Village of Roberts

Village Board Meeting

July 11, 2011 – 7:00 PM

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, Don Gerhardt and Nathan Stork. Absent: Katy Kapaun

Visitors: John Bond, Dan Burgess, Mary Imboden, Julia Ybarro-Young, Marty Abramson, Mike Bowman, Bruce Haslerud, Jeff Miller and Terry Dull.

Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve Meeting Minutes from June 13, 2011 Regular Board Minutes and Closed Session Minutes and Special Village Board Closed Meeting Minutes of June 15, 2011, July 5, 2011 and July 7, 2011 by Pizzi and seconded by Gerhardt. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report by Waughtal, seconded by Pizzi. Motion carried.

Public Concerns

Communications

NIMS Course in Somerset is being offered if any Board Member would like to attend.

Letter was received from Cedar Corporation addressing the resignation of Ben Campbell as Building Inspector.

Department Reports

Police Department – Dan Burgess

- Monthly Report –Reviewed report.
- Discussed damage in the park. The Police Department has found the suspect and will write a citation.
- There was a burglary at BP recently.
- Received overwhelming good response for the Yellowstone Trail Run. Next year would like to finish in Roberts next year.

Director of Public Works – John Bond

- The copper issue at the Treatment Plant has resolved itself. Currently working with DNR to have this removed from our permit.
- Meeting next week at St. Croix County to update our agreement for mutual aid.
- Concerns from citizens that the siren is not loud enough. They will be here and testing the new siren.
- Discussed the storm damage in Webster. Currently they would like to rent our chipper for a few days. Liability would be their responsibility and any repairs at their cost. Board agreed to allow them to use the chipper with Webster assuming all liability. An agreement will be written up to cover this.

<u>Committee Reports and Recommendations</u>

- **Park/Urban Forestry Board – None**

Plan Commission

- **Building Inspector Report** – Review report.
- **1-Lot Minor Subdivision – Greg & Gloria Anderson**

Motion to approve the 1-Lot Minor Subdivision for Greg & Gloria Anderson by Pizzi, seconded by Tharp. Motion carried.

- *** UCC Church Driveway Request**

Motion to amend builder's agreement for UCC Church and extend the time for three years for paving the parking lot by Pizzi, seconded by Gerhardt. Motion carried. Aye-5, Nay-1.

- **Adam Bjornstad – Garage Permit – Variance**

Mr. Bjornstad is looking for a variance with 11 feet between overhang to overhang which is approximately six feet. Johnson's are off 12 feet and they are willing to assume the 12 feet.

Motion to approve the six foot variance with 11 feet between overhand to overhang for the garage by Waughtal, seconded by Gerhardt. Motion carried.

- **Black Diamond Proposal & Business Plan of Operation – Bruce Haslerud**

Bruce described the product and the process. The building will be 60,000-70,000 square feet.

Motion to approve the Business Plan of Operation for Black Diamond Granules by Stork, seconded by Pizzi. Motion carried.

CDA Board – Rand Waughtal

- Reviewed summer newsletter which was mailed in the utility bills.
- Discussed budget and repayment of the loan to the Village.
- Elected chair person for the next year – Rand was elected as chair person.

Finance Committee - None

Public Safety - None

Public Works Committee – Willard Moeri

- **Water/Sewer Rates**

Discussed the increase of water and sewer rates. Tom Kortas was present to answer questions. The committee recommended a full rate increase. There is money owed to the General Fund and may possibly have to be removed. We are looking at approximately a 15% increase. The sewer is looking at a 6-10% increase. Discussed where the increase would be place, i.e. on the fixed or on the volume charge. The committee agreed to split the increase at 6% on fixed and volume charge.

Motion to apply to PSC for full rate case investigation by Stork, seconded – None. Motion died.

Motion to go to the PSC to get input on rate case and forgive the debt that currently exists in the water utility by Tharp, seconded by Waughtal. Motion carried. Aye-4, Nay-2.

Motion to increase the sewer rates 10% on the fixed and 10% on the volume charge by Waughtal, seconded by Pizzi. Motion carried. Aye-4, Nay-2 (Tharp, Gerhardt).

Motion for the proposed rate increase go into effect the fourth quarter of 2011 by Waughtal, seconded by Pizzi. Motion carried. Aye-4, Nay-2 (Tharp, Gerhardt).

- **Division Street Update**

The project is approximately three to four days ahead of schedule. The contractor was hoping to have the curbing crew in next week. August 20th is when they hope to have the first layer of pavement on.

Fire Association – Meets July 20, 2011

Library Board

- They broke all time record and had 13,000 + circulation numbers.

Old Business - None

New Business

- **Employee Education Requests and Expense Reports**

Motion to approveemployee education request for Doreen Kruschke by Tharp, seconded by Waughtal. Motion carried.

- **Operator's License**

Motion to approve the Operator's License for Jennifer K. Brown by Pizzi, seconded by Gerhardt. Motion carried.

- **Approve Fire Department Officers – 2011-2012**

Motion to approve Fire Department Officers for 2011-2012 by Stork, seconded by Gerhardt. Motion carried.

- **Animal Control Proposal – Save the Strays (STS)**

Discussed the animal control proposal for STS, Amber Wiesender. The stray hold for Wisconsin is seven days. The fee structure was discussed.

Motion to approve the Animal Control Proposal with Save the Strays for a year by Gerhardt, seconded by Waughtal. Motion carried.

- **Review of RFP for Assessor**

Discussed where to distribute RFP.

Motion to approve the Request for Proposal for Assessment Service by Stork, seconded by Gerhardt. Motion carried.

- **Ron Stewart Request for RV Parking in Mobile Home Park**

Currently he has two RV's that are parking in the Mobile Home Park. Mr. Stewart now has a request for a third unit. After a conversation with St. Croix County Health & Human Services, Mr. Stewart is allowed to have three RV's total in the park. If there are more than the three, he will have to obtain a different license/permit.

- **Pay Request – A-1 Excavating**

Motion to pay A-1 Excavating in the amount of $108,093.38 by Gerhardt, seconded by Stork. Motion carried.

- **Payment of Bills**

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

- **Any other business**

Motion to adjourn at 9:25 PM by Pizzi, seconded by Stork. Motion carried.

Doreen Kruschke, WCPC, CMTW Date Adopted