Village of Roberts
Village Board Meeting
Monday, August 8, 2022
The Village Board Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Moeri

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Present: Brian Tremblay, Katy Kapaun, Shawn Dakovich, Willard Moeri, Mary Shemon, Cheryl Johnson and Tim Johnson
Absent:
Guest: John Bond, Jerry Strohbusch, Tori Schoess, Angi Goodwin – Ayres, Chuck Pizzi, Peter Tharp, Dan Funk, Mary Grupe, Trevor Bruce, Alex Miller, Brock Geyen, Jacki Peterson, Don Graf, Craig Dillion, Becky Dillion, Sally Ireton, Kathy Lowery

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 July 11, 2022 Village Board Meeting with noted changes by Dakovich, seconded by Tremblay. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report
Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as read by Dakovich, seconded by Kapaun. Motion carried.

Public Concerns:
Craig Dillion spoke regarding his concern with location of manure digestor. He supports growth and for others to come to our community. Fully understand proposal of Nature Energy and supports it within reason. Never heard how it would benefit the Roberts Community but how others supporters would benefit from this project. They don't have to deal with the noise, air pollution, reduced property values, or the smell from the methane gas. Held meeting claiming they would be fully transparent. Went to the meeting with questions but all left with zero answers and a technical engineer raised concerns. Their lawyer gives no answers but found a loop hole in the ordinances of Roberts. Lawyer made claim of 20-mile radius but Jenni-o is not within this 20-mile area. Asked to have conditional use permit in known wellhead protection area. Nature Energy could not confirm how many trucks or who the truckers work for. They could not answer what they would do with all of the extra manure or where it was going to be stored. Nature Energy could not give a single answer to show how this will support our community. Please listen to the citizens and do not build this in our backyard. Does not bring growth but deters growth.

Dan Funk, Town of Warren resident, talked about a letter from the Director of Wild Rivers St Croix Conservancy. Does not make sense to allow this to be built. Water quality is in danger. Degrade drinking water for county residents trying to reduce County runoff. Everyone thinks they help mitigate pollution but in fact the more fields around a well the more contamination there is. Nature Energy is promising to have a nutrient management plan but nothing on the ground water.

Jackie Petersen - They did state that it would take five years before the levels hit the ground water, then what? Feel we would be guinia pigs for it to go in this little community.

Peter Tharp – echoes Mr. Dillions statement. Did not address the wellhead protection area. Not sure of the loop-hole he thinks he has but does not feel that this is allowed in the ordinances.

Kathy Lowrey - Warren Resident - She was at the public hearing but would like to say that she feels like the residents of Roberts have been an invisible group but they have to live with it every day. There are other risks. There are other benefits to farmers, etc. but they are not here. Sometimes we have to take one for the team. Why one with so many risks. We have to protect ourselves and the board is the only voice and protection and need to have their backs.

Moeri brought up the mobile home park. They want to have a trailer that sits in the opposite direction as the other trailers in the park. Dull cannot find anything in the ordinances stating that this cannot happen or any covenants for the mobile home park. Goodwin said that we need to look at the setbacks because it is a corner lot and they may not fit.

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Communications
Angi Goodwin would like to thank John Bond for giving a tour to the Ayres group of the WWTP.

Department Reports
Report from Police Department – Chief Strohbusch
Strohbusch went over the monthly call report for the Police Department. There were 159 calls for service. Domestic issues were up this month along with parking calls on 70th Avenue. Thefts are up and so are the gas drive-offs. Traffic stops are up on Graham Street because of speeders. Speed box is up and running on Dakota Avenue. The box will be charged and relocated somewhere else in the Village tomorrow. Thanks to the guys for getting, it up and running. Thanks to everyone for supporting National Night Out. Thank you to Lisa for working with the library to organize it and Katy for the buns and hotdogs. Received an email from a concerned citizen looking for more detail in the monthly report that is handed out. Will keep the current chart unless there are questions from the board. C. Johnson asked about animal complaint and why they are not on here and Strohbusch said that there must not have been any for the month.

