Village of Roberts

Village Board Meeting

Jul 12, 2010

The Village Board Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Moeri.

The meeting was properly noticed in the Central St. Croix News and posted in three locations in the Village of Roberts.

Members Present: Willard Moeri, Chuck Pizzi, Peter Tharp, Rand Waughtal, Scott Gerhardt, Katy Kapaun, and Nathan Stork.

Visitors: John Bond, Terry Dull, Brenda Hackman, Sean Lentz-Ehlers, Gary Johnston, Sharon and Bruce Elliott, Marty Abramson, Julia Ybarro-Young, Angi Goodwin-Ayres, Leland Johnson, Michele Lyksett, and Barb Shemon.

Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve Meeting Minutes of June 14, 2010 Regular Board Minutes and Closed Session Minutes by Pizzi, seconded by Waughtal. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report by Kapaun, seconded by Gerhardt. Motion carried.

Public Concerns

Communications

Department Reports

Police Department – Dan Burgess

- Monthly Report –Reviewed report.
- Thank you letter from State Patrol in working well together over Good Neighbor Days.
- Submitted to Card Grant for coverage of overtime and part time hours for Good Neighbor Days. There was also compliance checks completed prior to that.
- We have had a couple of major issues. All of the officers helped on one and did a good job. There was an accident and four injured and still investigating the accident.

- Kyle Hinrichs – Special Recognition for an Officer – Excellent job on the accident.
- Brian Edwards – Special Recognition for an Officer – Excellent job in handling evidence on the search warrant.

Motion to endorse the special recognition for both officers by Pizzi, seconded by Gerhardt. Motion carried.

Director of Public Works – John Bond

- Thanked Chief Dan for the help when chip sealing.
- Brian Anderson (Skunk) is a certified arborist.
- Repaired man holes by rebuilding.
- John attended a public hearing on disinfection of drinking water. This will be required in 1-3 years. There are two options: UV or chlorine. Also discussed future phosphorous removal for the WWTP.
- Mowing has been kept up and notices will be going out for lawns that need to be cut.
- F550 has been repaired.
- SRTS Grant has been submitted.

- Received letter regarding our Salt/Sand Storage Building. The State is looking at having the buildings inspected.
- Willard discussed the process that has been happening with County Materials regarding the building that was built in 2005 as an F2 Factory building which is being used now as a maintenance building. There is discussion that this building should be sprinkled and the State Building Inspector is checking on it at this time.

Committee Reports and Recommendations

Park/Urban Forestry Board – Chuck Pizzi

- Commemorative Tree Program – The program is set for a citizen to purchase a tree and have it planted on Village property handled through St. Croix Tree Service. The purchase price is $140 which includes planting.
- Purple box in park is Emerald Ash borer traps.
- Vandalism has been continuing. The new toilet in the pavilion was destroyed recently by fireworks.
- Interest has been expressed on having a new pavilion to the east side of the park. John is checking with Town of Hammond and Town of Hudson.
- John is checking on covers for the bleachers at the park.

Plan Commission

- Building Inspector Report - Reviewed
- Outside Storage Buildings – The Plan Commission with their authority gave variance for outside storage buildings to Emily Pierson.

- Extra-Territorial Zoning – St. Croix Animal Friends – Sharon Elliott

St. Croix Animal Friends is in the process of purchasing the Country Store. They have submitted their information to St. Croix County for approval. This would be a commercial kennel and requires a special exception. The group is hoping to continue using the existing buildings for community needs. The building would be built northwest of the existing barn.

Motion to approve the Extra-Territorial Zoning for St. Croix Animal Friends by Pizzi, seconded by Kapaun. Motion carried.

CDA Board – None

Public Safety - None

Public Works Committee - None

Fire Association - None

Library Board – Katy Kapaun/Brenda Hackman

- Construction is progressing very nicely.
- There has been interest in our Library from Cannon Falls, MN.
- The last day of business at old facility will be August 6, 2010. Target will help move the library and will occur on August 19.
- Golf Tournament is scheduled for September 19, 2010.
- A new contract from the State has been issued. They are going to agree to 31% of the cost of the project. Also discussed the wage issues that have been resolved at this time.

- Programs were reviewed. Summer reading has been very active. There is also an adult summer reading program. Had a water fun day at the Village Park.
- Finalized shelving and furnishings.
- Circulation for the month was over 10,000 pieces.

Old Business

- Need to look at listing the library building. We need to place ads for quotes for a commercial realtor. Peter Tharp would like to look at other possible uses for the building. He feels there may be a possibility of historic value. The board discussed the proceeds from the sale of the Library. The Library Board is expecting the sale price for the building not necessarily the $125,000 of the appraisal.

New Business

- **Employee Education Requests and Expense Reports**

Brian Edwards – Chief Dan described the class and possibility of being chosen for the class. It was the board's feeling using personal vehicle for transportation would be best.

Doreen Kruschke – WMCA Annual Conference

Motion to approve the education request for both Brian with use of personal vehicle and Doreen by Pizzi, seconded by Gerhardt. Motion carried.

- **Operator's License**

Motion to approve Operator's License for Strobel, Lowney, Lewis, Rivard and Siedow by Kapaun, seconded by Gerhardt. Motion carried.

- **Street Project Plan – Sean Lentz – Ehlers & Associates**

A future street improvement needs was developed. Sean Lentz did a presentation regarding the possibilities of financing the project in various ways. Sean also showed the tax impact on citizens. The board discussed the projects and the possibility of delaying. Discussed the Build America Bonds with the 35% interest rate rebate. The numbers should be refined to show just Division Street Project alone.

- **Assessor Contract**

Motion to approve David Dueholm Assessor Contract for $9,000 for 2011 and bid for 2012 by Gerhardt, seconded by Pizzi. Motion carried

- **Emergency/Disaster Management Plan**

Reviewed and will update for the August Board Meeting.

- **Pay Request – Red Wing Construction**

Motion to pay of Red Wing Construction $179,106.30 by Kapaun, seconded by Waughtal. Motion carried.

- **Payment of Bills**

Motion to pay the bills by Gerhardt, seconded by Kapaun. Motion carried.

Motion to convene into closed session per Wisconsin State Statute 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 by Kapaun , seconded by Gerhardt. Roll call vote – Aye-Pizzi, Aye-Tharp, Aye-Waughtal, Aye-Moeri, Aye-Kapaun, Aye- Gerhardt, Aye-Stork. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn closed and reconvene into open session by Kapaun, seconded by Gerhardt. Roll call vote – Aye-Pizzi, Aye-Tharp, Aye-Waughtal, Aye-Moeri, Aye-Kapaun, Aye- Gerhardt, Aye-Stork. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Barb Shemon's probationary period and grant health benefit awarded to all full time employees and look at a salary increase in 90 days by Kapaun, seconded by Gerhard. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn at 10:50 PM by Pizzi, seconded by Gerhardt. Motion carried.

Doreen Kruschke, WCPC, CMTW Date Adopted