

VILLAGE OF REDGRANITE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING – July 17, 2023

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held at the Municipal Building on July 17, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. Roll Call: Mark Juslen, Jim Erdmann, Dillon Gray, Gary Rodencal, Ellen Caswell and Tim Hagar. Motion by Mark, second by Dillon, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

PUBLIC FORUM – Lynette Kiernicki requested to have an extra dog for 6 months at 504 Thackery St. Her daughter is moving in and has a dog. Action tabled to next meeting. Deborah McDonald requested an adjustment to her water utility bill. Her usage was higher than normal due to excess watering. Action tabled until next meeting. Dean Knollenberg requested an adjustment to his water utility bill. Asking for a \$70.00 credit. His usage was higher than normal due to extra watering of his garden. Action tabled until next meeting. Mary Woiak with Amvets is interested in donating to the Village. Andrea Wilcox questioned the need for the ARPA Consultant position and the wages for which are being paid. Also would like to determine the actual needs vs wants of the projects listed. Not listed was the replacement cost of the damaged ice rink liner. Would like consideration of setting money aside to pay for repairs. John Kroll spoke of the criticism from a few residents of the Village employees including Utilities, Public Works, Library and Village Board. Noted that all the employees are very hard working. Matt Hagar stated that Village sidewalks can be repaired by the residents. Donna Booth stated that she appreciates all the Village employees and the job they do. She questioned the additional charges on her utility bill. She does not have sewer and water hook up. Dean Knollenberg inquired as to why the PFP charges are now added on the utility bills and not on the property tax bill.

Motion by Dillon, second by Gary, to approve the minutes of the regular Board meeting on June 19, 2023. Motion carried.

CLERK'S REPORT – None

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – President Jim mentioned the start of live streaming of the Board meetings. This is the first time and still working on the details. This will eventually be available on both the Library and Village websites.

FINANCE, PERSONNEL, INSURANCE – Justin Hoagland, Senior Manager of Bakertilly presented the 2022 Financial Report. This report was completed at the end of April. Audit was conducted and all information compiled into his report. The financial condition of the Village's accounts was assessed, and a breakdown provided. In 2022, there was a deficit of \$228,000.00. Due largely to overspending in the Budget. Documentation supports his findings. President thanked Justin for his report.

General Fund – Check #14368 thru Check #14436 in the amount of \$54,037.09. Water Fund – Check #5730 thru Check #5757 in the amount of \$5,118.00. Sewer Fund – Check #6499 thru Check #6524 in the amount of \$45,250.89. ARPA Fund – Check #1012 & Check #1013 in the amount of \$1,981.27. Motion by Ellen, second by Mark to approve the bills listed and Financial Reports. Motion carried.

MACHINERY, GARBAGE, ORDINANCES – The next Committee of the Whole to review ordinances was set for Monday, August 7, 2023, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Motion by Dillion, second by Gary, to approve the results of the Hunting Committee for Brent Snow. He has received hunting rights on his property. Motion carried. Motion by Mark, second by Dillon to approve the results of the Hunting Committee for Nick Thomas. He has received only bow and cross-bow hunting on his property currently. Can readjust findings later to include gun use. No gun use is permitted currently. Hunting Committee decision is linked to the person and not to the property. Motion carried.

MUNICIPAL BUILDING – None

PARKS, CEMETERY – The next Quarry Committee is scheduled for Monday, July 31, 2023 at 6:00pm. Discussion on reorganizing the Quarry Committee including towns people, businesses, and Board members. All Village Parks would be considered. President Jim would like to move forward with a revised committee to handle issues arising at the Quarry. Motion by Dillon, second by Gary to set a date and time for a Quarry Committee and open the meeting for discussion getting the residents for their input. Motion carried.