Discussion of squad cars 497, 498 & 494
Squad 494 has been taken off the road because of the tire issues. They have a convoy number for the new squad but not sure when it will be in Hudson. Right now, they are down to one squad and the blue unmarked vehicle. Looking at the option to trade in squad, see how much is still outstanding on unmarked car and looking at budget numbers to see if we can get a new squad. Strohbusch would then drive a marked squad. November of 2021 was when the new squad car was ordered. Kapaun said that with the high demand we could actually get a good trade in value on the blue squad. This will come back in September.

Discussion/approval of purchasing stop sticks with squad car funds
Strohbusch said they used a set last spring on I94 when assisting with a chase. Strohbusch has a request for replacement but this can take up to two years. There are still $3,000 in funds left and asking to purchase new stop sticks and leaves us an extra set. Would not cost more than $1505 and we would order the same as what the County has. Motion to purchase the stop sticks for no more than $1505 by Dakovich, seconded by Shemon. Motion carried.

Tremblay and Dakovich would like to thank the police department for stopping out in Rolling Meadows for National Night Out.

Report from Director of Public Works – John Bond
Started chip sealing and will be sweeping in the next week. There will be a second coating that will seal the rock down and this should be done in the next two weeks. Took down the tree by the library but still need to grind the stump.

There was a red light flashing in the screen room indicating that the potential for harmful gases coming into the plant is great. This red light is due to a device failure. It was put in 2006 and obsolete. Kapaun asked what the backup plan is and there is a handheld monitor that they can use but you have to open the door to know what it is at. Right now, you open the door and wait to go in but Bond will get numbers for replacement. The starter motor failed on a mixer. Seven or eight ballast have been updated and replaced because they were not working. DNR did reissue the modification of our permit for the plant once we get approvals from the dryer process. Bond said they came to start it up and found out that one company rebuilt the microwave and the other company did the ovens. The safety cards are missing and Amtech is taking care of this. Once the cards are here, they will do start up. Moeri asked about our production and Mondovi's contract. Bond said that it will be a while before Mondovi is ready to ship algae. The SBR had air valves that had to be replaced. Bond also found some actuators that are at the end of life. Cannot get them at this point so they took the valves off the 3rd basin. If we need to use it, we would have to order the valves and actuators. Been having tough time getting products like chemicals for the treatment plant. Bond said they have been cleaning out all of the tanks and getting them ready to go for annual maintenance. Chris Holmes needs classes for more training and certifications for wastewater. When they do find classes, they fill up fast or there is not a months' time to come to the board for approval. Bond asked if Moeri can approve these and the the agreement was that he can. Shemon asked if they are going to fill in the holes from the tents at the park. There are also trees that are dying at the park.

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Report from Library Director – Schoess
Had summer reading finally party. It was a good night but hot. There were 550 people signed up for summer reading with over 6,100 hours read. This was less sign ups but more hours spent reading. Native plants class has been cancelled for tomorrow night. Big local author is Thursday night, so please attend. Four-part series about health from a different perspective. This should be Shoess' last meeting until 2023 as she is due anytime now! Moeri asked about Hudson's Library issues and where this was at. Schoess said that at this time it is still ongoing. She has a meeting/discussion on it this week.

Report from Village Clerk – Dull
Second half of ARPA Funds are here.

Committee Reports and Recommendation
Park Board – none

Plan Commission – Kapaun
Building Inspectors - Report in packet.

Review/recommend the extra territorial for Diane Triebold for a two-lot subdivision on 70th Avenue/107th Street – NW1/4 NE1/4 and part of Govt. Lot 1 Sec. 32 and part of Govt. Lot 1 Sec. 33, including a part of Lot 3 of CSM Vol. 23, Pg. 5530 Doc. #875384, Douglas Zahler, Auth Consulting & Assoc.
Motion to approve extra territorial for Diane Triebold by Kapaun, seconded by Dakovich. Motion carried.

Review/recommend the extra territorial for Jet Properties of Wisconsin, LLC, 1221 County Highway TT, 1 Lot CSM NE1/4NW1/4 Sec. 27, Douglas Zahler, Auth Consulting & Assoc.
This is a clean-up of a left-over parcel along TT. Motion to approve the extra territorial for Jet Properties by Kapaun, seconded by Dakovich. Motion carried.

