

MINUTES

VILLAGE OF POPLAR BOARD MEETING

August 13, 2020

The Board Meeting was called to order by President Randy Jones at 6:55 PM

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

Absent: Pete Kruit

Clerk/Treasurer: Gina Ormond

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SPEAKERS:

- Mark Liebaert – Not present
- Tammy Johnson / Heart of the North Learning Center – A motion was made by Randy Jones, second Dan Bergsten to approve the building permit for a garage at the Heart of the North Learning Center. Motion carried without negative vote.
- Steve Kimmes from Holden Insurance was present to answer questions on renewing the insurance packages for the Village and Fire Department. The premiums went up just a little bit from last year. A motion was made by Dan Bergsten, second Virgil Nelson to renew the insurance policy through Holden Insurance. Motion carried without negative vote.
- Kelly Evered was present to discuss the possibility of having the liquor license renewed after it was denied due to missing the deadline for renewal. Also discussed was the Village Business Continuation Ordinance 4.01 A that was passed on November 25, 2019. According to the ordinance, a business is required to have continuous business operations and to be open to the public in order to renew liquor licenses. The requirements were explained to Kelly Evered for her to reapply for the license.

MONTHLY BUSINESS:

- Approve Minutes: A motion was made by Jim Tollas, second Ralph Rounsville to approve the minutes from July 14, 2020 meeting. Motion carried without negative vote.
Pay Bills: A motion was made by Ralph Rounsville, second Dan Bergsten to pay the bills for July 2020. Motion carried without negative vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Ralph Rounsville contacted a person to come out to give a bid to pave Centennial Road. This will be tabled until further information is gathered.

NEW BUSINESS:

- No bids were presented for painting the village hall. This will be tabled until next board meeting.
- There was a discussion on the Treasurer's bond from the insurance during tax collection time – 12/01/2020 – 04/01/2020. As soon as we know how much taxes we will be collecting for 2021, we can get the bond from the insurance company. The ordinance to not have the tax bond will need to be rescinded.
- Two Operators Applications were presented from Poplar Hardware Store: Christy Ruth & Sara Brown. A motion was made by Dan Bergsten, second Jim Tollas. Motion carried with 5 yeses and 1 abstaining.
- After a discussion, a motion was made by Randy Jones, second Jim Tollas to approve the resolution to amend the fire department operating budget to reserve for DNR grant money of \$3,000. Motion carried without negative vote.

CLERKS REPORT: Update on the November 3, 2020 Election – We will need all the election workers that we have for the full days. Also it may be a good idea to move the Sewer meeting that week because the Election will be a busy one and we will need that week to concentrate on the election.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- *Fire Department-* The Civil Defense warning system needs to be replaced. The DNR Grant for \$6000 (Village Share - \$3000) will be used to purchase two radios. The fire department is also applying for a \$1000 grant through the DNR. Meat Raffles are going on at the Poplar Golf course to raise money for the fire department. Stack Brothers came out to the fire department to look at the pump. Pat Grube and Dan Bergsten fixed the pump.
- *Sewer -* The Sewer still hasn't heard anything back from FEMA. It is getting too late in the year to start repairs at the pond. The damaged pond could be covered until repairs could start in the spring. Randy Jones and Scott Carlson have been pumping down the ponds. The effluent and influent pipes looked like they have been broken. There are discussions regarding moving aerators around. All the numbers are looking good at the pond.
- *Cemetery -* The cemetery is really quiet.
- *Parks and Recreation & Building-* Kids are using the fields. They may have one tournament.
- *Roads & Culverts –* There were a couple of washouts in the last rain that we had the beginning of August. The mowing is going really good. A Roads & Culvert's meeting was set for Monday, August 31 at 7:00 p.m. There are some 2020 Fall Workshops from League of Wisconsin Municipalities that Ralph Rounsville would like to attend they are September 14 – October 1 and they are webinars and teleconferences set for different times and dates. Randy Jones said that he might like to check into them as well.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- Mark Graves – discuss and vote on division of school property/ zoning change
- Discuss and vote on grading / paving Centennial Road
- Discuss and vote on Treasurer's bond during tax collection

ADJOURN: A motion was made by Randy Jones, second Jim Tollas to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. Motion carried without negative vote.

Randy Jones, President

Gina Ormond
Clerk Treasurer

Date

