

REGULAR MEETING – October 8, 2024

President Hackl called the meeting of the Muscoda Village Board to order at 7:00pm in the Council Chambers of the Kratochwill Memorial Building. The following members were present: Anderson, Imhoff, Miller, Seifert(7:20p), and Wiederholt. Also present: Schramm and Johnson.

PROOF OF PUBLICATION:

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (regular and special):

Motion Anderson, second Wiederholt to accept and approve the minutes. **Motion carried.**

APPEARANCES:

Chamber of Commerce President Dan Behrens updated the Board on the Muscoda Historical Mile Project. Behrens provided a detailed expense report and revenues. The project is currently underfunded by \$13,000 and the Chamber is asking the Village to contribute another \$13,000 in addition to the \$12,000 that has already been contributed. The total proposed Village contribution would be \$25,000. The Board expressed gratitude for the project and the \$13,000 will be discussed during the 2025 budget process.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

a. Pay application #7-Industrial Park Expansion-Gerke Excavating, Inc: Delta 3 Engineer Mark Doyle has reviewed the pay request and recommends payment. **Motion** Imhoff, second Anderson to approve pay application #7 from Gerke Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$373,286. **Motion carried.**

b. Update on exceeding limits into the wastewater system: Kenton Miller, owner of Fairfield Specialty Eggs (FSE) was present to discuss the testing results and the inconsistency of the results. The area that the samples are being pulled from has very low flow and the sampler is turned off when not sampling. The sampler will now be left on to increase the flow. Miller is looking at his own treatment facility. In turn for his own facility, he mentioned that FSE would consider contributing to the Village should it want to take on upgrades to its lagoon facility.

c. Camping during winter months at seasonal sites and establishing fees if necessary: Current ordinance would need to be amended to allow camping when the park is closed for the season. It was decided to leave the ordinance as is.

d. Seasonal campsite applications: none at this time.

e. Request from WCCU to have a “mobile” bank in the Village: WCCU sent an inquiry to set up a mobile bank in the Village. Board discussed best location for them to park. Chief Schramm noted that there is no ordinance which would allow the Board to determine the location for them to park. It was suggested not on Wisconsin Avenue between Front and Beech Streets.

f. License applications: Operators: **Motion** Miller, second Seifert to approve the application and grant Operator license for Kayla Cathman. **Motion carried.**

g. Update on 2025 Budgets: Administrator Johnson reported that she met briefly with Wardell before he left for mutual aid in Florida on budget items. These will be reviewed next Tuesday during the Special Meeting.

h. Schedule budget meetings: Budget meetings are scheduled for Tuesdays at 6:00pm through October.

i. Request to close alley between Copper Lounge and Walsh’s Ace: Copper Lounge owner Wendy Roh has organized a Food Truck / vendor day for October 26th and would like to close the alley for vendors to park. **Motion** Imhoff, second Seifert to close the alley between Copper Lounge and Walsh’s Ace Hardware on October 26th for food truck/vendor day. **Motion carried.**

j. Fire District report and 2025 proposed budget: This item will be tabled until the October 15th Special Meeting since Hackl, Imhoff and Wiederholt need to abstain from voting.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT: nothing more to report.

LIBRARY BOARD REPORT: Next meeting will be October 9th.

REPORT ON MEETINGS ATTENDED BY BOARD MEMBERS AND ACTION ON ATTENDANCE AT VARIOUS MEETINGS:

The next meeting will be in Kieler on October 23rd. **Motion** Imhoff, second Anderson to approve attendance at various meetings including Annual League meeting. **Motion carried.**

POLICE REPORT:

Chief Schramm submitted his monthly report. The new squad should be available within a month or so. The Grant County fiber optic has been wired into Village Hall. **Motion** Anderson, second Wiederholt to accept the monthly Police Report. **Motion carried.**

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

Wardell submitted his monthly report. Wardell and Dilley are on mutual aid with MEUW in Florida. Administrator Johnson reported that Public Power week is this week and the luncheon is Thursday. The free recycling event is Saturday October 12th. **Motion** Seifert, second Miller to approve the Superintendents Report. **Motion carried.**

ADMINISTRATOR CLERK-TREASURER REPORT:

Johnson submitted her monthly report which included a list of detailed tasks that the Office staff are working on and what has been completed. Also included was information from the annual financial software training that she and Louis attended. A letter was received from a camper expressing how nice and clean our park is. **Motion** Anderson, second Seifert to accept the Administrator Clerk report. **Motion carried.**

PAYMENT OF INVOICES:

Motion Anderson, second Miller to approve the invoices as presented. **Roll call vote: Yes-**Miller, Seifert, Anderson, Imhoff, and Wiederholt. **No-**none. **Abstained-**Hackl. **Motion carried.**

CLOSED SESSION MATTERS:

Motion Seifert, second Anderson to adjourn into closed session to discuss/review the repurchase agreement with business owner pursuant to Wis. SS 19.85(1)(e); update on revolving loans pursuant to Wis. SS 19.85(1)(f); and discussion on 2025 employee compensation and orientation period for Street Laborer/Sewer Operator pursuant to Wis. SS 19.85(1)(c). **Roll call vote: Yes-**Miller, Seifert, Anderson, Imhoff, Wiederholt, and Hackl. **No:** none. **Motion carried.**

Discuss the repurchase agreement: Administrator Johnson reviewed the repurchase agreement that the Village entered with Cool Zone/KJ Cold Storage. ***The board discussed the agreement with owner Randy Versnik.

Revolving Loan Update: Administrator Johnson reported that all loans are on schedule.

Discussion on 2025 employee compensation: discuss during budget meetings.

Discussion on orientation period for Street Laborer/Sewer Operator: Dakota Lins has completed his orientation period and is doing a good job. Per his contract upon successful completion, his wage is increased to \$21.50 per hour.

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 ITEMS:

Motion Imhoff, second Seifert to approve Dakota Lins's completion of orientation period and increase his wage to \$21.50 per hour effective September 24, 2024. **Motion carried.**

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion Anderson, second Imhoff to adjourn the meeting. **Motion carried.**



Cinda Johnson, Village Administrator