

# **MINUTES**

## **VILLAGE OF POPLAR BOARD MEETING**

### **March 19, 2014**

The Board Meeting was called to order by President Leo Naumann at 7:00PM.

In attendance: Kent Schroeder, Wesley Little, Keith Peltier  
Karen Nevin, Katie Peltier,

Clerk/Treasurer: Pennée Krawczyk

#### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

#### **SPEAKERS:**

- Tom McGrath- The village will put calcium chloride on the road in front of Tom's house to keep the dust down. Waiting to see the results of the Hwy D construction project before deciding on what repair work or gravel will be necessary on the end of Middle River Rd. A building permit to add a sun room onto Tom's deck was approved by motion from Kent Schroeder, seconded by Karen Nevin. Motion passed without negative vote.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Approve Minutes: A motion was made by Kent Schroeder, seconded by Kate Peltier to accept the minutes from the February meeting. 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:** Computer quotes of \$1034.00/laptop & \$988.00/desktop, from Winter Systems, and \$1783.00/laptop & \$1552.00/ desktop, \$449.00/multi-function printer from CW Technology, \$1319.00/multi-function printer from Tri State Business and \$402.00/multi-function printer from Tiger Direct, were presented to the board. Decision to purchase laptop from Winter Systems and multi-function printer from Tiger Direct was made by motion from Karen Nevin seconded by Kate Peltier. Motion passed without negative vote.

**CLERKS REPORT:** Erika will be doing her presentation for the Aging and Disability Resource Center in April instead of March. Wes Little feels that the assessment duties should be taken over by the county instead of having individual village and town assessors. He feels it would make it a more accurate and efficient system. Kate Peltier feels there will be a great cost burden for the municipalities. The board tabled the issue of whether or not to support the county controlled assessment process until next months meeting when more information will be presented.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- *Sewer Commission-* A request has been made for a portion of the attorney fees for the water and sewer issue at the Bong Apartments to be divided between Village of Poplar, Sewer Commission and Poplar Water LLP, instead of the sewer commission bearing the entire cost. Poplar Water LLP will need time to consult and return a decision at next months meeting.

Randy Jones told the board about the future need to comply with testing for phosphorus. The DNR has set a time line and regulations for the Village in order to come into compliance within the next few years. This testing has the potential to make it necessary to increase the monthly sewer usage rates.

Randy put an idea to the board to add a seasonal and non-use sewer rate to the existing usage rates. The board denied any form of seasonal rate but agreed that if a property owner has an event such as a fire, which

renders the property unable to use the sewer service, the charges for the months of non use will be suspended until the property is in a condition that sewer usage is possible. A clause will need to be added to the sewer ordinance with fees and rules that apply.

Mike Hagness from MSA Professional Services submitted a cost estimate of \$2032.00 for them to do soil samplings and submit a report to the DNR concerning land spreading done in 1998 of petroleum impacted soil. A motion by Karen Nevin, seconded by Kent Schroeder to hire MSA passed without negative vote.

- *Cemetery Grounds-*
- *Employment Committee-*
- *Finance Committee-*
- *Fire Department-*
- *Parks and Recreation-*
- *Roads and Culverts-* The board denied the request of the Mission Covenant Church to hire the tractor sweeper for gravel removal from their lawn areas. Roads and Culvert meeting Tues. March 24 6pm.
- *Zoning/Permits/Ordinances/Variances/Resolutions-*The zoning variance from Anna Haskins to change a residential property to commercial was approved by motion from Keith Peltier, seconded Kate Peltier. Motion passed without negative vote.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made by Kent Schroeder, second by Kate Peltier to adjourn at 8:20 pm.

The board adjourned without negative vote.

President, Leo Naumann

Clerk/Treasurer, Pennee Krawczyk

Date