Village of Roberts
Village Board Meeting Minutes
January 8, 2018

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

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

Members Present: Rand Waughtal, Nate Stork, Mary Shemon, Willard Moeri, Chad Svacina, Katy Kapaun and Chuck Pizzi
Absent: Krissa Coleman,
Guest: John Bond, Aaron McWilliams, Peter Tharp, Michele DeLong, Carol Nelson, Brian Lane, Eric Lundell, John Kraft, Dan Funk, and Chad Posta

**Meeting Minutes**
**Motion** to approve meeting minutes from December 11, 2017 by Pizzi, seconded by Shemon. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report**
Motion to approve Treasurer's Report by Kapuan, seconded by Stork. Motion carried.

**Public Concern**
- Dan Funk from Friends of Twin Lakes discussed the lake management plan. They are looking for a date and time for this meeting since the requirement is to have this done before September. Dan has prepared a letter with the history of the lake. Should also be getting a phone call from the Community Development to set up a meeting time to also discuss this item.
- Eric Lundell Jr. was here to discuss the phone call from the village regarding an extremely high water reading. He is asking for a reduction in his water bill to be more along the line of what it should be. Moeri discussed having to do this for one we would have to do for all residents who have issues with their water bill. Our policy at this point is to not do anything with the bills. Bond added that if the water goes thru the meter it has to be billed and discussed the real dollars that this costs the Village. The PSC would need to approve this adjustment. Recommend calling the Village to set up a payment plan for the payments.
- Michele DeLong from Central St. Croix News updated the board that she has taken a position elsewhere. The final publication date for the Central St. Croix Newspaper will be February 22nd meaning that we will need to look for a new official newspaper.
- Brian Lane discussed the increase in his property taxes. He is not happy with the communication regarding the assessment. He did eventually talk to Waughtal regarding the increase. Moeri discussed when the assessment is done and the process that this takes. Kapaun talked about communication and the lack of people looking at the postings. There should be another way that this is communicated out to the residents either via email or website. Stork inputted that he agreed that the late notice was not acceptable. The board has asked that the assessor, Eric Kleven, be at the next meeting to discuss this topic.

**Communications** - None

**Department Reports**
**Police Department – Chief McWilliams**
- Year-end states and time clock punch report were handed out.
- Officer Mann is off of FTO and on is now on his own.
- Discussed replacing the current Ford Expedition with a new Expedition. We are currently having issues with the power steering pump. With the new vehicle on order, asked if the Board wants to replace the pump for approximately $500, sell it out right or trade it as is. Moeri would like to know the trade in value.

**Director of Public Works – John Bond**
- The new loader is here. On delivery there was an issue with the wing and the communications between the two companies. This has since been corrected.
- The treatment plant has spray epoxy floors and last week the epoxy started coming loose.
- Permit – The DNR notified us that almost all of our permit is in place. The only part of the permit not in place is the language on the studies on Twin Lakes. This is suspended until the DNR can clarify this language as to what this means. Bond assumes that since our permit is in place that

we would need to start with our design and numbers for the Clearas project so that we can move ahead to keep this on track.

**Report from Library Director – Krissa Coleman**

- Nothing to report and no hand-outs given.

**Report from Municipal Judge**

- Monthly statistics report was in the packet for review.

**Committee Reports and Recommendations**

Park Board - none

Plan Commission –

- Building Inspector Report
- Keith Duffy – Looking to build modified twin homes in Stewart's Addition (no party wall). Nothing discussed since Duffy was not at the meeting.

**CDA Board** - none

**Finance Committee** – none

**Public Safety Committee** - none

**Public Works Committee** - none

**Fire Association** – none

**Old Business**

John Hancock and Diane May's Property Cleanup

- The Hancock property was foreclosed on and closed January 4th. As of today, anything that is not a permanent fixture is coming out the front door. The assumption is that they will start living in the shop which is zoned commercial and not allowed. The renters mobile home is supposed to be moving to Clear Lake eventually.

**New Business**

**Employee Education Requests and Expense Reports**

- Chris Holmes – Motion to approve water school on February 6 & 7th in Plover WI by Svacina, second by Kapuan. Motion Carried.
- John Bond – Motion to approve WWOA Technical Committee on February 8th in Wisconsin Dells by Kapuan, seconded by Pizzi. Motion carried.
- Brian Anderson – Motion to approve Rural Water Conference on March 26th to 29th in La Crosse by Pizzi, seconded by Svacina. Motion carried.
- Peter Tharp – motion to approve the Municipal Judges Training on March 15 & 16 in Elkhart Lake by Kapaun, seconded by Svacina. Motion carried.

**Approval of Operator's Licenses** – none

**Debbie Bright – Park Place Apartments – regarding snow plowing and shoveling times**

1. The residents of Park Place Apartments are not happy with the time that the company is plowing and shoveling. Stork thinks that this is an issue that should be worked out between Park Place Apartments and the plowing company and is not a noise ordinance.

**Verizon Wireless discussion**

- Currently having issues with Baldwin-Telecom regarding internet speed and also phone calls not being routed to the Village. We know that calls from long distance numbers are not always routed to the Village and only ring for the customer on the other end. We know that we are not receiving all of our calls form Ayres, Bakke Norman or Advanced Disposal but are not sure who else could be trying to call. Stork asked if the Library is also having issues. Was also asked why this was not included in our budget. The board would also like to see a bid from AT&T. Motion to table this discussed until next month when a representative from Baldwin-telecom can be here to discuss the issues by Pizzi, seconded by Shemon. Motion carried.

**Payment of Bills**

- Motion to pay the bills by Shemon, seconded by Pizzi. Motion carried.

**Other Business** - none

Motion to adjourn at 8:05 by Pizzi, seconded Shemon. Motion carried.

Megan Dull, Village Clerk

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