

VILLAGE OF REDGRANITE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING – FEBRUARY 17, 2015

A regular meeting of the board of trustees was held at the Municipal Building on February 17, 2015. The meeting was called to order by President Sieg at 7:00 p. m. Members present: Paul Mertz, Sandy Lyles, Joel Kalata, Angie Ralls, Joan Kapp, Rob Wilcox and Jerry Sieg.

Motion by Kalata, seconded by Lyles to approve the amended agenda as printed. Motion carried.

PUBLIC FORUM: The Miscellaneous Business agenda item – Act on request to keep three dogs on Cottonville Court was discussed at this time (village ordinance permits two dogs unless there is board approval). Dawn Hurley requested permission to keep three dogs at her residence (610 Cottonville Ct.). Her only neighbors are her parents and they are surrounded by 8 acres. She has an 8 or 9 year old Dogue de Bordeau rescue dog, a 4 year old English Mastiff rescue dog and a Blue Nose Pit Bull. A motion by Lyles was seconded by Mertz and carried to approve the request to have three dogs on Cottonville Ct.

A motion by Mertz was seconded by Kalata and carried to approve the minutes for the regular board meeting and Caucus held on January 20, 2015.

CLERK'S REPORT: Audit field work was completed on February 2nd and 3rd. Melissa Kempen of Baker Tilly reminded that the Village can pay off the CDA Revenue Bonds at anytime to save interest. The balance is \$291,200 with \$156,608 in the reserve fund for a net of \$134,592. Also they would attend a board meeting again this year to present the financial statements if the board would like at the same cost as last year \$500. Sewer and Water field work days are scheduled for February 23rd and 24th. The County Highway Commissioner is holding a meeting at the county garage on February 23rd regarding bridge replacement projects, including the Pine River Street Bridge. The Town of Richford is hosting an informational presentation with representatives from the DNR regarding forestry management at the Richford Town Hall on February 23rd. Information was shared on the adjusted channel lineup reported by Charter Communications. The municipal services payment was received in the amount of \$23,705.21 (we had budgeted \$21,800). It was noted that members are needed to serve on the Plan Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals – there are vacancies and members with expired terms. (Mike Kapp offered to serve again on the Plan Commission as did Sandy Lyles.)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Jerry reported that the revenue received from the Joint Municipal Court for January was \$577.00. On March 10th state representatives will be making a monitoring visit here regarding the CDBG Pine River Street grant project. Waushara County Land Conservation Zoning will be holding a

meeting on February 19th regarding flood codes and zoning codes and several other codes which do not affect villages. The shop garage door repairs were completed for \$5,100; we expect to receive \$4,600 as insurance reimbursement (deductible \$500).

Mike Getchius provided an update on his computerization of the cemetery records. The process is slower than he had anticipated as the old records were all hand-written. He has been photographing the headstones as he proceeds and comparing them to the records adding birth and death dates. He projects completion for sometime this spring.

LICENSE TRANSFER FOR LAMBEAUL LANES: A motion by Kalata was seconded by Lyles and carried to approve the transfer of the Class B combination alcohol beverage license to Diane Shafer for Lambeaul Lanes, 127 East Bannerman Avenue (due to death of Jim Shafer).

FINANCE/PERSONNEL/INSURANCE: Motion by Ralls, seconded by Lyles to approve general fund disbursements - check #8426 through #8490 (Farmers Exchange Bank) for a total of \$183,975.68, tax fund disbursements – check #1001300 through #1001301 for a total of \$61.79, water fund disbursements – check #6203765 through #6203781 (Farmers Exchange Bank) for a total of \$35,214.43, sewer fund disbursements - check #6304230 through #6304251 (Farmers Exchange Bank) for a total of \$32,613.11 and electronic transfers from general fund savings for payroll liabilities in the amount of \$7,238.62, creating a grand total of \$259,103.63 and financial reports ending January 31, 2015 for General, Sewer and Water Funds. Motion carried.

A motion by Ralls was seconded by Lyles and carried to approve the updated 2015 wage & benefit schedule listing the wage rates for library personnel and wage rate & benefits for Officer Keller (copy attached).

Consideration of the write-off of delinquent personal property taxes was tabled. Mertz offered to check with the municipal court clerk for their method of collection.

Three proposals were received for tree removal and stump grinding. Green Lake Area Tree Service Inc. reduced their quote from \$4,500 to \$4,300, Gneiser's Enterprises LLC quoted \$4,700 and Bob's Tree Service & Stump Grinding quoted \$9,969.75. A motion by Ralls was seconded by Lyles and carried to approve the quote from Green Lake Area Tree Service Inc. Jerry reported that Gary Nigbor and Ed Husom will be taking the wood.

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS: Nothing to report.

POLICE & FIRE: A motion by Mertz was seconded by Lyles and carried to

approve the Inter-Municipal Agreement for the Redgranite Area Fire District.

A motion by Mertz was seconded by Lyles and carried to approve the payment of the municipal court costs for 2014 in the amount of \$1,824.39 to the City of Wautoma.

SEWER/WATER: A motion by Lyles was seconded by Kalata to approve the payment of \$1,658.53 to Davy Engineering for services relating to the UV Disinfection System. Motion carried.

A motion by Lyles was seconded by Mertz and carried to approve the revisions made by Martenson & Eisele to their sewer rate study for volume charges and surcharges in tables 1 and 7.

A discussion of delinquent commercial water and sewer accounts was referred to the committee. They will also discuss delinquent residential accounts.

MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS: Nothing to report.

PARKS/CEMETERY: Nothing to report.

MACHINERY/SOLID WASTE/ORDINANCES: Discussion of the timeframe for snow to be removed from sidewalks was referred to committee. Jerry had suggested changing the ordinance for commercial properties to have snow removed within 12 hours after a snowfall and keep residential properties at the current 24 hours after a snowfall. Many residential owners/occupants have been issued ordinance reminder letters. It was suggested that a letter about snow removal from sidewalks could be included with tax bills next year. The committee will also discuss the minimum rate.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: A motion by Mertz was seconded by Kalata to approve the operator license application submitted by Kim C. Van Dellen for Sanickers. Motion carried.

A motion by Mertz to adjourn at 7:46 p.m. was seconded by Kalata and carried.

(All motions carried by voice vote unless stated otherwise.)

Respectfully submitted by: Madonna G. Berube, Village Clerk

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