

VILLAGE OF REDGRANITE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING – February 17, 2025

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held at the Municipal Building on February 17, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 6:34 pm by Jim Erdmann. Roll Call: Jim Erdmann, Mark Juslen, Ellen Caswell, Gary Rodencal, Dillon Gray, Tim Hagar and Matt Hagar. Motion by Ellen, seconded by Matt to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

PUBLIC FORUM: Shawnie Schuldt was present to address the Board. Her concerns are about the property at 131 Dearborn St. She feels he has multiple violations. Neighbors are not wanting his property to be rezoned from residential to commercial property stating what he has been doing has negatively impacted the neighborhood and property values. Shawnie feels this property is a nuisance to the surrounding area. She wants the Zoning request to be denied. Shawnie Schuldt gave Jim Erdmann other written complaints from seven other neighborhoods along with her written statement. One paper being a written statement from her realtor offering his professional opinion on Nick Thomas' property being operated as a sawmill business with major concerns impacting the residents and property values, unsafe traffic conditions, nonstop noise pollution, increase rodent population and declining property values. Steve and Sue Chamula agreed with Shawnie's statements. Jim Erdmann stated he talked to Shawnie and Steve prior to the meeting. Other neighbors can talk to one of them about what was said, also reassures that this is being investigated and hoping to get it moving along quickly. Sue Chamula wanted to know if the Dearborn sign will be removed from alley.

Motion by Ellen, second by Gary to approve the Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on February 17, 2024. Motion carried.

CLERK'S REPORT – Becky reported that Monday thru Wednesday is the BakerTilly Audit. Tomorrow is the Primary Election with polls open at 7am to 8pm. Congressman Glen Grothman visited the Village Hall today with an Open Forum for residents. There was a good turnout, and we were at the max capacity with 75 people.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Jim Erdmann had nothing to report.

FINANCE, PERSONNEL, INSURANCE – Motion by Dillon, second Matt, to approve General Fund disbursements– checks 115457 through 115489 (BankFirst) for a total of \$62,366.78. Water fund disbursements - checks 62006089 through 62006098 (BankFirst) for a total of \$11,739.97. Sewer fund disbursements – checks 63006929 through 63006936 (BankFirst) for a total of \$11,801.95; and payroll of \$49,086.57 creating a grand total of \$134,995.27 and approval of financial reports for general, water and sewer as printed. Motion carried. Motion by Tim, second by Mark to approve Alcohol & Drug Testing Policy with needed changes. Motion carried. Jim stated there are a few errors that need to be fixed. Currently, Village of Redgranite has no pre-employment drug testing for CDL drivers and to stay current with FMCSA. Motion carried. Motion by Ellen, second by Gary to hire Austin Wemmer for full-time employment for Public Works. Motion carried.

LIBRARY - Update was given by Jeannie McBeth. She stated the Library Annual Report does not have to be Village Board approved. A copy of the report is available for Board Members to discuss. The Library Board must approve it first, so she will present it at the March Board meeting. Jeannie stated the annually meeting was exciting. She hosted the LAC Meeting where Waushara County Library directors get together. Waushara County Library Services met at library and liked the new shelving, Jeannie was elected to be back on the committee for another 2-year term. She is starting to negotiate towards the end of year and beginning of next year for a Waushara County Funding Contract. The Library received \$3,000.00 for 2025. Jeannie feels Redgranite could be looked at differently, the formula doesn't represent the hours the Library is open or services they offer. That will have to be negotiated over the next couple of years, but the contract will last for six years. Lacy Juslen is doing well. She has learned to do inter-library loans from Winne Fox Staff. She can request items from different places if the Library doesn't have it. Jeannie stated she had training on Constant Contact (marketing) and will put out information that the community needs to know, but only with people who have E-mails. She also attended Cyber Security Training. She wants to start doing things at library to educate our community of the dangers. She also needs to meet with the Ordinance committee to put a shed up behind the library to store outdoor equipment and miscellaneous items. The Library has a VHS/ DVD conversion and has many VHS and DVDs being converted. On Wednesday, March 19, 2025, at 9:00am, the Friends of Library are meeting at 5pm, Civic Center Meeting and Library board meeting at 6:00pm. Dillion stated that there could be a safety risk in the way they are storing things at library, need to put a priority on getting storage shed on property.

MACHINERY, GARBAGE, ORDINANCES – Jim Fredrick gave an update. He picked up a snow bucket for the skid steer. He is using the skid steer for curb and gutter cleaning. Jim states it is cutting down time by 2 hours. Austin will be trained on the Skid Steer so Jim can keep snow plowing. The bucket will come in handy for cleaning snow around hydrants. Plow truck broke down in first snowstorm. Jim finished plowing with the Ram. Jim hopes to have the plow truck fixed and ready for the next storm. The adopting of an Ordinance to remove Garbage/Recycle cans from streets within 24 hours of snowstorm is tabled until the next Ordinance Committee meeting. Jim Erdmann stated we must write Ordinance before we can approve it. Motion by Tim, second by Gary to replace Auger on Sand/Salt Spreader for Orange Utility Truck in the amount of \$2,331.14. Jim Frederick states the flights are so thin it is not putting out enough material and to replace the entire unit is over \$10,000.00. Motion carried. The new 8-foot Grader Blade is too much money so Jim will watch for a used one. Motion tabled until he can find a used one.

MUNICIPAL BUILDING – Jim Fredrick had no monthly update. The shop door is rotted through on the bottom and the tracks are shot. One estimate is \$4,900.00. Motion is tabled until the March Board meeting for a replacement of the Overhead Garage Door. Jim will get estimates.

