Village of Roberts
Village Board Meeting Minutes
January 13, 2020

The Village Board Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Katy Kapaun.

The meeting was properly noticed on the Village website and posted in three locations in the Village of Roberts.

Members Present: Mary Shemon, Cheryl Johnson, Chad Svacina, Katy Kapaun, Chuck Pizzi, Rand Waughtal

Absent: Willard Moeri

Guest: John Bond, Peter Tharp, Aaron McWilliams, Angi Goodwin, David Wilkin, Ed Coggin – Weston Solutions, John Kraft, Dan Funk, Chad Posta,

Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes for December 9, 2019 by Waughtal, seconded by Shemon. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Motion to approve the Treasurer's report by Pizzi, seconded by Johnson. Motion carried.

Public Concerns:

- John Kraft was here from Warren Township to discuss the report on Twin Lakes. This has been presented to the Village. They have built on this work since 2016 and is confident enough to make assertions on this report. The Town of Warren would not be in the crises it is today if it was not from the Village WWTP. 40 year rising water trend which is accelerated with the added rainfall. Remove the cause. The Villages problem is the floor of the WWTP and that this could flood the plant shortly. No plan for this contingency if it is flooded which he feels is a problem. Kraft is challenging the Village to a public debate on the facts of the report – nothing more. He will send information over – Lincoln Douglas style debate – moderated by a member of the County. All of the monitoring wells that were installed are now under water. Annual reports are to be reported to the DNR. There are 13 wells that are submerged in water. There is a hard requirement regarding these wells. Public records requests were given.
- Dan Funk – handed out a document. St. Croix County has excellent Topo Site. Discussed wells in the lakes. Water from Clearas would clean up the water in Twin Lakes. Turning waste water into drinking water. The water could be pumped thru the Clearas system and minimize the lake level. River Falls is doing this with the Kinni. They are recognizing that natural resources are important to the community.
- Sean Dennehy – taxation of the town – more taxes here than other major cities. Residents are being taxed out of this town. Moved in knowing what taxes were then get hit with a 40% sewer increase. Your duty to make available the invoices to see what bills are being paid. Something at a higher level should be done. Also, the wells – if what they are saying is true, he demands that this meeting be held in the format requested.
- Shawn Dakovich – seconds everything that Sean has said. The annual reports are published on the Village website. Asked about the phosphorus limits and if we have pushed this off. Clearas will sell this product for revenue to the Village. Asked if we could have more time. Kapaun – we are already on an extended timeframe since technology could not test for this. The limits have to do with the type of lake that you are discharging to. Dakovich asked if we looked for more funding? Sewer bills are going up 2.5 times from what he has paid in other locations.

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Playground equipment is being stored at the WWTP until Oevering makes a park. Oevering has to designate where this will be as part of the 8th addition. Downtown looks bad. Looking to see what makes up the expenses.

Communications:

- None

Department Report

Report from Police Department – Aaron McWilliams

- Handed out the total states for 2019. Cases increased in 2019 due to growth of the community.

Report from Director of Public Works – John Bond

- Freezing/thawing weather has been extremely hard on streets and sidewalks. You can notice the impact on our streets.
- Ice storm after Christmas was a challenge and we went thru a lot of salt. Salt order did come in this week. Over budget on the salt. The state rebid and did not let us know this. Normally we order so many tons and we usually get less than this. When they shipped, we were close to this number and they shipped us 30 tons more. Neighboring communities are interested in buying salt from us.

Report from Library Director – none

Report from Municipal Judge – Peter Tharp

- Monthly report was handed out.
- Nothing to report.

Committee Reports and Recommendations

Park Board – Did not meet.
Plan Commission – Did not meet.

- Building Inspectors Report is in your packet
- Business Plan of Operation was approved for Air Tec Sports in the old Hackman Building.
    - **Motion** to approve Business Plan of Operation for Air Tech by Svacina, seconded by Shemon. Motion carried.
- Discussion/approval of 10-acre CSM for Harris Rebar on 130th Avenue in the future Rail Park – Dustin LaBlonde, Cedar Corp
    - Angi met with Harris Rebar. They are a little early on submitting this CSM because they have a bigger picture to look at like sewer/water and stormwater systems. Public Roadway and rail spur on this land. Also looking at 130th for traffic flow and rebuilding this road. Comfortable approving on preliminary CSM with a developer's agreement or table until this is done. **Motion** to table this until next month by Pizzi, seconded by Johnson. Motion carried.
- Discussion approval of potential business at 103 E Locust St and the timeline for water/sewer hookup, etc.
    - The company looking to use this building pants commercial buildings. Paint is dropped at site, stored here is the equipment. This location does not have sewer/water. Would need to add this to this location prior to May 15th. **Motion** to approve JGC Paint Work LLC to start up their business and adding water/sewer by May 15h by Shemon, seconded by Johnson. Motion carried.

