

MINUTES

VILLAGE OF POPLAR BOARD MEETING

April 9, 2019

The Board Meeting was called to order by President Randy Jones at 7:01 p.m.

In attendance: Dan Bergsten, Peter Kruit, Danny Haskins, Virgil Nelson

Absent: Ralph Rounsville and Jim Tollas

Clerk/Treasurer: Gina Ormond

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SPEAKERS:

- Kim Gifford from the Northwest Regional Planning Commission was present to explain the program that they manage for the Village of Poplar. The program administers loans to Low to Moderate – Income households needing to make home repairs. The contract that needed to be signed with the Northwest Regional Planning Commission is for them to continue the service from January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2021. A motion was made by Randy Jones, second Virgil Nelson to sign the contract from the NWRCP to continue the service that they have been providing for the past five years. Motion carried without negative vote.
- Mark Liebaert –Mark Liebaert was here to give us an update on what is going on in Douglas County. The Douglas County Forestry timber sales had their second best year ever, bringing in \$550,000 available for capital projects. The cost for health care is over \$2 million in the budget. In the county, the cost for foster care is between \$10,000 to \$16,000 per month among other high costs primarily due to the opioid epidemic. County Road W is going to have the last of the paving done this summer.
- Brad Theien was present to set the date for the Board of Review. The Board of Review will be held from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. before the Village Board meeting on May 14, 2019.

MONTHLY BUSINESS:

- Approve Minutes: A motion was made by Peter Kruit, second Dan Bergsten to approve the minutes for the March 12, 2019 meeting. Motion carried without negative vote.
- Pay Bills: A motion was made by Dan Bergsten, second Danny Haskins, to pay the bills for March 2019. Motion carried without negative vote

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- There was a discussion regarding the Ordinance for the Village of Poplar Volunteer Fire Department to authorize their own checking and savings accounts. Randy Jones presented an example of an ordinance. A vote will be coming up in the near future to pass an ordinance for the fire departments to have their own accounts authorized properly.
- There was a discussion on who would be providing the dumpsters service for the spring cleanup. Danny Haskins and Dan Bergsten will work on finding a different provider since Lakeside Towing is unavailable this year.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A motion was made by Randy Jones, second Danny Haskins to adopt the Village Road Name Resolution 19-03 for Vintage Drive, a private road owned by Meterick Enterprises, LLC. Motion passed without negative vote.
- The Village Board of Trustees and the Village of Poplar Fire Department along with the Poplar Golf Course are working together to plan Poplar Fun Days and the Annual Golf Fundraiser Tournament for

the fire department on Saturday, August 3, 2019. The activities will be held at the Poplar Golf Course. The Poplar Golf Course is donating money to the Poplar Fun Days. There was a discussion as to what the Village of Poplar could contribute. The proceeds from the sales of the Poplar Centennial book of over \$800 will be put towards the effort as well. There will also be donation jars around the local businesses for residents to donate towards the fireworks. The cost of the fireworks is around \$2500.00. More details will follow.

- There was a discussion regarding deferred compensation for retirement for anyone that works for the Village of Poplar if they are interested. There was also a discussion about checking into other options or the Village's insurance needs.
- The Board was notified of the Van Aernum claim. It was turned over to the village attorney.

CLERKS REPORT: There was a two day training that was held at the village hall that was attended by Freedom Abell, Dorothy Bergsten, Joy Abell, Miranda Maki, Sandy Tyykila, and Lisa Higgins. This training was held to get everyone ready for the August election and to have the training for Chief Inspector so everyone knows how to run the elections. The videos for Board of Review were ordered so Ralph Rounsville and Gina Ormond can be certified members at the Board of Review. The information for the new election equipment will be given to our insurance agent so the machines will be covered if anything happens to them.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- *Sewer Commission*- Brad White is going to be coming out to calibrate all the flow meters, weather permitting. The aerator at the sewer pond is working now.
- *Cemetery Grounds*- Dan Bergsten is working on cleaning up 3 grave sites.
- *Fire Department*- Not Present
- *Parks, Recreation, and Buildings* – The American Legion would like to put a sign on the arch at the park. The contribution sign in the dugout will cost around \$350.00 to replace. The material to cover the fencing at the ballfields will be ordered soon.
- *Roads and Culverts*- The meeting for the Roads and Culverts meeting was held on March 26th. The minutes were handed out with a list of projects to be worked on in 2019.

ADJOURN: Motion made by Dan Bergsten, second Randy Jones to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m. Motion carried without negative vote.

Randy Jones, President

Gina Ormond
Clerk Treasurer

Date