Village of Roberts
Village Board Meeting
April 8, 2024

The Village Board Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by President Kapaun.
The meeting was properly noticed in the Village of Roberts.
The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Present: Katy Kapaun, Peter Tharp, Mary Shemon, Brain Tremblay, and Tim Johnson
Absent: Shawn Dakovich, Jeff Vogt
Guest: Jerry Strohbusch, John Bond, Chuck Pizzi, Tori Schoess, Angi Goodwin,

Consent Agenda
Motion to approve the consent agenda with the Report from Public Works Director and Joint Comprehensive Plan Meeting minutes being pulled for further discussion by Tremblay, seconded by Shemon. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda item regarding the Report from the Public Works Director.
Tharp asked about Blaine Brothers repairing equipment instead of River States. Blaine Brothers is open earlier so they can do the repair soon and they are also cheaper than River States. Tharp asked about the air compressors. Bond said that we are spending a lot of money on these, and we believe the problems will be taken care of as of Friday as there is a new company to repair them. Tharp asked about the motor or pump problems. Pumps are designed to run 24 hours per day and Atlas came out to install and startup and we have had problems since day one. Had another company come out and have same issues. Found a company that had techs that service them and found the issues. Replacement is in the ballpark of $12,000 per unit. Tharp asked if the board wants to discuss the modified summer work schedule. Bond said that they are either looking at a four – nine-hour day and one four-hour shift and have every Friday afternoon off or four ten-hour shifts. A question was asked if everyone be on the same schedule or would it be rotated. The full-time employees are on the same shifts and then the part-timers on Friday afternoon. Tharp asked if there would be a schedule that would allow them to have a whole day off on Friday but still have coverage on Friday. Bond said that they are increasing our part-time hours. And the part-time hours are up to 20 per week. Good Neighbor Days weekend will be the exception. Bond said that they have remote access that they can fix remotely if needed.

Public Concerns – None

Communications
- Legal Updates - Still have two cases pending. Twin Lakes and the Berger case. Kapaun sat in on the oral arguments and Judge Vlack will have a summary judgement in April for the Twin Lakes case. For the Berger vs Olson case the scheduling conference was postponed until the end of April.
- Election Results - Thanks to the poll workers and congrats to Tim, Jeff, and Shawn on your re-election.
- Economic Development Meeting – there is an economic development meeting on Wednesday. A person interested also does some work for the Village of Somerset.

- St Croix EDC Meeting on April 15, 2024.
- Village website followers – The number of followers is low. How do we get more people active on the website? Received an email regarding the lack of communication regarding the upcoming election from a resident but Kapaun doesn't feel that Roberts gets covered in the newspaper. Johnson asked about switching newspapers.

III. Old Business
Discussion/action on side yard driveway issue in Rolling Meadows. – no update

Discussion/follow-up to revise the Special Assessment Ordinance 54-6 & 54-4 for clarification – not done.

Update Budget ordinance - not done.

Discussion/action regarding the Wastewater Treatment Plant roof issues/repairs in the mechanical building. Motion to give Weston notice that they have until April 22nd to communicate their wishes and if not to sign the paperwork for Parkos to move forward on April 23rd by Johnosn, Seconded by Tharp. Motion carried.

Discussion/approval of Public Infrastructure Acceptance for Deer Hills Phase 1 Development.
Goodwin gave an update on where we are on this project. There are three items that Bruce said are done and there are three minor issues left. These are streetlights, sunken curb section and paperwork items needed are the paperwork, testing results, municipal costs, lien waivers the as built for the Diamond System mapping. He is substantially complete. February 12th meeting had the memo. Motion to approve the Public Infrastructure acceptance for Deer Hills contingent on the February 12th items that need completion or having retainage to cover by Tremblay, seconded by Shemon. Motion carried with Tharp opposing.

Discussion/approval of Business Plan of Operation for Mann Family Dental Care, LLC.
Motion to approve the Business Plan of Operation for Mann Family Dental by Tharp, seconded by Shemon. Motion carried.

IV. New Business
Discussion/approval of open Officer Position Hiring Process.
Chief Strohbusch said that there were five applications and four have responded for interviews. Only one is certified for officer training. This is something that we can do as a Village meaning we sponsor someone through the academy. The State will reimburse us if they complete this. They will reimburse for mileage, food, and last 24 hours of training for their salary. Do we want to pursue this? The City of New Richmond is currently doing this. The training is $5,000, equipment is $3,000, psych evaluation is $1,000 med test is $300,

salary is 75% of step one while they go through this program which would be $20.76/hour and this money is in the budget. Meals around $2,500 and mileage is just under $10,000. Reimbursed for training, mileage, and meals. Strohbusch did send the Police Union a letter regarding this to see if they would even approve it for contract. There would be no vacation or holiday pay. The Police Union has until April 22, 2024, to respond. Johnson said once we start down this path it continues or we call them and say we were not interested in doing this. They may not have the 720 hours but are a good candidate. Kapaun asked if they can do anything on the job until they are certified, but this is no. The most that they can do is ride along. The Village must front the money for the expenses associated with this, but we will get reimbursed. They would have to sign an agreement with the Village for reimbursement. Tharp asked about procedure and Strohbusch is just looking for guidance. If we move forward, we can make the needed appointments for psych evaluation, meds evaluation, etc.

Discussion/approval of Sidetrack Saloon having Good Neighbor Days events on Vine Street.
Move to approve the Sidetrack Saloon having Good Neighbor Days on Vine Street by Shemon, seconded by Tremblay. Motion carried.

Discussion/approval of 1880's request for additional TID reimbursement funds.
Postpone until the new information is verified by Ayres for review in May by Johnson seconded by Tremblay. Motion carried.

Discussion of denial of appeal for Peter Tharp regarding grounds of appeal to the Zoning Board of Appeals. None

Discussion/approval on purchasing a side by side from Bobcat with a cab package with heat and Discussion/approval of purchasing a new Toro 74020 60" mower from Tri-State Bobcat.
This discussion will move to April 22nd as the updated agenda with it on did not get posted correctly. Johnson has also reached out to Adam to discuss the turnaround like Hammond is doing. Motion to postpone the side-by side discussion and mower discussion until April 22nd by Johnson and Shemon. Motion carried.

Discussion on how to use remaining ARPA funds.
Kapaun would like us to start working towards allocating the ARPA funds for the different departments. Tharp asked to go through the earmarked items. One item would be special needs equipment at the park. This should be emailed out to the different committee chairs for discussion (Fire, Library, Public Works, Park, and Public Safety).

Discussion of Utility billing review after the sewer adjustment for first quarter billing.
Reports will be sent over to Brian and Shawn for review.

Items for future agendas.

- Sidewalk – Memorial/car show for Dan Hable.

Others Business

- Bid opening for Pleasant and Spring Streets will be on Thursday.
- April 15th will be the potential start date for the Rolling Meadows Street Project to continue.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 7:40 P.M. by Johnson, seconded by Shemon. Motion carried.

Megan Dull
Village Clerk