CDA Board – Waughtal

- Rand wanted to update the board on TID #1 extension. This would be one year of TID revenues that can be used for affordable housing within the Village limits. We received a message that we were approved for the Good Neighbor Housing Resolution Program so now we have to come up

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with the rules and program at the CDA level to see if we can make money available to residents to modify their homes to increase the property values. This is not a give-a-way but a way to bring in more affordable houses to Roberts. The amount available could be around $450,000 that would be a revolving situation that can help for many years. Rand asked who is going to administer this plan? If this was administrated thru the Micro Loan Committee this would give them something to do and maybe some of the CDA members would be willing to help with this committee also. CDA should at least sit in jointly to administer this. Board agrees that this would be the CDA and Micro Loan Committee.

Finance – none
Public Safety Committee - none
Public Works Committee – none
Fire Association – none
Friends of Twin Lakes - Kapaun

- Copy of letter in packet from Geno Hanson to all the representative regarding the flooding situation and asking to buy out three locations. Hanson has not heard back as of last week. Tribolds reported that they lost electricity for 5 days. Concerns because this line is on the ground but power has been restored at this time. The grant has been submitted. The DNR has asked a few questions so we think this is a positive sign that they are looking at it.

III. Old Business

- Roberts Municipal Court
- Discussion/approval regarding reimbursement to the Village of Roberts Municipal Court for education reimbursement and the use of the Municipal Court Checking Account – no action taken.

IV. New Business
Employee Education Requests and Expense Reports – None

- **Motion** to approve WWOA Technical Committee for John Bond by Pizzi, seconded by Shemon. Motion carried.
- **Motion** to approve the WRWA in Lacrosse in March for John Bond and Brian Anderson by Pizzi, seconded by Shemon. Motion approved.
- **Motion** to approve the WWOA Wastewater Conference for John Bond and Brian Anderson in October by Pizzi, seconded by Johnson. Motion carried.
- **Motion** to approve Chief McWilliams to attend WI Chief of Police Conference by Shemon, seconded by Pizzi. Motion carried.

New Operator's Licenses

- **Motion** to approve Alex Johnson and David Decker for Operator's License by Waughtal, seconded by Shemon. Motion carried.

Discussion/approval for the Roberts Lions Club to have Good Neighbor Days from May 28th to May 31, 2020.

- **Motion** to approve Roberts Lions Club to have Good Neighbor Days by Svacina, seconded by Johnson. Motion carried.

Discussion/approval of Ordinance 2020-01 to Amend Section 10-31 of the Municipal Code to abolish the Roberts Municipal Court.

- **Motion** to approve Ordinance 2020-01 to Abolish the Municipal Court by Pizzi, seconded by Svacina. Roll call Pizzi – yes, Svacina – yes, Kapaun – yes, Shemon – yes, Johnson – yes, Waughtal – yes. Motion carried.

Discussion/approval to close Vine Street for a private wedding on June 20, 2020 for the Sidetrack Saloon.

- **Motion** to approve the closing of Vine Street for a private wedding on June 20, 2020 by Johnson,

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seconded by Shemon. Motion carried.

Roberts Waste Water Treatment Plant Project Items:

Discussion/approval of Change Order #4 for $808 to Clearas – Harris St. Paul for Blanket Removals

- **Motion** to approve Change Order #4 for $808 to Clearas – Harris St. Paul by Pizzi, seconded by Shemon. Motion carried.

Discussion/approval of Change Order #5 for $16,413 to Clearas to Harris Mechanical for Blanket Removals and additional waterline install scope.

- **Motion** to approve Change Order #5 for $16,413 to Clearas for Harris Mechanical by Johnson, seconded by Shemon. Motion carried.

Discussion/approval of Change Order #6 for $65,008.02 to Albrightson for Soil Corrections.

- Albrightson for aggregate. Quantities have been verified. This would not have worked. Discussed cost benefit analysis for this. Asked if there were soil samples taken and there were but it was because this was above the water table. Cannot place sand below water but could place rock under water. Coggins was asked when they would start to assume the cost for these extra expenses instead of the residents. Board could do a conditional approval based on Goodwin asked about the deduct change order and if this would be ready for next month. Asked about liquated damages and if this is in the contract. Contract was a lump sum price.
- **Motion** to approve Change Order #6 for $65,008.02 and Albrightson application request #2 not be paid until reviewed and credits applied for related work by Pizzi, seconded by Waughtal. Motion approved.

