

Village of Roberts
Village Board Meeting
Monday, April 11, 2022

The Village Board Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Clerk Dull

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Present: Brian Tremblay, Katy Kapaun, Shawn Dakovich, Willard Moeri, Mary Shemon, Cheryl Johnson and Rand Waughtal

Absent:

Guest: John Bond, Jerry Strohmusch, Tori Schoess, Angi Goodwin – Ayres, Chuck Pizzi, Peter Tharp, Nate Byom, Dan Funk, Tim Johnson

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

Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of March 14, 2022 Village Board meeting by Dakovich, seconded by Kapaun.
Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report by Dakovich, seconded by Tremblay. Motion carried.
Discussion regarding the yield curve inverting and protecting the Village on this.

Public Concerns:

Dan Funk, Warren Township – Had a handout. Discussed the irrigation for T-Buck. The lake is rising 100-acre feet/year. Can irrigate 35,000,000/mo. Pump capacity is 600,000/day. What T-Buck is proposing seems like it will help the lake level. Seems like a workable scenario. Future planning, it is pulling 100-acre feet a month, permit allows 4-times this. He may want to consider increasing it if it wouldn't cost substantially more. Funk thinks that meeting the .04 phosphorus limits is great. Final note is the time to do this is now because we are at the tail end of the drought. Now it is down and when the rains return, Ed will not be interested in irrigating.

Communications

Congratulations to the people that were elected and Tim Johnson the new member. Thank you, Rand, for your years of service and the time and effort that he has given. He is staying on most of the committees as a citizen instead of a board member.

April 1st Geno Hanson and Katy met with the Army Corp of Engineers. They took photos. Look to see if project has any merit. Develop fact sheet and forward this on to see if there is merit for assistance. They thought with the concerns of the WWTP being flooded this held weight. Meet once a year in March, but not all projects will move forward. Once they know what is funded, they go back and relook at items. Could be looked at still this year. There would be funding to look further into it and propose some solutions for us. Not obligated to spend money until we sign into a cost share. Discussed some of our solutions that we discussed. Johnson asked if there are other municipalities in the same boat as we are, and Katy did not think so. Katy is looking at grants to help with the potential of irrigating from the lakes. Moeri said that there is a well out there that Ed is currently using for irrigation, it is fine to put this in, why wouldn't he do something up front to help with the cost. He is going to the boards to get the development in place. Kapaun does not think it is just the Village's responsibility to help with this solution. DNR was very open to any permit for irrigation even if over 2,000,000 gallons per day. Dakovich added that in conversations with Ed he would like to surface pump due to the expense of running the wells. Moeri asked if the Township has any projects going towards this but Kapaun cannot speak for them.

Last week was National Library Week and Worker Appreciation week. Please say thanks to the staff if you see them. They work hard on their programs and services that they receive.

Department Reports

Report from Police Department – Chief Strohmusch

Month of March 138 calls for service. We were down one officer due to military leave. There are businesses asking for extra patrol and that is being documented. Parking complaint were up (on 70th Avenue or park and ride) and welfare checks for the month. The Police Department was awarded a \$7,000 grant from the State. No specifics on

what it can be spent on, but Strohmusch will bring back needs at the May meeting. The two office/squad computers are here and working but we are still waiting on the new squad to be delivered and this will hopefully be in April still. All equipment for the squad is waiting to be installed. Strohmusch also said that he is having department meetings four times a year and inhouse training in May.

