

MINUTES

VILLAGE OF POPLAR BOARD MEETING

June 11, 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
Absent: Dan Haskins, Virgil Nelson
Clerk/Treasurer: Gina Ormond

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SPEAKERS:

- Mark Liebaert was present to give an update on what has been going on in the county. There has been a debate going on regarding the Carbon Credit Bill. There is a shortfall on the 2019 budget. The mental healthcare and healthcare costs are high for kids whose parents use meth, heroin, opiates, etc. There was a forestry sale that made \$750,000.00
- There was a discussion on the building permit request for a storage unit for Troy and Wendy Follis. Because of the size of the plans, it was difficult to see the dimensions of the building. The Board would need to wait for state approved plans before approving the building permit. A motion was made by Ralph Rounsville, second Jim Tollas to table the approval of the building permit until more information was given. Motion carried without negative vote.

MONTHLY BUSINESS:

- Approve Minutes: A motion was made by Pete Kruit, second Ralph Rounsville to approve the minutes for the May 14, 2019 board meeting. Motion carried without negative vote.
- Pay Bills: A motion was made by Ralph Rounsville, second Pete Kruit, to pay the May 2019 bills. Motion carried without negative vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Informational only – Paul Abrahamzon will check on the market for insurance to see what the costs of insurance plans are and present it to the employee committee. A reimbursement plan will be set up by the village with guidance from the accountants.
- There was a discussion on passing an ordinance to authorize the Poplar Volunteer Fire Department to hold funds from fundraising. Pat Grube, Fire Chief, and Brad Nelson, 1st Assistant Chief signed a drafted copy of the ordinance agreeing to the terms. A motion was made by Randy Jones, second Jim Tollas to approve the Ordinance for Authorization to Hold Volunteer Funds and to revisit in a year. Motion carried without negative vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A motion was made by Dan Bergsten, second Jim Tollas to approve the Class A Beer License and Operator's Licenses for Sheila Lindgren, Kathy DuBois, Ronell Truan, Haley Trautt, Edgar Wallace, Sarah Wallace, and Makaela Portman at Nelson's Speed Stop. Motion carried without negative vote.
- A motion was made by Jim Tollas, second Dan Bergsten to approve the Class A Beer and Class A Liquor License and Operator's Licenses for Michael Koski and Bobbie Connor at Dollar General. Motion carried without negative vote.
- A motion was made by Randy Jones, second Dan Bergsten to approve the Class B Beer and Class B Liquor Licenses to Mother's Kitchen, on the condition that they use the license this year. If they do not open to the public, they will lose the license. Motion carried without negative vote.

- A motion was made by Randy Jones, second Jim Tollas to approve the following Operator's Licenses for Iron River Co-Op / Poplar Hardware Hank: Luana Harnstrom, Matt Austin, James Smith, Ellyn Rooney, and Ralph Rounsville. Motion carried without negative vote.
- A motion was made by Randy Jones, second Dan Bergsten to approve the Class B Beer and Class B Liquor Licenses and Operator's Licenses to Scott Simmons and Rick LaJoie. Motion carried without negative vote.
- There was a discussion regarding summer mowing. The mowing can be taken care of by Dan Bergsten, Paul Abrahamzon, Scott Carlson, Jim Tollas, and Virgil Nelson.

CLERKS REPORT: The office hours are posted for the week of June 24 -28, Gina Ormond will be in Ashland for Local Government 101 Workshop. Gina Ormond will be in Green Bay the week of July 14 – 19 for the Clerk's Institute.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- *Sewer Commission-* Randy Jones has been dealing with FEMA for the damages. The first step is to remove the sludge. Randy Jones got an estimate from Aquatic Restoration Services for \$23,650.00, however some of the costs could be cut if we could do some of the work on our own. The sludge removal is not covered by FEMA, the Sewer would have to come up with the money to cover the costs. Randy Jones will be meeting with Chris Groh from Focus on Energy.
- *Cemetery Grounds-* Memorial Day was cold but there was still a good turnout of about 100 people. Topsoil was delivered up there.
- *Fire Department-* Fun Days and Golf Tournament will be held August 3. There is a DNR grant for \$1000 that was applied for. \$500.00 will be used for supplies for the Fire Department. Monthly Fire Department meetings have been changed to the 4th Tuesday of the month instead of the 3rd Tuesday. There will be a training for the fire department on June 18. c
- *Parks and Recreation-* Dan Bergsten got the sign for the ballfield. There was a load of Ag Lime delivered to the little field. The Yellow Cap is here and ready to go. It just needs to be put on the fence. The flower pots are ready to put around Poplar. Parks and Recs will give a donation to Gary Kane for putting them together.
- *Roads and Culverts-* The joint culvert with Amnicon is to be completed. The bid to replace the culvert on Wiehe Road will be put into the paper. A couple of signs to slow down were ordered for Lakeview Road and Homestead Road because of the children present. There has been so much work going on – grading, ditching, filling in potholes, hauling gravel, etc.

ADJOURN: Motion was made by Jim Tollas, second Randy Jones to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. Motion carried without negative vote.

Randy Jones, President

Gina Ormond
Clerk Treasurer

Date