

MINUTES

VILLAGE OF POPLAR BOARD MEETING

May 11, 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, Bruce Bergsten

Clerk/Treasurer: Gina Ormond

Absent: Virgil Nelson

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SPEAKERS:

- Mark Liebaert – Poplar should receive \$59,607 from the Covid Recovery Act. The money will be distributed in two payments. There are stipulations on how this money can be spent, more information is coming in the future. The Forestry is doing great. There will be power plant coming to Superior and it should be completed by 2023. The City of Superior and the county will be receiving income from the power plant. The Village of Poplar would like to request receiving aid in order to have Norvado provide broadband. The Village of Poplar is considered underserved.
- Brad Theien was present. The Open Book will be June 1 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The Board of Review will be June 8 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. before the board meeting.
- Chad Young, the CEO of Norvado was present. He went over the cost of bringing Norvado to Poplar. The money received from the Covid Recovery Act can be used to get the broadband service to our area. There are grants that can be applied for broadband service to help with the costs as well.

MONTHLY BUSINESS:

- Approve Minutes: A motion was made by Jim Tollas, second Pete Kruit to approve the minutes from the April 13, 2021 meeting. Motion carried without negative vote.
- Pay Bills: A motion was made by Dan Bergsten, second Ralph Rounsville to pay the bills for April 2021. Motion carried without negative vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- A motion was made by Randy Jones, second Dan Bergsten to abandon the loan application through AMKO Advisors. The loan was for refinancing the loan that the Sewer had through the USDA. Motion carried without negative vote.

CLERKS REPORT: Effective June 1, 2021, NBC will start charging \$25 a month to check each written check for the required two signatures. After a discussion regarding what accounts should have this service, a motion was made by Randy Jones, second Jim Tollas to have just the two accounts that the most checks are written from, the Sewer Main Checking account and the Village Main Checking. The motion carries with 5 yeses and 1 opposed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- *Sewer Commission*- After Randy Jones was told that he must work on the Sludge Management Report, he found out that MSA will do the report after the results are turned in. A cylinder caved in on the grinder pump at the Graves apartments. The village will see what the charges are to fix the grinder pump and could share some of the costs of the repairs. After this repair, Mark Graves will be responsible for repairs to the grinder pump. The flow meters at the school and the village were calibrated.
- *Cemetery Grounds* - Dan Bergsten has started mowing. He will be getting the cemetery ready for the Memorial Day service. The military won't know if they can be present at the cemetery due to Covid Restrictions.
- *Fire Department* - The Fire Department wasn't present. The Board read the minutes presented Carolyn Grube. Hunter Bergsten will not be able to go to training this year because he needs to be 17.
- *Parks and Recreation & Building*- Dan Bergsten has talked to a few people regarding working on the roof, fixing the floor tiles in the hall, and fixing the door. Since no one bid on painting the village hall, we will keep the bids open. The lawnmower was taken to Hayward to be fixed, the computer needs to be replaced. The repair costs about \$600 to replace the computer. Dan Bergsten would like to see if the money from the Covid Recovery Act could be used to fix up the ballfield.
- *Roads & Culverts* – Ralph Rounsville presented the information from the Roads and Culverts meeting on April 22, 2021. Some of the things discussed was having a 5 year plans for roads, graveling roads, putting up road signs, and ditching.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: None

ADJOURN: A motion was made by Dan Bergsten, second Pete Kruit to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 p.m. Motion carried without negative vote.

Randy Jones, President

Gina Ormond
Clerk Treasurer

Date

