

VILLAGE OF REDGRANITE
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 161 DEARBORN ST
REGULAR BOARD MEETING – August 21, 2023

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held at the Municipal Building on August 21, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. Roll Call: Mark Juslen, James Erdmann, Ellen Caswell, Gary Rodencal and Tim Hagar. Absent was Dillon Gray. Motion by Ellen, second by Mark to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

PUBLIC FORUM: Brian & Betty Welch/Welch Tree Farm asked if any of the tax parcels were considered Agricultural. He would like to see the submission paperwork for the tariff. Brian also stated that the website shows the wrong day and time for the monthly Board meetings. Dean Mathison asked regarding the Recycling Fee and wanted to make sure the Residents are getting what they pay for. Waste Management has contacted the Village with a high level of cross contamination on the weekly pick up.

Motion by Gary, second by Mark to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on July 15, 2023. Motion carried.

CLERK'S REPORT – Becky reported that the Village received a dividend check from the League of Wisconsin Municipalities in the amount of \$2,270.00. The total of \$26,912 has been given to the Village of Redgranite over the last 15 years. Becky will be attending the WMCA Conference from August 22nd thru August 25th, 2023 in Appleton.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Matt Knollenberg has resigned his position as a Board Trustee. Jim personally thanked Matt for his service and the knowledge he brought to the Board. Jim stated that we will be looking for a replacement and if anyone has any suggestions let the Village Office know. Jim would like to see this position possibly filled by the September Board meeting.

FINANCE, PERSONNEL, INSURANCE – Jim Erdmann, Dillon Gray
Motion by Tim, second by Gary to approve General Fund disbursements – checks 14484 through 14544 (BankFirst) for a total of \$71,837.14; Water Fund checks 620005770 through 620005788 (BankFirst) for a total of \$5,920.10; Sewer Fund disbursements- checks 630006537 through 630006558 (BankFirst) for a total of \$10,188.35; No ARPA disbursements. Payroll disbursements of \$42,515.00 creating a grand total of \$130,460.59 and approval of financial reports for General, Water and Sewer as printed. Motion carried.

Motion by Mark, second by Gary to have Mary Piechowski come in once a week until the end of September 2023 to help train Gina in the Deputy Clerk position. Christy has been coming in on Tuesdays to help transition the Clerk position. Ellen suggested cross training. 4x=yes, Ellen and Tim were the opposed votes. Motion carried.

MACHINERY, GARBAGE, ORDINANCES – Gary Rodencal, Ellen Caswell
An answer/response was given regarding Dean Mathison's request under the Public Forum.

MUNICIPAL BUILDING – None

PARKS, CEMETERY – Ellen Caswell, Gary Rodencal
Update was given by cemetery sexton, Mike Getchius. He thanked Public Works for removing dead trees from the cemetery. He has received compliments from residents. June 23, 2023 was the first internment and since then, we had one full burial, 4 internments and seven grave sites were purchased. As grave sites are sold and monuments are installed the road path was blocked with cones. In September, he will work with Jim F to limit the access of the area. Possible posts might have to be installed along the edge to limited vehicle traffic.

An update of Quarry Park was given by Jim. Working on ideas for fundraising. Possibly a Fall Festival. Working the trails around the Quarry to make them Handi-capped accessible so more people can use it. Quarry Committee meeting is set for Wednesday, August 23, 2023 at 6:00pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Jim F. gave an update on Willow Park. A lot of vandalism with people driving on and making “donuts” on the grounds. Cameras were installed and one person was caught. A citation was issued to that person. It’s hard to get license plates. Recommends that a few more cameras be installed at the entrance and exit to get the license plates. Will reach out to Jeremiah Quick/Quick Technologies for quotes. Will be available for the September Board Meeting.

POLICE, FIRE – Tim Hagar, Dillon Gray

Monthly update from the Redgranite Area Fire District was given by Tim. Fire Chief/Mark Piechowski supplied minutes and a financial hand out for the Board to review. Police have been issuing tickets to violators at the Quarry. Motion by Mark, second by Gary to approve the invoice from Motorola Solutions in the amount of \$1,387.74 for annual maintenance. Motion carried.

