

SPECIAL MEETING – February 26, 2024

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, Miller, Seifert and Wiederholt. Also present: Representatives from Fairfield Specialty Eggs (FSE), Delta 3 Engineer Bart Nies, Grant County Economic Development Director Ron Brisbois, Wardell and Johnson.

PROOF OF PUBLICATION:

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON DONATION TO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR MUSCODA MILE PROJECT:

The Board is in support of the Muscoda Historical Mile Project but had questions on cost, if the Chamber receives donations will the Village share be reduced, and possible joint bank account with Chamber. The Festival Committee has discussed donating to the project in conjunction with the General Fund. Discussed attendance at the next Chamber meeting to obtain more information. **Motion** Anderson, second Imhoff to postpone donating to the Muscoda Mile Project until more information is available. **Motion carried.**

DISCUSSION/ACTION WITH FAIRFIELD SPECIALTY EGGS (FSE) REGARDING EXCEEDING DISCHARGE LIMITS INTO THE WASTEWATER SYSTEM:

Engineer Nies distributed a packet of information that included the discharge permit between FSE and the Village that was signed prior to FSE starting operations in the Village; notice of noncompliance letter from December 27, 2023, which required FSE to become in compliance by March 1, 2024; and lab results from November and January which shows FSE has exceeded the DNR allowable limits. Nies explained that the limits in their discharge permits are the limits set by the DNR for the Village Wastewater Permit license. Muscoda's permit is for residential and low strength industrial waste since it is a lagoon system. In order to take high strength waste, the Village would need a mechanical wastewater treatment facility.

FSE owner Kenton Miller was present and explained that they are currently running two shifts, five days a week. They are hauling two to three tankers of waste to the Richland Center Wastewater Facility since Muscoda cannot handle the high strength. FSE is looking into a pretreatment facility as they would like to expand but don't know if it is feasible within the Village limits to do so. FSE asked if the Village would consider upgrading its facilities to take high strength waste. Miller also said that they will do whatever is needed to become in compliance with the permitted numbers.

Nies explained that it may be possible to upgrade our system. It is a three-to-five-year process with planning, feasibility studies, calculations, and predictions on population trends and use. If feasible, construction would not begin until 2027-2028. Nies said that it would cost approximately \$3,000-\$5,000 to prepare a conceptual plan to see if is feasible to upgrade the wastewater system. A contract will be prepared for the March meeting.

There is the possibility of constructing a detention tank. Nies will explore this option also.

Muscoda will continue to take samples and test through March if not longer. If the test results have not significantly improved, then another Special meeting will be held.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON CONCERNS WITH ITEMS FOUND IN LIFT STATIONS:

Wardell reported that extra time is being spent on the lift station by FSE as rags and other items are getting into the pumps. Miller will make sure that the screens remain on to avoid any unwanted items getting into the lift pumps.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON AMENDING TID #4 TO ADD KJ COLD STORAGE VACANT PROPERTY:

Owner of KJ Cold Storage Randy Versnik along with Ron Brisbois discussed the potential to amend TID #4 to include the vacant property of KJ Cold Storage for potential growth of the business. The existing map was reviewed along with the process to amend the plan and a general overview of establishment of TID #4. Versnik said at this time there are no set plans to expand, he just wanted to know if it was an option to include his vacant property.

CLOSED SESSION MATTERS:

- Pool Co-Director position-Wis SS 19.85(1)(c)

Motion Imhoff, second Wiederholt to adjourn into closed session to discuss Pool Co-Director position pursuant to Wis SS 19.85(1)(c) **Roll call vote:** Yes-Miller, Seifert, Anderson, Imhoff, Wiederholt and Hackl. **No:** none. **Motion carried.**

Pool Co-Director position: Administrator Johnson reported Lauree Vande Hey has decided to focus on swim team and swim lessons and would recommend Madison Vande Hey for the position. Madison has held this position in previous years.

RETURN TO AND RECONVENING IN OPEN SESSION:

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

ACTION, IF ANY, AND IF REQUIRED:

Motion Anderson, second Imhoff to offer the Pool Co-Director position to Madison Vande Hey at \$18.50 per hour. **Motion carried.**

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



Cinda Johnson, Village Administrator