Report from Director of Public Works – John Bond

Bond reminded the Board that at the last meeting he discussed applying for a last-minute grant, we are receiving this and spare batteries, tubing, etc. to keep it running for a while. Bond did submit for the grant for mill and overlay for several streets. Have not heard anything on this yet. 20% matching, our share would be approximately \$80,000 (Hillcrest North Meadow Lane, Dakota, Durango and Wildwood). Received the inspection results from the water tower. This will go to the Public Works Committee for discussion. There was minor maintenance recommended for this. On the corner of 130th Street and Packer Drive a semi took out a fire hydrant and we could not find the driver. This has been repaired at the Village expense. Dakovich asked if the hydrant was marked and was/is it guarded with a steel post. Bond said we may need to look at this because this is the second time that this has been hit, along with the hydrant at Wagner Drive. Bond has been trying to patch some street but cannot find material. We are on the list with the County for street repairs. If any board members available May 18th in the evening there is an informational meeting for West Central Bio Solids members that night in Baldwin. They have hired new engineers who will be there and part of the conversation will be discussing the federal grants and receiving \$1.6 million in funding. All sirens were serviced the week before severe weather week. Hosting Waste Water District Association meeting on May 24th at the Roberts Park Building. If either Willard or another board member is available for the welcome session that would be appreciated. With Clearas up and running, Bond is expecting a larger group at the meeting so that they can tour the facility. Again, this year the recycling letter that the county mails out states that if you have ammonias or bleaches don't put them down your drains, but take them to a municipal sewer and dump them. Moeri asked if there was going to be a Public Works meeting this month and there is. At the wastewater treatment plant in the last 16 days, we have averaged 0.018. Need to make changes one step at a time but consistently hitting our mark. Johnson asked if we are still getting some hits at the plant and we are. We have scaled back on PACK and Quad but have not been able to eliminate using them. The algae count is where it should be. We are going to start dialing back on the Pack chemical first then slowly wean off the other one. Kapaun asked about curbside pickup and if it started today. Bond said it will be every Monday and they are looking to start next week. Shemon asked about street sweeping and Bond said that this is also on the list now that the gutters are not frozen. Bond thinks they could start sweeping next week.

Report from Library Director – Schoess

Right now, the library system is hosting a passport program from April 4th to July 15th. People can come to the different library locations and get their passports stamped. Schoess said that this seems to be popular with people. Also, in the process of updating our website so if you see things out of place, we are working on it. The upgrade is to help freshen it up and make it more mobile friendly.

Committee Reports and Recommendation

Park Board – none

Plan Commission – Kapaun

- **Building Inspector Report** was handed out. Kapaun added that there is another report that was created that shows how we are tracking the new building permits.
- **Discussion/approval of a two-lot subdivision for David Wilkens/Kwik Trip for the property located at the NW corner of Highway 65 and 70th Avenue.**
 - Goodwin recommends approving this with staff approval so Ayres can look at the easements that the DOT will need for the upgrades to 70th Avenue. This is a two-part CSM; one to divide the land and one to make the lot for Kwik Trip. Motion to approve the two-lot subdivision contingent on final staff approval by Kapaun, seconded by Dakovich. Motion carried.
- **Discussion/approval of Ordinance #2022-04VB – An Ordinance annexing approximately 263 acres from Warren Township for Ed Forletti/Trevor Bruce.**
 - This annexation is proposed to come in as A-1 to match what is currently out there. We will need to come back for rezoning. Motion to approve Ordinance #2022-04VB – Ordinance annexing for Ed Forletti/Trevor Bruce by Kapaun, seconded by Dakovich. Motion carried.

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- **Discussion/approval for Ordinance #2022-03VB – An Ordinance Amending Sec 66-54(6)c to increase the east sewer interceptor fees for years 2021-2025.**
 - When this table was originally put together, we had some misinformation in it. We have corrected our fees (Per website) and now we are just applying the same inflation rate. Motion to approve Ordinance 2022-03VB – An ordinance amending Sec 66-54 (6)c to increase the east sewer interceptor fees by Dakovich, seconded by Shemon. Motion carried.

Finance Committee – none

CDA Board/Residential Lending Commission – Waughtal

Had a couple of rebates for a business in town. Hoping to get the taverns and restaurants on this program and maybe get more help from the business that will decrease the amount of water that is being processed. Kapaun asked about reaching out to the school and the rebate limit is up to \$100/per year and they are big. Moeri asked if you could change the rules and we can but you would have to change this for everyone. Waughtal thinks this would be worth consideration. Also, talked a little about what Dakovich was talking about in looping of the water system. There were a lot of questions and this will be looked at again. This could be a home improvement project. CDA Chair is going to look into it and check with the building inspector. No additional zero interest loans. Waughtal does the coupons for the residents and thought he had them all taken care of for 2021 and 2022. These people continued to make payments without coupons and this has now been fixed. Tremblay asked if the goal is to wipe out the funds to help reduce the water use but Waughtal said that this is also used for the BobTown 3600 fund. Got to have income to keep this going so they are being cautious.

