

**Village of Roberts
Village Board Meeting
December 12, 2016**

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, Chad Svacina, Mary Shemon, Don Gerhardt and Katy Kapaun, Rand Waughtal, Chuck Pizzi

Absent:

Visitors: Steve Melby, Jerry Weiss, Krissa Coleman, Peter Tharp, John Bond, Aaron McWilliams, and Angi Goodwin

Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes from November 14, 2016 and the Special Village Board Meeting Minutes from November 28, 2016 by Pizzi, seconded by Gerhardt. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Motion to approve the Treasurers Report by Gerhardt, seconded by Kapaun. Motion carried.

Public Concerns

- What kind of restrictions are in the money market accounts? We did shop around a couple of years ago
- Svacina asked for a status update on the lighting issues in Rolling Meadows. Both lights that were discussed have been repaired. We are now looking at another one. It is located on the corner of Park and Tower Street.

Communications

- None

Department Reports

Police Department

- Two things this month. December 15 – January 1st is drive sober or get pulled over. No extra patrols will be on but we can get a grant for this.
- Special bulletin offender released. Original plan was that he was going to be released to the village of Roberts. He does not qualify for original domicile in the Village of Roberts. He will need to find a new place to reside.

Director of Public Works

- Last month mentioned that Clearas would like to give a proposal. January 19th at 6:30 would work for the board and them. This would replace our normal public works meeting and become a joint meeting between the Village Board and the Public Works Committee.
- Couple of inspection in the last weeks with the DNR.
 - Inspecting everyone's sample sites for lead and copper. Went over well. Added a couple of potential places to sample for backup.
 - Discharge permit is up for renewal at the end of the month which caused an inspection of the waste water treatment plant.
 - o Need different location for influent site. This is the bottom of the pipe which causes issues with the sample numbers. Need to tap the pipe in a different location.
 - o Couple of items to look at for Phosphorus
 - Look at putting in a containment system and add an eye wash
 - When sludge is thickened, the clear water that comes off of this flows to the front of the system and cannot handle this flow. IF we do add on to the system pump big enough to handle this and put back under the floor. Nothing that needs to be done today but to look at it.
 - Results are good of the affluent leaving the plant so that is good.
- We have been having electrical problems at the treatment plant. The valves that electronically open and close are having issues. We have replaced everything that we thought it could be. The actual problem is a value in the pump and the condensation causing

this to be intermittent. Now today the main PLC logic controller that runs the treatment plant quit. Ended up calling service and rebooting the whole treatment plant. The system did come back up but not sure how it will work. 11 years old and hard to find the parts for this system.

- Water tower maintenance – did fall inspection and cleaning. They did the job but not overly impressed. First sample was done but had a water leak. They fixed this but left as soon as they knew it would be ok. This left us to do the samples of the water tower. Contract is up at the end of the year. John is asking that we discontinue the contract with Suez for 2017. If we do nothing, we will receive a bill for Q1 for 2017. Issues with getting them here earlier than October or November would like to see this done in September. There are better options with less expenses. Motion that we send Suez written notification that we will not be renewing our contract with them in 2017 by Kapaun, seconded by Pizzi. Motion carried.

Library Director

- Library is doing well.
- November was a three-part series for dementia. First program did not happen – they forgot to show up. Another series will be done in the spring of 2017.
- December, we are having a lot of great programs.
 - o Grieving thru the holidays – partnered with Adoray on this program. First Christmas on main event. Had a fantastic turnout of over 70 people making crafts out of Legos. This Thursday night is our Holiday event at 6:00. Santa will be here at 5:30 and joyful brass will be playing music. Crafts, cider and music.
- Last Monday in January is book club at Bobtown Brew house.

Committee Reports and Recommendations

Park/Urban Forestry Board – Chuck Pizzi - None

Plan Commission –

- Reviewed the Building Inspectors Report.
- Summerfield Development –
 - o Discussed the history of this development.
 - o Before we can finalize the developer's agreement we needed to work thru the water system issues.
 - o Changes made to the water services has caused many discussions on whether to keep this as private or public system. Recommendation was to keep it private. This would be from curb stop on Cherry to curb stop on Division Street South. Recommendation from Angi was to keep this system Public with the developer being held liable for repairs if needed. Main concern is that will we remember this in 20 years when staff turns over?
 - o There will need to be some additional approvals that will need to be done by keeping it private.
 - o Motion was to make this a totally private system and to make sure that a back-flow system is in place.
 - o The developer's agreement and mapping of the village will need to be updated. The developer's agreement will need to be filed at the county so that any future buyers will know about it and a note will be added to the village mapping system regarding future water issues.
 - o Motion to approve the recommendation from the Plan Commission and have the Summerfield Development as a private water with the condition that there is a way to control the backflow if it becomes contaminated by Kapaun, seconded by Gerhardt. Motion carried with Waughtal and Svacina opposing.

CDA Board

- Went over semi-annual newsletter.
- Meeting are normally the fourth Wednesday but with Thanksgiving we combined November and December meetings.
- Went over financial report.
- TID #1 will have a positive cash flow of \$100,000 or better.
- 3D Strategies has a contract with the CDA. The new proposal matches word for word the same as last years including the price. CDA recommends the approval of this contract for the 2017 calendar year. Motion to approve 3d Strategies 2017 contract by Shemon, seconded by Gerhardt. Motion carried.

Finance Committee - none

Public Safety - None

Public Works Committee – None

Fire Association – Chad Svacina/Willard Moeri - none

Old Business – None

New Business

Employee Education – None

Operator's License – One request for Aaron Barstad – this was on the agenda for last month but could not be approved due to the background check not being done. Since the applicant was answered with a “no” to “Have you ever been convicted or arrested of a felony, misdemeanor, an ordinance violation or an OWI/DWI” question and he does have a history, the application was denied again. Motion to deny Operator's License by Gerhardt, seconded by Pizzi. Motion carried.

Operator's license for discussion – Waughtal went over the revised Operator's Application form. Mostly just rearranged the application and moved the phrase for certifying the application. As long as it is the same information McWilliams is ok with the form. Added wording as to what would cause an automatic denial. Law Enforcement check was moved to the back of the form and boxes added to make the recommendation more clear cut. Board will still approve or deny the application. Criteria is also added to the back of the form for review so that the board knows what they are looking for. Kapaun stated adding the criteria is helpful for the OL Application Criteria. Final authority rests with the board. Motion to approve the use of the new form by Kapaun, seconded by Shemon. Motion carried.

Approval of Knight Riders – James Cave asked for permission to cross the park as they have done in the past. Asked for formal board approval. Signs are up because they contacted Pizzi. They are to stay to the road and not go beyond them. Motion to approve the trails across the park by Pizzi, seconded by Kapaun. Motion carried.

Motion that we pursue bids for garbage and recycling services by Kapaun, seconded by Shemon. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the BJ Allen – Phantom Fireworks Permit for 2017 by Gerhardt, seconded by Svacina. Motion carried.

Motion to table the appointment of the Election Officials for 2017 by Pizzi, seconded by Shemon. Motion carried.

Motion to approve paying of the bills by Pizzi, seconded by Gerhardt. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn at 8:35 by Pizzi, seconded by Shemon. Motion carried.

Megan Dull
Village Clerk