

MINUTES

VILLAGE OF POPLAR BOARD MEETING

February 11, 2020

The Board Meeting was called to order by President Randy Jones at 7:01 PM

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

Clerk/Treasurer: Gina Ormond

Absent: Danny Haskins

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SPEAKERS:

- Mark Liebaert – Not present

MONTHLY BUSINESS:

- Approve Minutes: A motion was made by Ralph Rounsville, second Virgil Nelson to approve the minutes from the January 14, 2020 meeting. Motion carried without negative vote.
- Approve Minutes: A motion was made by Dan Bergsten, second Pete Kruit to approve the minutes from the Caucus held on January 20, 2020. Motion carried without negative vote.
- Approve Minutes: A motion was made by Randy Jones, second Dan Bergsten to approve the minutes from the Employee Committee meeting held on January 20, 2020. Motion carried without negative vote.
- Pay Bills: A motion was made by Virgil Nelson, second Ralph Rounsville to pay the bills for January 2020. Motion carried without negative vote

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Jon Winters from Winters Systems from Superior will provide the IT support in compliance with the subgrant received for the computer. He provides the service for many municipalities and he is more cost effective for the village.
- There was a discussion regarding the garbage contract that is ending the end of August 2020. The garbage contract will be put up for bids and the Village of Poplar will accept bids through May. A motion was made by Dan Bergsten, second Jim Tollas to send a letter to Eagle Waste & Recycling to terminate the contract at the end of the term, to put bids out for all interested service providers, and for one to take over the service on September 1, 2020. Motion carried with majority vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

- FYI – Jean Mihalak contacted Randy Jones regarding a zoning variance for splitting the parcel at 4773 S Fir Drive. The variance will be put on the March 10, 2020 meeting.
- A motion was made by Ralph Rounsville, second Pete Kruit to amend the 2019 Budget. Motion carried without negative vote.
- A motion was made by Randy Jones, second Dan Bergsten to Amend the Ordinance 6.7 that the Board of Trustees may assess interest to delinquent personal property taxes. Motion carried, with one member opposed.

CLERKS REPORT: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- *Sewer Commission*- The Sewer has received the new permit for the next five years, expiring March 31, 2025. The requirements will be the same as the previous permit with additional monitoring for phosphorus reduction efforts with guidance from the Pollutant Minimization Plan (PMP), educating people on the use of products with low phosphorus by sending out pamphlets, and checking into water quality trading credits, etc. Randy Jones and Scott Carlson were at the daycare working on the grinder pump. There was a discussion on what to charge for fixing the grinder pump since the village will no longer be responsible for maintaining private lift pumps. A motion was made by Pete Kruit, second Jim Tollas to charge \$75/ first hour for first man, \$50/ first hour for second man for the initial call and then \$50/hour first man and \$40/ hour per hour after that. Motion carried with 5 ayes, 1 abstaining.
- *Cemetery Grounds*- None
- *Employment*- A meeting was held on January 20, 2020. Vacation time and Sick days were presented to the board for a vote (see Employee Committee notes). A motion was made by Randy Jones, second Pete Kruit to approve the vacation days/ sick days for the employees. Motion carried without negative vote.
- *Fire Department*- A water sample was brought into the county for testing because of the sewer smell. There was a work day to work on the pump at the new pump house.
- *Parks and Recreation & Building*- None
- *Roads & Culverts* - The tires for the backhoe were put on. A meeting for Roads and Culverts was set for Tuesday, March 24, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss a list of projects to work on for the year.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- Zoning Variance – Mihalak property @ 4773 Fir Drive

ADJOURN: Motion was made by Virgil Nelson, second Randy Jones to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 p.m. Motion carried without negative vote.

Randy Jones, President

Gina Ormond
Clerk Treasurer

Date