Village of Roberts

Village Board Meeting

August 11, 2014 – 7:00 PM

The Village Board Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by the 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, Scott Gerhardt, Chad Svacina, Mary Shemon, Don Gerhardt, Lorraine Siegert and Marge Wolske.

Visitors: Mary Imboden, John Bond, Aaron McWilliams, Peter Close, Peter Tharp, Tom Lindfors, Chuck Pizzi, Kris Lubich, Linda Hall, Brenda Hackman, Brian Lovedahl, Tucker Plumstead and Tom Mayfield.

Meeting Minutes

Motionto approve Meeting Minutes from July 14, 2014 Village Board Meeting by D.Gerhardt, seconded by S.Gerhardt. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Motionto approve Treasurer's Report by S.Gerhardt, seconded by D.Gerhardt. Motion carried.

Public Concerns

- Trustee Wolske inquired regarding the progress of Scrappy's cleaning up of the yard. He has cleaned up but continues to bring in materials to be scrapped. Talked about process that would need to be taken to enforce the ordinances. This will be on the September Agenda.
- Peter Close has a concern regarding how dark the west end of Tower Street is. There are two walking paths that meet on Tower Street and are very dark. John has a meeting with Xcel Energy and will talk to them regarding placing a pole to help illuminate the area.
- President Moeri discussed the mowing of properties into the street. He would like to request residents to not blow the grass into the street.

Communications

Department Reports

Police Department

- Monthly Police Report was given by Sgt. McWilliams.
- August 15-September 1 they will be participating in the Drive Sober in Wisconsin. They will be writing a grant for $4,000 for participating in the program.
- Animal control in the Village is a problem. We do not have any contracts. To date we have a case that we have spent over $1500. We do not have a place to house animals for short term or long term. There are very few agencies or places to take animals. Discussed what resolutions may be available. Two options available are to talk to Gregory's Hope or build our own.
- Discussed extended premise for L&M's. Recently was notified on a Thursday that on Saturday there were a large number of bikes coming to town. The problem was the open containers that were up and down the street. McWilliams thinks the bar should be responsible for signage for open container and the bar owner should provide the security. The board was in agreement. Willard will follow-up.

Director of Public Works

- There will be a 10 day delay on the completion of the water tower repair. John explained the issues. We hope to be on line on Wednesday, August 27. The VFD drive is working excellent. An air conditioner has been placed in the building to help with cooling.

- The street project is on hold this week with the events going on such as election, threshing and truck pull. Next week they will do the curb and gutter.
- The annual street repairs have started. Chip sealing was last week and streets will be swept this week.
- Received first news regarding the pilot plant at the treatment plant. The estimate for a plant our size is roughly $350,000.
- John Bond shared an email regarding an appreciation of the tennis courts. Pickle Ball lines have been placed. There has been interest in doing leagues and also interest in classes.

Committee Reports and Recommendations

Park/Urban Forestry Board - None

Plan Commission

- **Building Inspector Report**– Reviewed report
- **Ordinance 2014-6VB – Amendment Chap. 70-234 thru Chap. 70-238**

Motionto approve Ordinance 2014-6VB – Amendment chap. 70-234 thru Chap. 70-238 by Wolske, seconded by S.Gerhardt. Motion carried.

- **County Materials Storm Water and Site Plan**

President Moeri discussed their plans for the future. This will be done in phases. This is the beginning phase. They will eventually close the Eau Claire plant.

Motion to approve the County Materials Storm Water and Site Plan by Wolske, seconded by Svacina. Motion carried.

CDA Board - None

Finance Committee – None

Public Safety - None

Public Works Committee

- **Retaining Wall at 104 N. Meadow Lane**

Originally it was thought to be a three foot wall. After the engineering survey, it could be a two foot wall. The cost will be split with Ayres, the home owner and the Village of Roberts.

Motionto approve the three foot retaining wall at 104 N Meadow Lane by Green Touch in the amount of $4,900 by D.Gerhardt, seconded by Siegert. Motion carried.