Review/recommend extra territorial for Richard Krumm for a two-lot subdivision off of Trout Brook Drive located in Part of the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 2, Township 28 North, Range 18 West, Town of Kinnickinnic being Lot 4 of the Certified Survey Map Recorded in Volume 22, Page 5344, Doc # 842539, Ty Dodge, Auth Consulting & Assoc.
Motion to approve the extra territorial for Richard Krumm for a two-lot subdivision by Kapaun, seconded by Dakovich. Motion carried.

Review/recommend site plan approval for VT&E Services, LLC located at 1244 70th Ave.
Goodwin discussed her memo in the packet. Technical items will be worked out. Plan recommendation but cross of sidewalk items. Ordinance allows for storage of 3,000 gallons of fuel and other items noted. Dakovich asked about the no sidewalk. Wants connection to the park and ride and across the highway. Kwik Trip will be putting sidewalks in. this is a rural road section- can be added in the future. Moeri said there is no sewer and water down in that section now. Other development will dictate when they will come. The Comprehensive Plan can also address this. Shemon asked about it being fenced and it is. Motion to accept recommendation for site plan approval contingent on providing information on floor drain holding tank, water use and wastewater discharge, updates per technical comments with staff review and Developer's Agreement being signed prior to building construction to include tracking control with gravel parking areas, timing of connection to public sanitary and water and impact fees to be paid and deferral of sanitary and water fees by Kapaun, seconded by Dakovich. Motion carried. They can proceed with footing and foundation.

Review/recommend Business Plan of Operation for VT&E Services, LLC

This was known as Valdes Landscaping. This will be for the trucking side of the landscape business. There will be a few mechanics on site but the rest will just be the truck drivers coming and going with the equipment. Motion to approve the Business Plan of Operation for VT&E Services by Kapaun, seconded by Dakovich. Motion carried.

Finance Committee – none

CDA Board/Residential Lending Commission – none

Public Works Committee - Dakovich
Discussed the roof and buildings being looked at by an insurance adjuster for hail damage. Bond and his staff have all looked at them and did not see any damage. Public Works voted not to do this. The new loader repair was on the agenda for how to pay and this had been figured out as a previous board meeting. Started to run the numbers to burn brush and will keep mulching instead. Moeri added that some of this is a seasonal issue for the amount that is out there. Central Street is 26 feet wide. Discussed the parking issues that have happened on this street but at this point it will be left to the homeowners and if they want to discuss the best option that will work for them, they will need to come to Public Works meeting to discuss.

Discussion/approval of 410 Durango Drive driveway repairs from a watermain leak
There was a water leak repair made. They are asking for the money that the Village would spend so that they can redo the whole driveway and not just have it patched. Will take the lowest bid and discuss with homeowner. Lowest bid so far is $2,900. Motion to approve the reimbursement for the damaged area based on lowest bid by C. Johnson seconded by Kapaun. Motion carried.

There is a big water issues on Durango Drive. The slope is not sufficient for this area. Looking for an easement to correct this issue. This has caused a lot of damage. This will need bids and has a cost of 20,000 to correct this.

Fire Association - Dakovich
There was hail damage to the station. They are going thru contractors and requesting bids. Went over the budget for 2023. Far right column is the increase/decreases requested. Tools are roughly 20 years old. They are looking at nice battery powered equipment but the cost is high at approximately $40,000. Looking to see if the board will do a one year or two-year funding but if two years, Dakovich will ask for $40,000 because of inflation. This budget is not final but is close. Tremblay asked how the Township is involved and if they go two years, we would go two years? And we could but could also give them the money in one year. C. Johnson asked about the number of times this has been used.

Friends of Twin Lakes - none

Joint Comprehensive Plan Committee
Kapaun was not able to attend but was selected as co-chair. Listened to Brett Budrow from the County. Feels that the committee would be best served by using West Central Planning and will be invited back to a future meeting. This does not mean that we won't listed to other vendors. Committee is interested in the growth management plan that was adopted by the Village and how this will affect our future planning so they have asked that Angi or John's knowledge on the waste water treatment plant. Next meeting should be end of the month.

