OF PUBLICATION:**

**Motion** Wiederholt, second Miller to accept the Proof of Publication. **Motion carried.**

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

### **PUBLIC HEARING-VACATING WEST WATER STREET FROM WISCONSIN AVENUE TO DNR BOAT LANDING EXCLUDING FIRST 50' ADJACENT TO WISCONSIN AVENUE:**

**Motion** Anderson, second Seifert to open the Public Hearing to vacate a portion of West Water Street. **Motion carried.** Administrator Johnson explained that the notice to vacate this portion of Water Street was published for three consecutive weeks and the two property owners were served notice by certified mail. No one was in attendance with the Public Hearing. **Motion** Anderson, second Imhoff to close the Public Hearing.

### **DISCUSSION / ACTION ON RESOLUTION TO VACATE WEST WATER STREET FROM WISCONSIN AVENUE TO DNR BOAT LANDING EXCLUDING FIRST 50' ADJACENT TO WISCONSIN AVENUE:**

**Motion** Imhoff, second E Johnson to adopt a Resolution to Vacate West Water Street from Wisconsin Avenue to the DNR Boat Landing Excluding the First 50' Adjacent to Wisconsin Avenue. **Motion carried.**

### **DISCUSSION/ACTION ON ITEMS RELATED TO BORROWING FOR ELECTRIC PROJECTS:**

Administrator Johnson explained that to date expenses related to the substation expansion are \$3,088,042. Wardell said that there is approximately \$50,000 worth of gravel needed. In speaking with Financial Advisor Carol Wirth, she needs to know what we are going to borrow for: reimbursement of the substation expansion, upgrades to the Pineland circuit, automatic meter reading, or any other project.

Wardell explained the difficulties in ordering supplies, for example: approximately 30 transformers are needed for the Pineland upgrade, so when you order the supplier breaks up your order and you may get a few in six months, then some more in another six month and so on. Plus, you pay whatever the price is at time of delivery. At this time, he isn't sure if we can get wire or not.

It is difficult to put a price on supplies for the Pineland upgrade as it could be years before we have all the materials.

Wardell felt that we should be able to get the automatic meters and he will check with distributors on those. Last estimate was \$250,000 and everyone agreed to increase that amount to \$350,000

There still is \$70,000 owed on the SCADA for the substation.

Johnson also explained that a requirement of the bond issue is a condition of the electric system: concerns or problems and how they are being addressed, upgrades, etc.

With the General Fund paying all these expenses, the fund balance is just about depleted, so we need to move forward with the borrowing.

After considerable discussion, it was decided to borrow for the following and look at the Pineland upgrade within the next year or so.

Breakdown of funds:

\$3,088,042 – expenses to date for substation expansion  
\$ 50,000 – gravel  
\$ 70,000 – balance of SCADA  
\$ 350,000 – automatic meter reading  
\$3,558,042 – total of items

**Motion** Anderson, second Seifert to authorize Financial Advisor Carol Wirth to proceed with bonding documents for \$3,600,000 which includes reimbursement to the General Fund for substation expansion expenses and automatic meter reading system. **Motion carried.**

**DISCUSSION / ACTION ON HOURS FOR TEMPORARY OFFICE EMPLOYEE:**

**Motion** Seifert, second E Johnson to authorize addition hours for Debra Amdahl, temporary office employee, when Administrator Johnson is out of the Office. **Motion carried.**

**ADJOURNMENT:** **Motion** Anderson, second Wiederholt to adjourn the meeting. **Motion carried.**

*Cinda Johnson*  
Cinda Johnson, Village Administrator