PARKS, CEMETERY – Monthly update was given by Jim Fredrick. Jim reached out to get estimates on service doors for Veteran's Park but had not heard back from them. Jim contacted Phelps Concrete for south side concrete slab at Veteran's Park that is cracked and sinking in. Jim states there is no base, just sand and that is why it is caving in. Mike Getchius asked Jim Fredrick to extend the grave warmer with an extra foot and it is working well with all the frost in the ground. Motion by Ellen, seconded by Mark to approve invoice from NiceRink in the amount of \$1,038.19 for skating rink supplies for next winter. Motion carried. A local business owner asked Jim Fredrick about renting picnic tables for an event they are having. Dillion asked which park the tables would come from, Veterans or Willow Creek. Jim suggested Willow Creek because they are lighter. Jim Fredrick prefers Veterans Park tables because they are solid. Jim Erdmann asked how many tables they were looking to rent. Jim Fredrick was not sure. Brie Chappa stated that if you rent to one you are going to have to rent to everyone and what condition they will be returned in. Dillion Gray suggested having a contract with a flat fee rate. Tim Hagar stated it should be open to Redgranite residents only. Dillion Gray stated that it could be an exception because it's an activity that may support other businesses in town or we possibly have a radius around Redgranite to rent picnic tables. Jim Erdmann is wondering how it will work if people want to be in a park and have no picnic tables. Jim Fredrick states no tables will be rented if the park is reserved. Jim Erdmann would like to know how many tables and how often they want to do this. Jim Erdmann feels there could be problems like damage or conflicting dates. Mark Juslen states he needs to know what the cost would be to replace the picnic table. Renting out tables would allow the Village to buy new tables. Would need to factor in how long it takes to load and deliver a table, actual cost of wear and tear on the table and if the deposit would cover the cost of damaged tables. Jim Erdmann asked if tables were built from prison. Jim Fredrick states they are all from the prison and he plans on having three more made this year. It costs \$300.00 for material to make two tables. Brie Chappa states getting tables from the prison is much cheaper than buying them anywhere else. Jim Erdmann is going to think about it. He can see a way of keeping the new picnic tables and renting out older ones if they are in decent shape. Jim Frederick states there are tables down at East Side Park that they have and could straighten frames. He may have to replace a few boards and then could use those. Tim Hagar states we buy new ones and use old ones for rentals then figure out how to transport them. Jim Erdmann needs more information before any decision is made. Ellen made a Motion to table until March Regular Board meeting. Seconded by Gary. Motion carried.

POLICE, FIRE – Update was given by Jeff from the Fire District. A new rescue truck was picked up on January 28, 2025, and put in service on the 31st. Old rescue truck was supposed to get stripped and will be put up for auction. With the new truck in service there is more room to utilize equipment we were not able to have on the old truck. Update for the Police Department was given by Brie Chappa. She stated she attended the Police Chief Convention. Chief Tarr is looking into prices and items for a new squad. The Department was reimbursed for Matt Zuehlke's schooling. There are still prison cases being dealt with. Motion by Dillon, seconded by Matt to Approve the Voice Recognition Software in the amount of \$1,044.75. Motion carried.

SEWER, WATER – Brent gave a monthly update. MSA came and conducted Commercial Cross Connection Inspection for the year. They also reviewed a list of commercial buildings and switched some from a two-year frequency to a six-year frequency. This will cut down on how much we will have to do yearly. Steaven passed two more tests. He now holds six licenses. Steaven signed up for two more classes and will have two more tests to complete. Motion by Mark, second by Tim to Approve the Hydro Klean invoice in the amount of \$33,800.00 for manholes in need of repair. Brent stated that last year they spray lined two manholes. Brent would like to hire Hydro Klean because they build the manhole covers from inside to out with no need for digging up the road. They would replace the casting and seals on top. Brent stated there are two on Franklin Street, one on Pine River Street and one on Dedrick St. This money was already budgeted for repairs for this

year. Motion carried. Motion by Tim, second by Mark to approve the invoice from PJ Kortens Co. in the amount of \$1,359.62 for replacement of Pressure Transmitter at Well #1. Brent stated the pressure transmitter on the discharge pressure side was not accurate. On their next visit they will have parts and replace them. This will give more accurate discharge pressure from Well #1 into the reservoir. Motion carried.

STREETS, SIDEWALKS, Ditches- Update was given by Jim Fredrick. Redgranite had 11.5" of snow, and the Village of Redgranite residents were rockstars. There were a few driveways that were plugged up a few times heard but he heard no complaints. Jim saw residents helping each other out removing snow. Jim F told his employees that if they saw anyone struggling to stop and help them out. Austin Wemmer started the job today. Jim stated he did an amazing job and is a nice addition to the Public Works Department. Motion by Tim, seconded by Mark to rollover the 2024 Street Outlay Funds in the amount of \$16,800.00 into 2025. Jim stated that the Waushara County bills won't be in until December. Jim stated there are culverts needed for major ditch work and with the widening of the intersection on Park Street and Water Street. The job entails cutting out the black top, removing old culverts to make the ditches better. Motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: Nothing to Report

Items to be placed on March 17, 2025, Regular Board Meeting:
Set up meeting.

- 1) Garbage/Recycling Ordinance.
- 2) Repairing Overhead Door at Public Works Building.
- 3) Rental of Park Picnic Tables.

Motion by Mark, seconded by Matt to Adjourn meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:18pm by Jim Erdmann.

Respectfully submitted,
Christa Erdmann
Village Deputy Clerk