

MINUTES

VILLAGE OF POPLAR BOARD MEETING

July 13, 2021

The Board Meeting was called to order by President Randy Jones at 6:58 PM

In attendance: Randy Jones, Dan Bergsten, Ralph Rounsville, Pete Kruit,
Virgil Nelson, Bruce Bergsten

Clerk/Treasurer: Gina Ormond

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SPEAKERS:

- Ashley Vande Vorte, Douglas County Conservationist presented the Agriculture Enterprise Area (AEA) to the board of Trustees. The AEA is a way for landowners to participate in the Farmland Preservation Program. It has many benefits for the landowners including tax credits. In order to create a new AEA, a petition must be crafted with owner inputs and supported by the local government. Signatures pages from each political subdivisions (such as counties, cities, towns, and villages and a minimum of five petitioning landowners as well as Non-petitioning signature pages from people in the community must be presented to show their support for the AEA. After a discussion, a motion was made by Pete Kruit, second Virgil Nelson to approve the petition to support the AEA in the Village of Poplar area. Motion carried without negative vote.
- Mark Liebaert – Not present
- David and Lynn Cain were present to request a Land Use Permit for a 24' x 24' garage at 5065 S Pond Drive. A motion was made by Ralph Rounsville, second Dan Bergsten to approve the Land Use Permit. Motion carried without negative vote.

MONTHLY BUSINESS:

- Approve Minutes: A motion was made by Ralph Rounsville, second Randy Jones to approve the minutes from the June 8, 2021 meeting. Motion carried without negative vote.
Approve Minutes: A motion was made by Virgil Nelson, second Ralph Rounsville to approve the minutes from the June 8, 2021 Board of Review meeting. Motion carried without negative vote.
Pay Bills: A motion was made by Dan Bergsten, second Pete Kruit to pay the bills for June 2021. Motion carried without negative vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- There was a discussion on the 2019 and 2020 engagement letters for the audit. A motion was made by Pete Kruit, second Virgil Nelson to approve the engagement letters for James Colborn, CPA to complete our 2019 and 2020 audits. Motion carried without negative vote.
- There was a discussion for setting a date for the board and employee picnic. The date will be July 31, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.
- After a discussion regarding the fireworks permit for Poplar Fun Days, Randy Jones will issue the fireworks permit. The board trustees are ok with Randy Jones issuing the permit.
- There was a bid from Economy Painters – Thomas Delemat to paint the village hall. The bid was for \$6900.00. A motion was made by Ralph Rounsville, second Bruce Bergsten to reject the bid as presented. Motion carried without negative vote.

CLERKS REPORT: The Clerks Institute started on Monday, July 12 and will be going through Friday, July 16. The classes are going great so far.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- *Sewer Commission*- Randy Jones received an email that he and the contractors should meet at the sewer pond to discuss the start of the repair work. The date to start the work is August 1. Benson Electric was at the pond fixing the modulators. Dave Braun is doing the yearly maintenance at the lift stations. There are a few repairs that need to be made and a quote of \$8000.00 was given.
- *Cemetery Grounds* – Paul Abrahamzon put gravel on the road in the cemetery and Garrett Little leveled it off. The Cemetery has been pretty quiet.
- *Fire Department*-The Fire Department has been pretty quiet. There has only been one motorcycle accident. The Village of Poplar has a certified responder. Volunteers are needed for Poplar Fun Days.
- *Parks and Recreation & Building*- There are 100 kids still playing ball on the fields. T-ball started. The roof of the village hall still needs to be looked at.
- *Roads & Culverts* – Everything is pretty quiet. The work on the culvert hasn't started yet, but it will start soon. A discussion for next year is possibly getting a side mower.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: Work on getting paint bids

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

Randy Jones, President

Gina Ormond
Clerk Treasurer

Date