## Village Meeting Minutes September 13, 2023

Board Members Present: President Whipple Trustee Steinle
Trustee Larsen Trustee Stashek

Trustee Ziebell Treasurer Pawelski

Excused: Clerk Rebarchek

Meeting was called to order by President Whipple at 6:00 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Previous minutes: Trustee Ziebell motioned to approve as typed. Trustee Larsen seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer Sandy Pawelski read the bills. Trustee Larsen made a motion to accept. Trustee Stashek seconded. Approved as read.

Treasurer Pawelski read the 2 new bills for payment of the parking lot seal coating at the Village Park and the Grotto Avenue work.

## **Public Comments:**

Emma Joosten: Rudolph Welcome sign needs to be fixed and addressed on her property. (Will be discussed on the agenda.)

John Van Asten: He would like to know if the board would put drain tile on the corner of Sunset and Hilltop. It would make walking through to the park easier.

Jerry Reichert: Wondering if the Village found anyone to plow snow. They would like to coordinate for the legion. We will address this later in the agenda. He asked that the board put the snowmobile club on the October agenda for use of land for trails.

## **Old Business:**

Village/Legion parking Lot: The bill arrived for payment of the Village portion of the parking lot. This was addressed above while paying the bills by Treasurer Pawelski.

Snow plowing: Dean Altman cannot commit to plowing for the Village. Trustee Steinle contacted Brooke and Matt Sievers. They are interested. Trustee Steinle will reach out and talk with them. President Whipple updated that the County was not an option. They have had two other municipalities contact them and have had to turn them down also.

Sewer updates: The company will arrive to clean the sewer line area and prep for relining the pipe. In the Bittersweet subdivision area.

Park Update: Trustee Larsen reported that the swings went up today and they are working on it as they can. Trustee Larsen and Larry are working on changing the lights. Trustee Ziebell asked about the bathrooms at the park. There is an issue with running out of water when the Tractor club uses it. They have a dyno that uses so much water. Junemann's assured us that it is still a good well. The well is believed to be 80 feet. Trustee Steinle requested that the board approve and sign the \$24,000 Legacy grant that was applied for and granted.

## **New Business:**

Potholes: Trustee Steinle updated on potholes over by the church, Hillcrest and 1<sup>st</sup>, Knowledge Ave, Meadowview. There are 3 culvert bumps that need to be addressed: near the railroad tracks, near Jim Janz's garage and near Rich Larsen's garage. President Whipple will contact the highway department.

Storm Sewers: President Whipple addressed 3 storm sewers that need to be fixed. Ron Adamski said they were fixable. President Whipple will have Ron fix them.

Welcome Sign Landscaping: Trustee Larsen will have his friend come and straighten the sign. Richard and Nellie Larsen will take care of relandscaping the area. Discussion of whether the highway repair in 2025 will affect this. It is not believed this area will be impacted.

Credit Card: Trustee Ziebell had issues using that card because it was not activated or used in a long time. The board agreed to continue with the reloadable \$500 card. Trustee Larsen made a motion to continue using this card, Trustee Stashek seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Rudolph Country Christmas: Trustee Steinle asked to be appointed Chair of the Rudolph Country Christmas. This allows the group to use Village insurance for the event. The event will take place on Saturday, December 9th. Trustee Larsen made a motion to appoint Trustee Steinle. Trustee Stashek seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Burial Rights: Trustee Ziebell had a Village resident ask about a natural burial on their property they own in the Village. The family owns 9 acres in the Village. Clerk Rebarchek reached out to a funeral home in Wisconsin, and they said it was allowed on private property. However, it needs to be disclosed in a sale. The County Clerk had no ordinance on the County books regarding this. President Whipple shared that from a State and surveying standpoint that it gets messy. He shares it is a title/deed restriction issue and a better question for the State.

Dollar General Class A Retail License for Fermented Malt Beverages and Intoxicating Liquor License: Trustee Ziebell motioned to approve. Trustee Steinle seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.

Dollar General Cigarette and Tobacco License: Trustee Larsen motioned to approve the license; Trustee Stashek seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Bank Building: Joe (unknown last name) came before the board to see about the possibility of rezoning it as a multifamily property as he would like to turn it into a duplex. Trustee Ziebell, Larsen, Stashek and Steinle expressed they wanted to keep it zoned commercial. Two village residents spoke up and shared that they, too, wanted to keep it commercial. Discussion to keep it zoned B1/ Commercial.

October Agenda items: Sunset/Hilltop drain tile, Snowmobile Cub for land access in the Village.

General Updates: Trustee Steinle asked about Fischer's property. The attorney is aware that we'd like to continue moving forward on the clean-up of this. The attorney is still waiting for Mr. Fischer to meet with him.

Sue Nigon asked about the Legion fencing: President Whipple updated that the Legion intends to keep the current fencing. As commercial property the fencing isn't specified and thus can remain.

Trustee Ziebell made a motion that the meeting adjourn. Trustee Larsen seconded. Approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christy Steinle, Village Trustee