

MINUTES

VILLAGE OF POPLAR BOARD MEETING

June 9, 2014

The Board Meeting was called to order by Keith Peltier at 700 PM

Leo Naumann absent.

In attendance: Dan Bergsten, Randy Jones, Wesley Little,
Karen Nevin, Kent Schroeder

Clerk/Treasurer: Pennee Krawczyk

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SPEAKERS:

- Mark Liebaert , County Report- absent
- Reed Alexson- A variance to build a home and a garage at 9801 E Homestead Rd, on a parcel of land, number PO-171-00198-01, that is less than 5 acres was approved by motion from Wes Little, 2nd by Kent Schroeder. Motion passed without negative vote.
- Milt Olson- Displeased with the declining appearance of the downtown area of Poplar. Would like the Village board to take some action to work with the property owners to start cleaning up in accordance with the zoning laws and to simply make things look more appealing. The board agreed to review the zoning ordinances and make a plan for discussion with the property owners.
The Poplar/Amnicon Youth Baseball Association is asking to build a 12 x 18 concession stand/storage building at the Little League field. The Association would like to maintain ownership of the building and has agreed to supply their own insurance, do any future maintenance work, and in the future, donate the building to the Village of Poplar if the Association can no longer hold ownership. Funds raised would be used to pay for and maintain the structure and start a fund to refurbish the lower ball field. A contract or lease agreement will need to be drafted and signed by both parties
Approved by motion from Kent Schroeder, 2nd by Wes Little. Motion passed by majority with one negative vote from Karen Nevin.

OLD BUSINESS:

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

OTHER OLD BUSINESS: A bill for the payment of a \$100.00 fine assessed to the owner of Bong School Apartments will be sent for violating Ordinance 6.38 Storage of junked or discarded property.

CLERKS REPORT: The DNR and the Department of Administration stated that they have no regulations for burying of the water tanks that the fire department will be using for a water point when fighting fires.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- *Sewer Commission*-The MSA Operations Optimization Report for procedures to deal with reducing phosphorus levels in the discharge stream was presented to the Village board. Randy Jones will sign and return it as requested. The manholes will be assessed for leakage and fixed as needed. The soil contamination tests have been completed and approved, so, no further action needs to be taken in this matter.
- *Cemetery Grounds*-

- *Employment Committee-*
- *Finance Committee-*Dan Bergsten will be added to the bank paperwork as an official signer for Village checks.
- *Fire Department-* Presented two map drawings for the board to choose a location for the burial of the water tanks. Plan A was approved by motion from Kent Schroeder, 2nd by Wes Little and passed without negative vote as it is in a better location closer to the fire hall, uses less pipe and is less expensive. A pump house will need to be constructed, the pump previously used at the pond site will be used again, and dirt work will need to be completed. The tanks will be bottom feed and the bottom depth will be 10 feet below ground. The 56,000 gallons of water required to fill all tanks will initially be supplied from tanker trucks. The Fire Department was asked to submit a cost estimate for the entire project before further decisions will be made.
- *Parks and Recreation-*An \$800.00 Little Tykes piece of playground equipment will be purchased by Parks and Recs. Motion to approve from Kent Schroeder, 2nd by Randy Jones, passed without negative vote. Two possible placement locations are by the adult ball field, or on Main Street at the Village Park. A decision on the location will be determined at a later time. Randy Jones would like to have a Centennial exhibit in the Village Hall during Poplar Fun Day. This would include information on the progress made so far and a place for the public to contribute any historical information, pictures or artifacts to be included in the Centennial Celebration scheduled for 2017. A fireworks display was approved for Poplar Fun Day by motion from Kent Schroeder, 2nd by Dan Bergsten and passed without negative vote. A suggestion was made by Mike Nevin to move the annual Clean-Up Day to a different location as it makes a mess in the fire department parking lot and people keep dropping off items and not paying the disposal fee, which is then the responsibility of the Village to pay.
- *Roads and Culverts-* In the coming weeks, several roads (Wood, Cedar, S Wiehi, Midway, SW Line and Pine) will have ditching done and gravel applied to them as deemed necessary for each road. Also, numerous culverts will be replace. The roads with blacktop covering the culverts will need to be cut prior to replacement. Mike will be filling pot holes on the paved roads. Randy Jones will examine the map of Main Street to report to the board for discussion of a solution for the large bulge in the road close to the end on hwy D.
- *Zoning/Permits/Ordinances/Variances/Resolutions-* Motions to approve: off sale beer and operator's licenses for Nelson Speed Stop, Kent Schroeder, 2nd Wes Little; On and off sale beer and liquor, and tobacco for Poplar Golf, Kent Schroeder, 2nd Dan Bergsten; On and off sale beer and liquor for Mothers Kitchen, approved Wes Little, 2nd Kent Schroeder all passed without negative vote.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Kent Schroeder, second by Wes Little to adjourn at 8:55 pm.
The board adjourned without negative vote.

Trustee, Keith Peltier

Clerk/Treasurer, Pennee Krawczyk

Date