

MINUTES

VILLAGE OF POPLAR BOARD MEETING

May 19, 2014

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

In attendance: Dan Bergsten, Randy Jones,
Karen Nevin, Kent Schroeder
Clerk/Treasurer: Pennee Krawczyk

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SPEAKERS:

- Mark Liebaert , County Report-absent
- Reed Alexson-Buiding permit for garage was approved. Will need to apply for a variance before house is built as the parcel will be under 5 acres. Motion Kent Schroeder, 2nd Karen Nevin, passed without negative vote,
- Milt Olson-the coaches and parents are volunteering to build a concession stand at the Little League field. The Village of Poplar board (VPB) would like a plan submitted before starting the project.

VILLAGE BUSINESS:

- Approve Minutes: A motion was made by Dan Bergsten, seconded by Randy Jones to accept the minutes from the meeting. Motion carried without negative vote.
- Pay Bills: A motion was made by Karen Nevin, seconded by Randy Jones to pay the bills. Motion carried without negative vote .

OLD BUSINESS:

The committees' member lists for 2015 was updated. An updated version will be put on the website. A problem with the contracted scrap hauler for cleanup day is being considered. The possibility of changing haulers will result in different items accepted by the Village.

NEW BUSINESS:

Attendance and compensation of board members at the monthly meetings came in to question. The VPB will be developing a protocol for attendance and compensation.

The VPB approved the appointment of Kate Peltier as Deputy Clerk/Treasurer. This will be a \$12.00 an hour paid position. She will fill in when necessary for the Clerk/Treasurer. Motion Karen Nevin, 2nd Randy Jones, motion passed without negative vote.

The sealed bids were opened with Pat Grube purchasing the lawn tractor for \$400.00 Approved by motion, Kent Schroeder, 2nd Dan Bergsten, motion passed without negative vote.

CLERKS REPORT:

A new computer was installed in the Clerk's office and the old computer equipment will be recycled.

New office hours will begin starting June 1, Monday and Thursday- 10am to 4pm; Tuesday and Wednesday 10am to 4:30pm., continuing through October 2.

The village garage phone will be disconnected due to lack of use. To contact the garage call the clerk's office at 715-364-8589.

At the June meeting the VPB will address the fine assessment for violation of stored debris at the Bong school apartments.

Information will be sent to the property owners at 9202 E West Line Rd to show where the Village's responsibility lies for maintenance of this road.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- *Sewer Commission*-The commission is doing maintenance work at all lift stations. Leo Naumann requested for the light to be repaired at the lift station next to his house and the possible shut off of the buzzer that goes off too often. The procedures for lowering phosphorus limits in the effluent discharge at the ponds is still in discussion. Randy Jones is working with the DNR, Conservation Dept., and MSA to find alternative solutions instead of having to invest hundreds of thousands of dollars in new equipment.
- *Cemetery Grounds*- Purchasing gravel and top soil for improvement projects. The Cub Scouts did a clean-up project around the cemetery grounds and will have 7 tires to recycle on Poplar clean-up day. The new gazebo is finished and will display maps for public information.
- *Employment Committee*-
- *Finance Committee*-
- *Fire Department*- Would like to bury steel tanks behind the fire hall for water storage to use when fighting fires. More information will need to be obtained as to the viability of using the Village well as a water source to keep the tanks full. Reimbursement of \$8175.00 from their budget monies for purchase of a mobile water pumper was approved by motion from Kent Schroeder, seconded by Dan Bergsten. Motion carried without negative vote. Work is continuing on the fire truck chassis.
- *Parks and Recreation*- Randy Jones made a motion, seconded by Dan Bergsten to order gravel and lime for the baseball fields. Motion passed without negative vote. A hole in the road by the pavilion is in need of repair. The board asked the little league people to change the sign at the field to allow for public access. They are glad to do this but ask that no one damages the field when using it or drive on it with four wheelers..
- *Roads and Culverts*-
- *Zoning/Permits/Ordinances/Variations/Resolutions*-A question was brought up as to the zoning regulations in the downtown area of Poplar as to use, storage and sales of various outdoor market items. More discussion at the June meeting. The Village Market tobacco license application was approved by a motion by Kent Schroeder, seconded by Karen Nevin. Motion passed without negative vote.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made Kent Schroeder, second by Randy Jones, to adjourn at 8:35 pm.
The board adjourned without negative vote.

President, Leo Naumann

Clerk/Treasurer, Pennee Krawczyk

Date