

MINUTES

VILLAGE OF POPLAR BOARD MEETING

February 10, 2015

The Board Meeting was called to order by Keith Peltier 7:00 at PM.

In attendance: Kent Schroeder, Wesley Little
 Karen Nevin, Katie Peltier, and Rob Hursh

Clerk/Treasurer: Pennee Krawczyk

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SPEAKERS:

- Mark Liebaert , County Report-Mark attended the Towns Association where one topic of discussion was the renovation of Hwy D. He encourages the Village of Poplar to start attending these meeting as they are a good source of information. The building of the new animal shelter is running on schedule. However, an agreement with Douglas County and the Humane society seems to be missing and must be rectified before donations will be sent. Monetary support for the Mitigation Committee is being supplied in part by Enbridge, Towns Association and Farmers Union. The committee continues its work to get this matter in hand and provide information to interested parties.
- Milt Olson, representing the Lion's Club support for restoration of the lower ballfield asked Erick Olson to inform the board of the proposed plans. There is a great need for use of the field for baseball players of all ages. Erik, along with numerous volunteers, plan to carry out many improvements to include drainage for standing water, cut and seed the outfield, install new bleachers and put up removable fencing at the bottom of the hill to allow for sliding in the winter. They are proposing that the field will be ready for use in 2016. The board whole heartedly agreed that the field needs to be restored and used again. There is money set aside in the Parks & Recs funds for this purpose. Also, the Boy Scouts have stated interest to the Village to volunteer time to help with any needed work. However, the board expressed a desire to include softball games in the scheduled use of the field. This is something that could work if handled correctly. Such as proper fees, setting the schedule in favor of baseball usage and a clear, concise, set of rules.
- Erik Olson, on behalf of Scott and Holly Lundberg and Anna Haskins presented a variance application along with plans for putting up a building on Hwy P. Anna explained that she is in the business of teaching dance lessons and the previous locations have been out grown by the increasing number of clients. This project will provide ample room and a permanent location for her business. The variance will extend the commercial zone to include the property where the intended building will sit. A motion by Kent Schroeder, seconded by Wes Little to approve the variance passed without negative vote. Proper postings will follow.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Approve Minutes: A motion was made by Kent Schroeder, seconded by Kate Peltier to accept the minutes from the meetings. Motion carried without negative vote.
- Pay Bills: A motion was made by Kate Peltier, seconded by Karen Nevin to pay the bills. Motion carried without negative vote .

OTHER OLD BUSINESS: A draft of a letter and a Conditional Use Permit Application to be sent to Brian Kabat at Buell Consulting Services who are representing Verizon for the placement of the cell tower at 5025 s Pond Dr. was given to the board member for comments or additions. After discussion the permit application will be sent to begin the process of paperwork to sit the cell tower. There will be a public hearing held on this

issue in the future. Quotes for the purchase of a new computer were shared with the board, but additional information is needed before the purchase can be completed. Discussion over setting guidelines for the various committees will be postponed until after election of board members in April.

CLERKS REPORT: A representative from the Aging and Disability Resource Center will present a short presentation at the March meeting. In a motion from Wes Little, seconded by Karen Nevin, Freedom Abell was appointed to be an election inspector for the next two years. Motion passed without negative vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- *Sewer Commission-* A technician has been hired to evaluate the grinder pumps at the Peace Lutheran Church, Diana Bergsten, and David Shane properties as there has been intermittent problems with them this winter. The amount of delinquent customers has declined partly due to the new payment plan implemented in 2014. A motion was made by Kent Schroeder, seconded by Karen Nevin to allow the sewer commission to repair the Scagg mower and keep it at the sewer ponds for their use.
- *Cemetery Grounds-*
- *Employment Committee-*
- *Finance Committee-*
- *Fire Department-*
- *Parks and Recreation-*
- *Roads and Culverts-* Wes Little spoke about the rebuilding of Hwy P. There is possible funding available if the road work contains an alternative transportation lane. Wes has written a letter in collaboration with the Tri Community Alliance people to send to the state and federal government for funding. The brusher is in need of front tires. Wes and Mike will be working out the details. A roads and culverts committee meeting date will be decided on at the March meeting
- *Zoning/Permits/Ordinances/Variations/Resolutions-*Building permit approvals;

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Kate Peltier, second by Kent Schroeder to adjourn at 8:15pm. The board adjourned without negative vote.

Presiding Trustee Keith Peltier

Clerk/Treasurer, Pennee Krawczyk

Date