

MINUTES

VILLAGE OF POPLAR BOARD MEETING

January 8, 2019

The Board Meeting was called to order by President Randy Jones at 7:00 p.m.

In attendance: Dan Bergsten Ralph Rounsville, Pete Kruit
Jim Tollas, Virgil Nelson
Absent: Dan Haskins

Clerk/Treasurer: Gina Ormond

Residents present: Pat Grube, Dorothy Bergsten

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SPEAKERS:

- Mark Liebaert – Douglas County is still trying to fill the Land Conservationist position. The County Forestry Department has received bids for around \$167,000. The hope is for the county to make money from the County Forest Lands. Parks and Rec has received an award from the DNR. Some of the snowmobile trails are closed because of the flood damage. The ½ % road use tax will be presented at Superior Days again this year.
- Erik Olson – Not present.

MONTHLY BUSINESS:

- Approve Minutes: A motion was made by Randy Jones, second Dan Bergsten to approve the minutes for the December 11, 2018 meeting. Motion carried without negative vote.
- Pay Bills: A motion was made by Pete Kruit, second Ralph Rounsville, to pay the December 2018 bills. Motion carried without negative vote

NEW BUSINESS:

- There was a discussion regarding choosing a village representative for the Poplar Water LLP. The representative will be a voting member on dissolving the partnership. A motion was made by Randy Jones, second Virgil Nelson to appoint Dan Bergsten as the village representative and having the authority to vote for dissolving the Poplar Water LLP. Motion carried without negative vote.
- There was a discussion on approving the Village of Poplar to borrow the money from National Bank of Commerce for the 2012 GMC truck that was purchased for the Sewer Commission / employees to use. The material terms and conditions of the loan are as follows: Principal amount \$14,260, Interest Rate at 3.75 percent, term and amortization is 48 months, with monthly payments of \$321.40. The full details of the loan were attached to the agenda as exhibit "A". A motion was made by Dan Bergsten, second Jim Tollas to approve the resolution provided by the village attorney. Motion carried without negative vote.
- Brad & Terri Nelson has notified the Village Board that this past year was their last year helping with the Christmas tree lighting. The Village Board would like to offer a special thank you to Brad & Terri for everything that they have done in the past for the village. The Board recognizes and appreciates all the effort put in by all of the residents that donate so much of their time to help the community. A discussion followed of ways that volunteers could be recognized.

CLERKS REPORT: Gina Ormond has signed up for the seminar on March 1 – Understanding Financial Statements. Fred Pryor Seminars is offering a deal for \$199 that covers many webinars, seminars, online training, etc. for the entire year. By signing up for this deal, there are many opportunities to learn more and save money. The Institute for Clerks in Green Bay is July 14, 2019 – July 19, 2019. There are scholarship opportunities that will be applied for this training.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- *Sewer Commission-* There are issues with the panel at the lift station at the elementary/middle school. Braun Pump and Control will be coming next week to pull the pumps. There is a lot of sand going down the drains at the garage and getting into the pumps. Randy Jones has talked to Braun about taking over doing the yearly inspections of the lift stations. A new pump will be put into the lift station on Bayfield road. Randy Jones has been putting a lot of effort dealing back and forth with FEMA for assistance in repairing the damages done by the flood. The estimate of coverage isn't anywhere near the original quote. If the Sewer does not get enough money to cover the damages, the damage will not be fixed right away if it involves increasing the sewer rate. Randy Jones and the Sewer Commission will be discussing alternative ways to come up with the money to fix the damage so the sewer rates will not have to increase again.
- *Cemetery Grounds-* There has been two funerals this year.
- *Fire Department-* Pat Grube was at the meeting to represent the Fire Department. Every volunteer is being mandated by the state to have 40 to 60 hours of training to be certified. Most of the volunteers do not have the time for the training and the training is expensive. There was a discussion on possibly charging for calls. There has been mostly medical calls this past month.
- *Parks, Recreation, & Building-* Parks and Rec is still trying to get the top rail for the fence. There has been one estimate for \$1700 so other options are being checked into.
- *Roads and Culverts-* A lot of necessary maintenance on the vehicles and equipment has been done this year. Culvert bids need to be done. The 5 year plans for Roads need to be completed. A meeting needs to be scheduled in March to plan the summer projects.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- Volunteer Recognition – Discuss ways to show appreciation to all of the volunteers in our community. Example: Volunteer Appreciation Community Picnic.
- Erik Olson – Park and Rec projects (top rail on the fences in the ballfield).
- Set a date for the Roads and Culverts meeting for March.
- Northwest Regional Planning Commission contract.

ADJOURN: A motion was made by Pete Kruit, second Randy Jones, to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Motion carried without negative vote.

Randy Jones, President

Gina Ormond
Clerk Treasurer

Date

