

MINUTES

VILLAGE OF POPLAR BOARD MEETING

July 14, 2020

The Board Meeting was called to order by President Randy Jones at 7:00 PM

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

Clerk/Treasurer: Gina Ormond

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SPEAKERS:

- Mark Liebaert was present. He gave a report on the forestry sales. The roads - County Road D and County Road P are being worked on. The BowFest will be held in Superior, Wisconsin the end of July even though there will be large crowds during the COVID-19 pandemic.

MONTHLY BUSINESS:

- Approve Minutes: A motion was made by Ralph Rounsville, second Virgil Nelson to approve the minutes from the Board of Review held on June 9, 2020. Motion carried without negative vote.
- Approve Minutes: A motion was made by Dan Bergsten, second Ralph Rounsville to approve the minutes from the June 9, 2020 Board Meeting. Motion carried without negative vote.
- Approve Minutes: A motion was made by Ralph Rounsville, second Randy Jones to approve the minutes from the June 16, 2020 Special Board Meeting. Motion carried without negative vote.
- Pay Bills: A motion was made Virgil Nelson, second Ralph Rounsville to pay the bills for June 2020. Motion carried without negative vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

- After a discussion regarding the committees, a motion was made by Randy Jones, second Dan Bergsten to approve the changes made to the committees. Motion carried without negative vote.
- After looking over the contract with Waste Management, a motion was made by Jim Tollas, second Dan Bergsten to approve the garbage contract. Motion carried without negative vote.
- After discussion regarding the liquor license for Mother's Kitchen, the license was denied because the application was turned in after the deadline for approval at the June 9th Board Meeting.
- The discussion of the voting on a resolution to transfer money to a reserve fund to cover the DNR grant money was tabled until the August Board Meeting due to the board needing more information.
- After a discussion regarding painting the village hall, a motion was made by Virgil Nelson, second Ralph Rounsville to accept bids to paint the hall. The bids will be discussed and voted on at the August 13th meeting. Motion carried without negative vote.
- There was a discussion regarding paving / grading up to the empty lots on Centennial Road. Jim Tollas checked the distance of the road to be paved and it would only be about 1/10 of a mile. After the cost of the materials are checked into, this topic will be discussed again.
- Randy Jones told the board members that the CMAR report for 2019 (Sewer annual report) had a grade average of 3.53 in all three areas that are looked at. If the grades are an A or B, the sewer could submit a voluntary resolution. A grade of a C or below is required to submit a resolution. A motion was made by Jim Tollas, second Randy Jones to submit the 2019 CMAR report without a resolution. Motion carried without negative vote.

CLERKS REPORT: The US Census requested to use the village hall for training their employees on July 31, August 1, August 3, August 7, August 8, and August 10. The delinquent personal property taxes have not been paid after another reminder was sent out.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- *Sewer Commission*- The BOD numbers are still high. Please watch for people dumping into manholes. The sewer is still waiting to hear back from FEMA regarding the settlement from the damages at the sewer pond. Dan Strand would like to apply for the $\frac{3}{4}$ single rate @ 5283 S County Road P. The house has been empty since November 2019. A motion was made by Jim Tollas, second Randy Jones to approve the single rate. Motion carried without negative vote.
- *Cemetery Grounds* – There hasn't been any funeral to report.
- *Fire Department*- All of the hydrants are working. The EMS license has been renewed.
- *Parks and Recreation & Building*- The ball field is fixed and the dugout is completed. Next step is to work on the little league fields.
- *Roads & Culverts* – Ralph Rounsville had quotes for the culverts that needed to be replaced. He asked the rest of the board for their opinions on where to get the culverts from and what type of culverts should be ordered (plastic or galvanized). It was recommended that plastic culverts should be used. A Roads and Culverts Meeting will be scheduled in the near future.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- Discussing and voting on the bids to paint the village hall.
- Discuss the paving and grading of Centennial Road.
- Discuss and Vote on a resolution to amend the fire department's budget to transfer money from the operating budget to reserve for the DNR grant money.

ADJOURN: A motion was made by Randy Jones, second Dan Bergsten to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m. Motion carried without negative vote.

Randy Jones, President

Gina Ormond
Clerk Treasurer

Date