Village of Roberts

Village Board Meeting Minutes

April 13, 2015 – 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, Lorraine Siegert and Marge Wolske. Absent: Don Gerhardt.

Visitors: John Bond, Aaron McWilliams, Tom Kortas, Angi Goodwin, Peter Tharp, Chuck Pizzi, Tom Lindfors, Mary Imboden, Linda Hall, Peter Close, Kris Lubich, Bruce Haslerud, Pat Simpson, Michael Johnston and Autumn Lindquist.

Meeting Minutes

Motionto approve Meeting Minutes from March 9, 2015 Village Board Meeting and Special Village Board Meeting on March 25, 2015 by Shemon, seconded by Svacina. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

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

Public Concerns

- Peter Close made a positive comment regarding police presence during beginning and end of school.

Communications

Department Reports

Police Department

- Monthly Police Report was given by Sgt. McWilliams.
- Officer Pohlman will be done with FTO at the end of April. Officer Bechel will start FTO in May.
- Staff training will happen on April 17th.
- Bullet proof vest grant has been applied for. This would be a replacement of one and for two additional vests.
- Shared concern regarding operation of the Feed Mill starting early in morning and going well into the evening. Police have received some complaints.
- School Zone Signs – Aaron has been looking to make the school crossings safer. He has been working with the school on idea. Currently they are looking at illuminated crossing signs. Two would be appropriate for the area. The principal felt the PPG would possibly have funds available.

Director of Public Works

- At the Water Convention, the Village received Wastewater Treatment Plant of the Year. Out of approximately 1,000 plants, we were chosen and this a great honor. He also shared the press release given to the papers.
- All of the sirens have been serviced for the year. In another year we may need to change out the batteries. This year we are in good shape and working properly.
- Discussed the condition of Dakota Avenue. We did not budget for a rebuild of the street but would like to do a temporary patch – approximately 60 feet long. It appears that this may have been a base failure. We would still be able to do the projects we planned on doing. We are planning on seal spraying the walking paths this year and he will just get bids.

- Cross Connections – John shared a concern from a citizen in the community. The program is to protect public health. This is 100% to protect and stop any type of backflow. John received information to back up the program and will forward to the home owner. This is a state required program.

Committee Reports and Recommendations

Park/Urban Forestry Board – None

Plan Commission

- **Building Inspector Report**– Reviewed report

CDA Board - None

Finance Committee - None

Public Safety Committee - None

Public Works Committee – Scott Gerhardt

- Lawn Mower Replacement – We will be replacing one mower that is 10 years old. We have received two bids for the Skag mower. The low bid is for $7,983.60 with Kinni Sport & Power, River Falls, WI. The other bid was from AirTec, Hudson, WI.

Motionto approve purchase the Skag Mower for $7,983.60 from Kinni Sport & Power by Shemon, seconded by Wolske. Motion carried.

- **Flying J/Pilot Grease Update**

Updated regarding the grease issue at Flying J/Pilot. All grease traps have been cleaned and contracts are in place for cleaning every three months. We will start cleaning our pipe soon.

- **Safety Contract – Phillips Engineering Company**

Motionto approve the Safety Contract with Philips Engineering Company for $1,500 for a 12 month period by Shemon, seconded by Wolske. Motion carried.

- **Hydrant Flow Equipment**

The Fire Department is looking to change their ISO rating. We need to test all our fire hydrants to do this. The Fire Department is willing to do some of the collection of data and flush hydrants for us. When the project would be done, the hydrants will all be color coded regarding the flow.

Motionto approve the purchase of hydrant flow equipment from Pollardwater for $625.34 by Svacina, seconded by Shemon. Motion carried.

- **Valve Exerciser Purchase**

Currently the Village of Roberts has 334 valves that need to be exercised. John has been talking and working with the Village of Hammond. The cost is approximately

$5,000 to $10,000. At the show, there is a new one available for approximately $2,199. We would share the cost with Hammond.

Motionto share the cost with Hammond on the purchase of the Valve Exerciser by Wolske, seconded by Shemon. Motion carried.

