

MINUTES

VILLAGE OF POPLAR BOARD MEETING

February 9, 2021

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 – Not present

MONTHLY BUSINESS:

- Approve Minutes: A motion was made by Ralph Rounsville, second Pete Kruit to approve the Caucus minutes from January 12, 2021. Motion carried without negative vote.

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Pay Bills: A motion was made by Jim Tollas, second Ralph Rounsville to pay the bills for January 2021. Motion carried without negative vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A motion was made by Jim Tollas, second Virgil Nelson become members of the Town Advocacy Council. Motion passed without negative vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

- There was a discussion on finding funds to help low income families upgrade their sewer systems. The Village of Poplar has approximately \$20,000 through CDBG, formerly known as Impact 7. Once these funds are depleted, people can apply through the county. Individuals can apply to Northwest Regional Planning out of Spooner. Gina Ormond has the contact information.
- Pete Kruit presented the work that he has done to organize the Village of Poplar's ordinances. There was a discussion on setting up a committee meeting to work on zoning and ordinances.
- There was a discussion on a couple of ordinances – Junk Car Enforcement and Building Permit Fees. These ordinances can be discussed at the committee meeting set up to work on ordinances.

CLERKS REPORT: The insurance company has paid the total settlement for tools that were stolen in October 2020. The amount of the claim was \$10,879.56 and with the \$1000.00 deductible, the reimbursement was \$9879.56.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Sewer Commission- Randy Jones picked up the two motors from Benson Electric for the aerators.

- *Cemetery Grounds* – Quiet

- *Fire Department*- Not Present. Hunter Bergsten is a new Junior Firefighter.
- *Parks and Recreation & Building*- Paul Abrahamzon put together the new desk in Gina's office.
- *Roads & Culverts* – Ralph Rounsville went over the expenses for 2020. With the cost of fixing the culverts and roads and paying for the regular operations, there is not enough money for everything. He would like to have a discussion for a future agenda to have a referendum on a ballot to raise the funds to help with road materials and culvert projects.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- Amend 2020 Budget
- Discussion on putting a referendum on the ballot for road materials.
- Set a date to work on the ordinances
- Discuss the checking / savings account regulations for the Fire Department.

ADJOURN: A motion was made by Dan Bergsten, second Pete Kruit to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 p.m. Motion carried without negative vote.

Randy Jones, President

Gina Ormond
Clerk Treasurer

Date