Old Business

New Business
Employee Education Requests and Expense Reports
Motion to approve Officer Olson and Chief Strohbusch by Dakovich, seconded C. Johnson. Motion carried.

Approval of New Operator's Licenses
Needs to have business name added to the application. Motion to disapprove the application by Dakovich, seconded by Tremblay. Motion carried with Kapaun opposing.

Review of annual Audit with Brock Geyen and Sarah Kobs from Clifton Larson Allen, LLP.
Had a handout of highlights. Received an unmodified opinion as part of internal controls structure and there is

control to address and mitigate. Had a good year financially. Unassigned Fund percentage is good. We ended the year at 43.6% and our policy is 33% minimum. Discussed the impact fee funds and amounts in each fund. Also discussed the TID #2 and TID #3 that are showing negative balances because we had expenses but no increment coming in yet.

Discussion/approval of Developer's Agreement for Trevor Bruce/Deer Hills LLC development
Trevor Bruce went over his concerns with the Developer's agreement. Goodwin took notes as to what needed to be worked out. Motion to approve Developer's Agreement contingent on revisions as discussed between Developer, staff and Village Attorney by Kapaun, seconded by Dakovich. Motion carried.

Discussion/approval of purchasing iPad or Galaxy Tab for the Village Board Members using ARPA funds.
Dull discussed the options that she found thru Verizon and the pricing of each. Looked at both iPads and Samsung devices with data. The iPads will run around $359 for a 64 GB device or $510 for a 256 GB device and $40/mo. for service for each device. Samsung is approximately $570 and $37.50/mo. for data. Dakovich and Tremblay have both done some research on devices and they are proposing a Lenovo Tab tablet with case and keyboard for approximately $338. and no data plans on these. Feel that this is the best device for the money. Dull is fine with whatever is decided as long as they are all the same. Motion to approve the purchase the Lenovo Tab with keyboard by Dakovich, seconded by Tremblay. Motion carried.

Discussion/approval of having Tim Staber as a consultant for the different committees/boards.
Tim handed out his resume – Will we be charged – no- could ask him to be here as he wanted but not as a county employee. Right now, he is not allowed to be here at meeting. He understands nutrient management and land use knowledge. He would be another resource for the village of Roberts. He is not allowed to comment on Nature Energy. If we approve him then he can speak on the county's behalf and the village behalf. Why do we have to make a recommendation (C. Johnson). He wants to be a good neighbor in the community but there was not one here - Moeri said that the part that bothers him is the county ordinances and the township has to abide by them. Kapaun said he works for the County and we pay for these services already but depending on what is on our agenda he could be invited in. Motion to table until next month for further review by C. Johnson, seconded by Shemon. Motion carried with Dakovich opposing.

Discussion/approval of Invoice 2804-001.12-71579 for $5,691.85 to Clearas/Harris for Change Order 35 & 36.
Motion to approve Invoice 2804-001.12-71579 for $5,691.85 to Clearas/Harris by Dakovich/seconded by Tremblay. Motion carried.

Discussion/approval of Invoice 2804-001.11-71579 for $8,105.35 to Clearas/Harris for $8,105.35.
Motion to approve Invoice 2804-001.11-71579 for $8,105.35 by Dakovich, seconded by C. Johnson. Motion carried.

Discussion/approval of Invoice #2804-001.12-71579RET for $343.15 for Clearas/Harris for retainage.
Motion to approve Invoice #2804-001.12-71579RET for $343.15 by Tremblay, seconded by Dakovich. Motion carried.

Discussion/approval of Invoice #2804-001-11-71579RET for $21,061.45 for Clearas/Harris for retainage
Motion to approve Invoice #2804-001-11-71579RET for $21,061.45 by Tremblay, seconded by Dakovich. Motion carried.

Motion to pay the bills by Dakovich, seconded by C. Johnson. Motion carried.

Others Business
Again, thank you to the Police Department and Fire Department for participating in National Night Out.

Motion to adjourn at 9:15 by Dakovich, seconded by Shemon. Motion carried.

Megan Dull
Village Clerk