- **Landscaping Plan at Village Hall**

Ayres was asked to compare the three bids received. John received some amended bids. The difference was in the size of plants being used. LP is the best value for plan and layout.

Motionto approve the landscaping plan with LP Landscaping with no annuals in the amount of $3,782.90 by S.Gerhardt, seconded by Shemon. Motion carried.

Fire Association – Chad Svacina

- Discussed the bids received for insurance and decided to stay with Horton.
- **Approval 2014 Fire and Rescue Officers**

Motionto approve 2014 Fire and Rescue Officers by Wolske, seconded by D.Gerhardt. Motion carried. Aye-6, Nay-1

- **Discussion of New Tanker Truck and Air Packs**

Reviewed the purchase of air packs and new tanker truck. The air packs need to be replaced. They are going to start specs on the new tanker truck.

Library Board – Brenda Hackman

- Completed the summer reading program and had record numbers. Discussed the final program.
- Antique appraisal fund raiser went real well.
- Discussed building damage to be repaired towards the end of August.
- Fund raiser on August 19th at Orange Leaf in Hudson.
- JH Larson gave a very nice donation of lights – over $6,000.

Old Business

New Business

- **Employee Education Requests and Expense Reports**

Motionto approve Joe Kastens education request by D.Gerhardt, seconded by Shemon. Motion carried.

- **Criteria for Approval of Operator's Licenses -** Tabled
- **Operator's License**

Motionto approve the Operator's Licenses for Bob Ricci by S.Gerhardt, seconded by Wolske. Motion carried.

- **Resolution 2014-3R – Baldwin Area Medical Center Intent to Finance**

Motionto approve Resolution 2014-3R for Baldwin Area Medical Center by D.Gerhardt, seconded by Wolske. Motion carried.

- **Repeal Ordinance 2014-4 VB – Regulating Domestic Animals**

Motion to repeal Ordinance 2014-4 VB Regulating Domestic Animals by Wolske, seconded by D.Gerhardt. Motion carried.

- **Ordinance 2014-4(R) VB – Regulating Domestic Animals (Amended)**

Motionto approve Ordinance 2014-4R VB – Regulating Domestic Animals by Shemon, seconded by S. Gerhardt. Motion carried.

- **Approval of Municipal Emergency Operation Plan**

Motionto approve the Municipal Emergency Operation Plan by S.Gerhardt, seconded by D.Gerhardt. Motion carried.

- **Albrightson Excavating – Pay Request #1**

Motionto approve Albrightson Excavating – Pay Request #1 by S.Gerhardt, seconded by Wolske. Motion carried.

- **Payment of Bills**

Motionto pay the bills by D.Gerhardt, seconded by S.Gerhardt. 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 regarding the compensation for Emergency Management Director and employment within the Police Department by Svacina, seconded by S.Gerhardt. Roll Call – Siegert-Aye, D.Gerhardt-Aye, Shemon-Aye, Moeri-Aye, Svacina-Aye, Wolske-Aye, S.Gerhardt-Aye. Motion carried.
- **Motion**to adjourn Closed Session and reconvene into open session by D.Gerhardt, seconded by Wolske. Roll Call – Siegert-Aye, D.Gerhardt-Aye, Shemon-Aye, Moeri-Aye, Svacina-Aye, Wolske-Aye, S.Gerhardt-Aye. Motion carried.

- **Motion**to allow Aaron to hire within if a position becomes available and also hire another part time officer by D.Gerhardt, seconded by Siegert. Motion carried.
- **Motion** to appoint Joe Kastens as Emergency Management Director by D.Gerhardt, seconded by Svacina. Motion carried.
- **Motion** to compensate the Emergency Management Director a prorated amount by Wolske, seconded by D.Gerhardt– Discussed the budget and salary amount. The amount would be prorated for the remainder of this year in the amount of $300/month or $150/pay period.

Motionto adjourn at 9:35 PM by D.Gerhardt, seconded by S.Gerhardt. Motion carried.

Doreen Kruschke, WCPC, CMTW Date
Adopted: September 8, 2014

Village Clerk/Treasurer