POLICE, FIRE – An update on the Redgranite Area Fire District June meeting was given by Tim Hagar. He stated the new Fire Truck didn't meet specs and they are looking into another truck from the same company. Kyle spoke to the fact that at the July 7, 2023 Committee Meeting, no one from the Village Board, Police Department, or himself ever state or outright say there was any intention to close the Quarry. He was upset at the fact that a few residents were spreading incorrect information. The Police Department and the public work hard to maintain order at the Quarry and are receiving a small amount of respect from residents for the work they do. Kyle stated there is a very large problem of underage drinking. Fights are also happening. Limited staffing and other commitments to village calls received makes it hard to control. Tickets are issued but are being ignored with the same violators returning the next week. Police can't be there 24/7 and appreciate that Matt Coffey is monitoring the Quarry and letting him know of problems. Kyle is willing to help with solutions in combatting these issues. Dan Sondalle stated the ordinance would have to be amended to be able to act on repeat offenders. He would have to check into it. President Jim stated the need to get the Quarry Committee restarted to address these issues. Dan Sondalle addressed the Agreement for 511 Horne St. He met with the owners and law enforcement to evaluate if any progress has been made. Suggests this gets tabled until the August 21, 2023 Regular Board Meeting. Motion by Dillon, second by Mark to change the parking between Sunshine Coffee and the Post Office to parallel parking instead of perpendicular. Jim/Public Works will measure and repaint the lines with Kyle's approval. Motion carried. A date of August 2, 2023 at 6:00pm was set for part time Police Officer interviews and then a Police Committee to follow.

SEWER, WATER – The monthly sewer/water department update was presented by Matt. The rear adapter parts were received, and the repairs are scheduled for last week in July. An ongoing project is working on bio-feed with the wastewater. Testing for metals permit is coming up next year. Copper testing is well below the threshold allowed and looking well. Both wells were tested for PFAS and returned negative. Matt has accepted a job offer from another company. Will be submitting his letter of resignation soon. If the Board approves, Matt is willing to continue the scheduled weekend rotation until the position is filled. Would like this added to the August 2, 2023 Special Board Meeting Agenda. Matt received approximately twelve calls from residents regarding the PFP charges added to the water bills. Not a lot of complaints but mostly questions of why it was added and if it's legal to do. Per the PSC, this is legal and within limits.

Motion by Dillon, second by Ellen to approve the quote of \$ 27,758.88 from Sabel Mechanical for Sewer ditch mixer coupling. This is being paid for by the General Equipment Fund and not by the General Fund. Motion carried. Motion by Mark, second by Tim, to issue a Sewer Discharge Permit to 622 Warren St. Owner is installing a holding tank. Motion carried. Glen spoke of the rate of return being at a deficit. Paperwork would need to be filed with the PSC for review. Ehlers is suggesting filing a Simplified Rate Case in October. Tabled to the August 21, 2023 Regular Board Meeting.

STREETS, SIDEWALKS, DITCHES – The monthly public works department update was presented to the Board by Jim. Major projects include the removal and replacement of the carousel. Slide was removed and will be placed at Eastside Park next year. Concrete and two feet of wood chips will be placed around all playground equipment later. John & Tom Sobieski have donated their time and equipment to bring everything up to grade. Eight trees were removed from Veterans Park making it a total of fourteen trees total this year. Four trees in Willow Park will be removed this year. B & R Diner have donated five memorial trees to be placed at Veterans Park. Two additional trees were donated and will be placed by the shelter house and in the island. Patching of holes was made and seeding will be done in Fall.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS – Motion by Dillon, second by Ellen, to approve an Operator's License effective July 18, 2023 thru June 30, 2024 for Rebecca Krebsbach/The Barracks. Motion carried. Motion by Dillon, second by Ellen for an Operator's license effective July 18, 2023 thru June 30, 2024 for Nicole Kasch/The Barracks. Motion carried. Motion by Dillon, second by Ellen, to approve an Operator's License for Wyatt Hagar/Dollar General effective July 18, 2023 thru June 30, 2024. Motion carried.

Items to be Placed on Next Regular Board Meeting Agenda – 1) Agreement on 511 Horne St/Dan Sondalle. 2) Amvets/M Woiak donation to Village. 3) Simple Rate Study Case/Glen

Motion by Gary, second by Dillon to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Streck
Village Clerk