SEWER, WATER – Mark Juslen

Monthly update was given by Brent. In the process of biological phosphorus removal with organisms. DNR will monitor the upcoming discharge permit and will lower the phosphorus discharge limits allowed. Future installation of gates will help slow down the flow. Seeing improvements in removal with 50% less cost. No detection of P-Phos. Baffles and weirs have been replaced or fixed at North Clarifier. Motion by Tim, second by Mark to approve invoice from Badger Labs in the amount of \$3,254.00 for Well 1 & Well 2 Testing. Motion carried. Motion by Ellen, second by Gary to terminate the phone service at Twin Pines Lift Station. Back up dialer is not needed anymore. Using on-call phones. Motion carried. Motion by Tim, second by Gary to not allow an adjustment to 465 Pine River St. Utility bill to be paid as is. Motion carried. Motion by Tim, second by Gary on customer request to combine lots into one parcel. Resident approached the County and they sent the request to the Village. Glen spoke to Dan Sondalle and the PSC. PSC states lots can not be allowed to be combined at the Village level relating to the tariff. Anyone may contact the PSC and can reapply and they will relocate the amounts accordingly. Next water rate study will determine the allocations. Waiting for final reply from Dan Sondalle. Information was not available at the time of the meeting. Postponed to the September Board Meeting.

STREETS, SIDEWALKS, DITCHES – Mark Juslen ,

Update was given by Jim Fredrick/Public Works. A new slide was installed in Veteran’s Park. Wood chips and topsoil was spread. Grass seed was planted. After Labor Day, more work will be added to level the grounds. Working on painting crosswalks on the side roads. The rest will be painted and finished by Thursday. Benches were repaired and painted along downtown Highway 21 and one at Veteran’s Park. Street signs and house numbers are being put up when time permits. Ditches and roadsides were mowed. Jim thanked John Kroll and Sandy Sieg for their assistance on ditch work on Pine St. Jim also thanked Dave Kroll for his hard work on the library grounds. He keeps everything well-kept. Banners were being put up with the goal of having them all in place for the Labor Day Festival. Motion by Mark, second by Tim to replace two culverts on Dedrick St. Quotes were given for \$5,500 & \$6,650. Motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS –

1. Motion by Tim, second by Ellen to approve a Temporary Class B Retailer's License for Redgranite Advancement Association on September 2-4, 2023 at Veteran's Memorial Park and September 2-4, 2023 at Willow Creek Park. Motion carried.
2. Motion by Ellen, second by Mark to approve Temporary Operator's license for Redgranite Advancement Association for Brenda Masticola, Gail Pierotti, Tricia Sieg and David Hempel. Motion carried.
3. Motion by Gary, second by Mark to approve the request to close Franklin Street between Pine River Street and Maple Street from Friday, September 1, 2023, after Meal Site closes, thru Monday, September 4, 2023 at 8:00pm. Motion carried.
4. Motion by Mark, second by Ellen to approve the request to Close Willow Creek One Way Road going into the Park and cover the Direction sign on the One Way going out of the Park on Saturday, September 2, 2023, from 8:00am to 2:00pm. Motion carried.
5. Motion by Mark, second by Gary to approve the request to change direction of Willow Creek One Way Road coming out of the Park for available Parking in Willow Creek Park for KidzRock on Saturday, September 2, 2023 from 8:00am until 2:00pm. Motion carried.
6. Motion by Gary, second by Ellen to close Quarry Park early on Sunday, September 3, 2023 at 3:00pm in Preparation for the Fireworks. Motion carried.
7. Motion by Mark, second by Tim to approve the request to close Division Street next to Quarry Park on Sunday, September 3, 2023 from 5:00 to 11:00pm for Fireworks. Motion carried.
8. Motion by Tim, second by Ellen to approve request to Extend the Noise Ordinance on Saturday, September 2, 2023 at Willow Creek Park to 11:00pm for Music and Sunday, September 3, 2023 at Quarry Park to 11:00pm for Fireworks. Motion carried.
9. Motion by Tim, second by Mark to approve the Contract, Insurance requested and Permit from Wolverine Fireworks Display, Inc for Sunday, September 3, 2023 for Fireworks display. Motion carried.
10. Motion by Mark, second by Gary for approval for Additional Police Reserves for Labor Day Event if available. Motion carried.
11. Motion by Ellen, second by Mark on approval of Application for Operator's License effective August 22, 2023 thru June 30, 2024 for Kylee Splinter/Rick's Irish Pub. Motion carried.
12. Motion by Ellen, second by Gary on approval of Application for Operator's License effective August 22, 2023 thru June 30, 2024 for Amanda Lepkowski/The Post Office Bar. Motion carried.

Motion by Mark, second by Gary to Adjourn. Meeting Adjourned at 7:43pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Streck
Village Clerk

Next Regular Board Meeting – Monday, September 18, 2023