Public Safety Committee – none

Public Works Committee - none

Fire Association – Dakovich

Friends of Twin Lakes - none

Old Business

New Business

Employee Training:

Kapaun asked Chief Strohbusch if he has approved the training and yes, he has. Motion to approve the training request for Officer Olson by Kapaun, seconded by Dakovich. Motion carried.

Discussion/approval Sidetrack Saloon – Liquor License Extension for Good Neighbor Days from June 2 – June 5th.

They put a tent on the side street for activities. Motion to approve the liquor license extension for Good Neighbor Days by Dakovich, seconded by Tremblay. Motion carried.

Discussion/approval of updated 2022 Board/Committee Appointments

With Waughtal being done with the board had to add T. Johnson to committees. This was pretty easy because the committees that Waughtal was on, he moved into a community member position and T. Johnson will be on the boards representing the Village. Motion to approve committee assignments as presented by Kapaun, seconded by Shemon. Motion carried.

Discussion on notice from Clearas of successful completion of the Performance Test on the new wastewater treatment plant Clearas project.

Received the letter from Clearas they are meeting the limits for the WWTP performance testing.

There is 132,000 gallons of water for the plant which includes recirculation water. We are treating more water than we thought. There is already treated water that is used in the process so it is after the influent meter (water coming into the plant) but is reused. How does this water effect our limit and Bond said this water is counted twice and they have to figure out how to carve this amount out? There is a possibility that this can be calculated out with the Scada

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system. Moeri asked if there is anything that will put this in granite and there is probably not. The reuse water does not have a separate meter. There are three other meters in the system and this water loops thru to be counted twice. Waughtal asked if they are still monitoring this in Montana and they are. What they monitor is not allowed for performance testing requirements. Bond said that there are not a lot of labs that can detect this level of phosphorus so we use Badger Labs or CTL so they have a far lower detection limit. Bond said the lower the detection limits mean the lower the bills are at the end of the year for the State. We will continue to ship to Badger Lab to get as low as number as we can. Have daily, weekly and monthly average limits. Waughtal asked about the lower limits and there were two other communities that got the lower limits. One community got changed and the other did something and had their limit raised. Bond heard there is a community at 0.03 for a limit. Part of our problem is that nitrifying bacterial won't reproduce until it hits a certain temp. When this got wiped out it needed warm weather to help get it growing again so that we could meet our limits again. Struggling with nitrate or nitrites in the system. The sooner we can reduce this chemical the better the system will run.

Discussion/approval of Clearas Water Recovery Invoice #2804-002-20201203 for \$4,075.00 for the WWTP Clearas Project for retainage for the ABNR and Engineering Management Contract.

Clearas is asking for their retainage for the project. This can be approved with the understanding that until the punch list is done there is no money being advanced. It can be requested for payment but will be held until Charlie signs off on everything. Motion to approve invoice #2804-002-20201203 for \$4,075 to Clearas for final payment by Johnson, seconded by Shemon. Motion carried.

Payment of the Bills:

Motion to approve paying the bills by Dakovich, seconded by Johnson. Motion carried.

Other business:

Kapaun asked if there is any interest in a strategic planning session with the group and this could include the heads of the other committees. Looking for things that we want to accomplish for the next year or two. Some examples include updating the website, streaming meetings, etc. We could reserve a time on the agenda each month for this discussion. Goodwin added that it would be good to do a five-year plan for infrastructure. Moeri added that part of this has to do with a recession, went thru this in 2008 you can plan but not set it in granite.

Motion to adjourn at 8:30 pm by Dakovich, seconded by Johnson. Motion carried.

Megan Dull
Village Clerk