- **Pilot Plant**

John was co-speaker at the conference for Ovivo. The company has a class in Austin, Texas for that type of technology and asked John to attend the class. The class costs, meals and room would be covered by the company. John would be responsible to pay air fare. The class is a two day class and John would like to not use vacation.

Motion to approve John attending the class in Texas by Wolske, seconded by S.Gerhardt. Motion carried.

Fire Association – Wednesday, April 15, 2015

Library Board – None

- Report was available for review.

<u>Old Business</u>

<u>New Business</u>

- **Employee Education Requests and Expense Reports**

Motionto approve training requests for Joe Kastens by S.Gerhardt, seconded by Wolske. Motion carried.

- **Operator's License**

Motion to not approve Operator's License for Ashley Fouks by Wolske, seconded by S.Gerhardt. Motion carried.

- **Picnic License – SCC Sr. All Night Party – April 18, 2015**

Motionto approve Picnic License for SCC Sr. All Night Party on April 18, 2015 by S.Gerhardt, seconded by Shemon. Motion carried.

- **2014 Audit Report**

Tom Kortas – Clifton/Larson/Allen reviewed the 2014 Audit Report. General Fund is still in good condition. Water Fund still had a positive balance but was less than 2014. Sewer Fund had a negative balance. The water and sewer funds had a hard year in 2014 which was related to weather.

- **US Minerals Update**

Bruce Haslerud introduced the new President, Michael Johnston and Plant Manager, Pat Simpson. They are also working with DNR. Craig Albrightson is lined up to do the work on the retention pond. There is a lined pond that is not holding water and one that was over-excavated. They presented a new landscape plan. Also, presented plans on controlling dust in the area of the site. The goal is to have this done by July 1st. Mr. Johnston was requested to notify the Village when they receive approval from DNR for the pond.

Motionto conditionally approve the landscape plan for US Minerals contingent on review by Ayres and John Bond by Wolske, seconded by Shemon. Motion carried.

- **Sidetrack Saloon – Liquor License Extension for GND – May 29-June 1, 2015**

Motionto approve the liquor license extension for GND for Sidetrack Saloon for May 29 through June 1 by Wolske, seconded by Siegert. Motion carried.

- **Ralph May – Recycling**

Ralph May would like to have the recycling back without pick up of appliances with refrigerants. There cannot be any trailers or material in the yard. The neighbor was present and expressed his concerns.

Motionto disapprove the recycling in the Village to go to Ralph May at this time by Wolske, seconded by Shemon. Motion carried.

- **Board of Review – May 18, 2015 – 7:00 to 9:00 PM**
- **Village Board Training**

This is a service provided by Nelson/Lindquist. The meeting would last approximately 1 to 1-1/2 hours. It is a hands-on 101 Class on answering questions, new case laws, open

meeting laws and any other issues. The meeting will be scheduled for May 6 at 6:30 PM.

- **Payment of Bills**

Motionto pay the bills by Shemon, seconded by S.Gerhardt. Motion carried.

- **Motion to convene into closed session per Wisconsin State Statute:** 19.85(1)eDeliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session regarding acquisition of property by Shemon, seconded by Siegert. Roll Call – Siegert-Aye, Shemon-Aye, Moeri-Aye, Svacina-Aye, Wolske-Aye, S.Gerhardt-Aye
- **Motion**to adjourn Closed Session and reconvene into Open Session by Wolske, seconded by Shemon. Roll Call – Siegert-Aye, Shemon-Aye, Moeri-Aye, Svacina-Aye, Wolske-Aye, S.Gerhardt-Aye
- **Acquisition of Property**

Motionto approve contract for acquiring 204 W Main Street by Siegert, seconded by Shemon. Motion carried.

Any Other Business

Motionto adjourn at 9:10 PM by S.Gerhardt, seconded by Wolske. Motion carried.

Doreen Kruschke, WCPC,
CMTW Date Adopted - May 11, 2015

Village Clerk/Treasurer