

MINUTES

VILLAGE OF POPLAR BOARD MEETING

November 9, 2021

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

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

Clerk/Treasurer: Gina Ormond

Absent: Pete Kruit

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SPEAKERS:

- Mark Liebaert – The County will approve the redistricting at the next meeting. The County Board approved the 2022 budget for \$59 million. The income was up \$200,000 due to sales tax. The forestry sales were down this year. All counties will have a ½ percent increase for sales tax. This will produce about an extra \$ 4 million dollars in revenue. Superior Days will be held in February. The County Board is fully staffed. Hwy D will be repaired by the county and not the state. Hwy W was damaged by the flood and FEMA will help with repairing it. The jail is having problems hiring people.
- A motion was made by Randy Jones, second Ralph Rounsville to approve the Land Use Permit for Robert and Sara Brown & Jim and Kelly Whelan. There will be two sheds put on the land. The two combined will be close to \$5000.00. The Land Use Permit fee will be the \$100 for both sheds.
- Erik Olson was present. He had a question regarding installing sewer from Lakeview to Blue Jay Drive. This topic must be brought to the Sewer Commission meeting. Erik gave an update on the baseball program. There were 135 kids this year ranging from 6 to 15 years old. The parents enjoyed coming to Poplar because the fields were well maintained and Dan Bergsten mowed regularly. If possible, he requests that the budget in 2023 would include funds to extend the ballfield 40 feet.

MONTHLY BUSINESS:

- Approve Minutes:
A motion was made by Dan Bergsten, second Virgil Nelson to approve the minutes from the October 12, 2021 meeting. Motion carried without negative vote.
A motion was made by Randy Jones, second Dan Bergsten to approve the minutes from the Closed Employee Committee meeting from October 26, 2021. Motion carried without negative vote.
A motion was made by Randy Jones, second Dan Bergsten to approve the minutes from the Finance Committee meeting from October 26, 2021.
- Pay Bills: A motion was made by Dan Bergsten, second Virgil Nelson to pay the bills from October 2021. Motion carried without negative vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- Shadley Nelson's architect and wife were present to explain the plans for the old school that they bought. It was already rezoned to commercial. A Land Use Permit will be needed for the construction. The sewer permit will be needed at a later stage of construction.

- A motion was made Ralph Rounsville, second Bruce Bergsten to approve the 2021 Levy Amount of \$149,187.00. Motion carried without negative vote.
- The Public Hearing will be held on Friday, November 12 at 6:00 p.m. The board member could vote to pass the Proposed Budgets for 2022 for the Village and the Sewer.

CLERKS REPORT: The 2019 Audit is completed. The 2020 Audit will begin this week. The fire inspector was here. The hall needs four more exit signs.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- *Sewer Commission*- The repairs to the sewer pond are done. The cover still has to be put on. Mark Graves was present at the Sewer Commission meeting. The sewer will give him the panel and the repaired grinder pump and he would pay for his half of the repairs. Scott Carlson and Paul Abrahamzon are going to dig up and shut off the valve at Lanthiers. Rand Jones has talked to the DNR to see about spreading the sludge at the sewer ponds. Paul Abrahamzon can take care of cutting the hay.
- *Cemetery Grounds* – The cemetery is very quiet. The mowing has stopped.
- *Fire Department*- Fire Department wasn't present. There wasn't a meeting on October 26 because Carolyn Grube was at the Finance Meeting for the budget and Pat Grube was out of town.
- *Parks and Recreation & Building* – Paul Abrahamzon got sand on the fields. There wasn't any hail damage on the Village Hall's roof from the storm.
- *Roads & Culverts* – The culvert at Wiehe Road & Hwy 2 is completed. Ralph Rounsville is working on the end of the year paperwork for the state. There is another meeting at the school. The Village of Poplar is working on the flashing signs. There is a quote for \$8600 for the two signs that are needed.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- Vote to pass the 2022 Proposed budgets for the village and sewer
- Set a date for the Caucus – January Board Meeting
- Shadley Nelson – Land Use Permit
- Employee gift cards for Christmas
- Vote to pass the amount of the Tax Collection Bond

ADJOURN: A motion was made by Virgil Nelson, second Dan Bergsten to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. Motion carried without negative vote.

Randy Jones, President

Gina Ormond
Clerk Treasurer

Date