

VILLAGE OF REDGRANITE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING – November 21, 2022

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held at the Municipal Building on November 21, 2022. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. Roll Call: Laurie Oltesvig, Mark Juslen, Jim Erdmann, Gina Smukowski, and Belinda Passarelli. Absent: Angie Ralls and Matt Knollenberg.

Motion by Laurie, second by Jim, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

PUBLIC FORUM – None

Motion by Laurie, second by Jim, to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting on October 17, 2022, special board meeting of October 24, 2022, special board meeting of November 2, 2022, special board meeting/budget workshop of November 7, 2022 and special board meeting/budget workshop of November 14, 2022. Motion carried.

CLERK'S REPORT – Christy reported the November 8, 2022 election referendum to exceed levy limit failed by 103 “yes” votes and 270 “no” votes and the November shared revenue of \$189,246.61 was deposited into the Village account earlier today.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – None

FINANCE, PERSONNEL, INSURANCE – Motion by Laurie, second by Jim, to approve general fund disbursements – checks 14006 through 14054 (Hometown Bank) for a total of \$87,468.12; water fund checks 6205611 through 6205625 (Hometown Bank) for a total of \$3,126.78; sewer fund disbursements – checks 6306358 through 6306375 (Hometown Bank) for a total of \$8,838.51, ARPA disbursements – check 2021030 for \$1,537.44 and payroll of \$45,289.77 creating a grand total of \$146,260.62 and approval of financial reports for general, water and sewer as printed. Motion carried. Motion by Laurie, second by Jim, to allow the public to speak. Motion carried. Tricia Sieg suggested the Village check into the State health insurance program to see if their rates are lower. If rates are lower, the Village could begin coverage quarterly (April 1, 2023) and the Village must give Robin 30 days' notice of leaving their health plan. Motion by Jim, second by Laurie, to approve Robin Health Plan Option 1, 3000-100 HSA, effective January 1, 2023. Motion carried 4 to 1. Motion by Mark, second by Jim, to continue borrowing from sewer fund to general fund until December 31, 2022 and starting January 1, 2023 begin using the 2022 shared revenue funds for general fund expenses. Motion carried. Motion by Gina, second by Mark, to table the annual employee stipend until November 2023. Motion carried. Motion by Laurie, second by Mark, to allow the public to speak. Motion carried. Motion by Jim, second by Mark, to begin charging a wheel tax of \$25.00 to be added onto the annual DOT vehicle registration fee effective in 2023. Motion carried.

MACHINERY, GARBAGE, ORDINANCES – Motion by Laurie, second by Mark, to charge village residence for recycling pick up service on the quarterly utility bills beginning in 2023. Motion carried.

MUNICIPAL BUILDING – None

PARKS, CEMETERY – Motion by Laurie, second by Mark, to raise the price for cemetery plots to \$500.00 effective immediately. Motion carried.

POLICE, FIRE – Kyle gave an update on the Redgranite Area Fire District who was awarded an EMS grant, will be developing a website, applied for a DNR grant for wildland equipment, approved the annual payroll, doing fund raising for jaws equipment and looking to replace an engine for approximately \$500,000.00 within two (2) years. Motion by Laurie, second by Jim, to approve the accident damage repair bill for the police squad by Sondalle Ford for \$1,333.28. Motion carried. The bill was turned into the insurance agency and the Village will be reimbursed for said amount less the \$500.00 deductible.

SEWER, WATER – Motion by Mark, second by Laurie, to approve a water rate study including transferring the public fire protection charge from general fund to the water fund on the quarterly utility bills by Ehlers Public Finance Advisors for \$9,000.00. Motion carried. Project updates were presented.

STREETS, SIDEWALKS, DITCHES – Jim gave his monthly Public Works Department report mentioning since he has no part time assistant at this time, he is not able to put up the Christmas tree and put the lights on without RAA members helping, the orange plow truck repairs were completed, parks have all been winterized and leaf/brush pick up is complete, leaves are out of the gutters on Pine River Street, Christmas decorations have been check out/put up and all trucks/equipment are ready for snow plowing. Motion by Mark, second by Laurie, to approve the purchase of a 7 foot tractor mounted grader blade not to exceed \$1,500.00. Motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS – Motion by Laurie, second by Mark, to approve the operator’s licenses for Canda Boe, Mischell Hopp, Michael Klingbeil, McKayla Raymond and Scott Krey (Family Dollar/Dollar Tree). Motion carried. Legal proceedings were initiated by Attorney Sondalle, at the request of the Board, for removal of a fence in the alley at 421 E Bannerman Ave. The fence has now been moved. Attorney Sondalle will be notified. The surveyor, who did the property survey, will be contacted to inspect the property to make sure the fence is on the owner’s property. No visible markers could be found by the Redgranite Police Department but the markers could be buried. The Board requested an update for the December regular board meeting. Motion by Laurie, second by Jim, to allow the public to speak. Motion carried. Regarding 511 Horne Street, the Board requested an abatement letter be sent to the property owners but need to check with Attorney Sondalle on the wording of the letter before mailing. The Board also requested Attorney Sondalle be contacted to begin a raze order for 404 E Bannerman Ave. Motion by Jim, second by Laurie, to send abatement letters to the owners of 333 Horne Street, 404 Horne Street, 504 Horne Street, 544 Horne Street, 450 Wisconsin Street and 114 Courtney Lane. Motion carried. Motion by Jim, second by Laurie, to turn over the situation with the property owners at 700 W Bannerman Ave refusing to apply for a building permit until the Village corrects the flooding issue on their property to Attorney Sondalle. Motion carried. Jim volunteered, thanks to his mom, to provide cookies for the Cookie Walk during the Hometown Holiday activities on Saturday, December 3, 2022. Motion by Laurie, second by Mark, to have the Board participate in the annual Cookie Walk. Motion carried.

Motion by Laurie, second by Mark, adjourn to closed session pursuant to Wis. Stats. Sec. 19.85(1)(c) “Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility” to review job applications for the part time public works positions and full time clerk-treasurer position. Motion carried. Open meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Motion by Jim, second by Laurie, to adjourn from closed session and go into open session. Motion carried. Closed session adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

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Motion by Jim, second by Laurie, to schedule interviews for the part time public works positions and full time clerk-treasurer position on Monday, November 28, 2022 beginning at 5:30 p.m. Motion carried.

Agenda Items to be Placed on Next Regular Board Meeting Agenda – Update on 421 E Bannerman Ave fence removal

Motion by Laurie, second by Jim, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christy Groskreutz
Village Clerk