Discussion/approval of Change Order #7 for $15,585 to Clearas – Wapasha for Building Changes.

- This is for a framed wall system instead of post and beam system because of the foundation issues.
- **Motion** to approve Change Order #7 for $15,585 to Clearas on behalf of Wapasha by Pizzi, seconded by Shemon. Motion carried.

Discussion/approval of Change Order #8 for $69,215.21 to Clearas – Wapasha for Winterization Efforts.

- For concrete work, heaters, hoop house, this number is projected thru all of the pours. This will be a time and materials change order amount but should not be any higher. The new material for the hoop house is included in this calculation.
- **Motion** to approve Change Order #8 for Clearas - Wapasha with an amount not to exceed $69,215.21 without prior board approval by Pizzi, seconded by Johnson. Motion carried.

Discussion/approval of Change Order #9 for $4,356 to Clearas – Wapasha for grading

- Wapasha had to do this work to get the subgrade to the proper elevations. This would be a deduct from Albrightson' s contract since we are paying someone else for this work.
- **Motion** to approve Change Order #9 for $4,356 to Clearas - Wapasha for fixing the subgrade by Svacina, seconded Shemon. Motion carried.
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Discussion/approval of Change Order #10 for $1,582 to American Structures for Changes to Above Ground Storage Tank Foundation.

- This is for concrete base modifications. This has not been completed at this point. Went from ribbon footing to thicker slab.
- **Motion** to approve Change Order #10 with an amount not to exceed $1,582 without prior approval of the board by Pizzi, seconded by Johnson. Motion carried.

Discussion/approval of Weston Invoice DEC2019-02807 for $43,774.71 for Construction

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Management for the Waste Water Treatment Plant Project.

- **Motion** to approve Invoice DEC2019-02807 for $47,774.71 to Weston Solutions by Johnson, seconded by Shemon. Motion carried

Discussion/approval of Weston Invoice Dec2019-02805 for $43,229.42 for Construction Management for the Waste Water Treatment Plant Project.

- **Motion** to approve Weston invoice DEC2019-02805 for $43,229.42 to Weston for the October charges by Waughtal, seconded by Shemon. Motion carried.

Discussion/approval of Invoice #7891 for RM Products Ltd for $8,949.01 for Fiberglass Enclosure for the Waste Water Treatment Plant Project.

- **Motion** to approve Invoice #7891 for $8,949.01 to RM Products for the chemical shed by Pizzi, seconded Johnson. Motion carried.

Discussion/approval of Invoice #6105.3 for $17,775.63 for EnviroMix, Inc for Valve Control Panels.

- **Motion** to approve Invoice #6105.3 for $17,775.63 to EnviroMix, Inc by Johnson, seconded by Shemon. Motion carried.

Discussion/approval of Invoice #2804-004.71579 for $121,460.69 to Clearas for Wapasha Construction.

- **Motion** to approve Invoice #280-4004.71579 for $121,460.69 to Clearas for Wapasha Construction for concrete work by Waughtal, seconded by Shemon. Motion carried.
- Did a separate pour for the tank pad but it is the wrong size. They will remove and put it back. In this invoice is the original amount for this work.

Discussion/approval of Invoice #2804-004.71579 for $42,262.65 to Clearas for Harris St. Paul.

- Invoice is the original amount. They could withhold the amount until the next invoice.
- **Motion** to approve #2804004-71579 for 42,262.65 to Clearas for Harris St Paul by Shemon, seconded Johnson. Motion carried.

Discussion/approval of Invoice #041436 for $31,920.00 to Simon Electric for Payment Request #3.

- **Motion** to approve Invoice #041436 for $31,920 to Simon Electric by Johnson, seconded by Shemon. Motion carried.

Discussion/approval of Invoice #19134.1 for $128,257.62 to Albrightson Excavating Inc.

- **Motion** to approve Invoice #19134.1 for $128,257.62 to Albrightson Excavating by Waughtal, seconded by Pizzi. Motion carried.

Payment of Bills

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

Other Business

Other grant money for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Project has been applied for. The additional $85,000 to the USEPA is to study this system once it is running for a two-year period. This would include the monitoring equipment that could get reimbursed if awarded. Should hear on grant in June or July.

Motion to adjourn at 10:00 pm by Pizzi, seconded by Shemon. Motion carried.

Megan Dull

Village Clerk

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