

MINUTES

VILLAGE OF POPLAR BOARD MEETING

February 8, 2022

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

In attendance: Dan Bergsten, Pete Kruit, Virgil Nelson,
Bruce Bergsten, Leo Naumann

Clerk/Treasurer: Gina Ormond

Absent: Ralph Rounselle

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SPEAKERS:

- Mark Liebaert – Not present.
- Milt Olson was present to request a variance needed to sell his twin home units separately which would create one non-conforming lot on one parcel. The building is located at 5441 S Presley Drive and is located on the village sewer. After a discussion regarding whether or not the building is a twin home or a duplex, Pete Kruit wanted to be on record that he opposed the variance until it is proven that the property is a twin home and not a duplex and can be split in accordance with state code. Since the variance was to request the changing the size of the parcel lot and not how the property was going to be sold, a motion was made by Dan Bergsten, second Leo Naumann to approve the variance request. Motion carried with 5 yeses and 1 opposed.
- After receiving the Conditional Approval Letter from the State of Wisconsin for Shadley Nelson, a motion was made by Randy Jones, second Virgil Nelson to approve the Land Use Permit Application for the property at 4956 S Memorial Drive. Motion carried without negative vote.

MONTHLY BUSINESS:

- Approve Minutes: A motion was made by Pete Kruit, second Leo Naumann to approve the minutes from the January 11, 2022 board meeting. Motion carried without negative vote.
A motion was made by Pete Kruit, second Randy Jones to approve the minutes from the Caucus held on January 11, 2022. Motion carried without negative vote.
Pay Bills: A motion was made by Virgil Nelson, second Dan Bergsten to pay the bills for January 2022. Motion carried without negative vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- Milt Olson will donate \$2000 to be used for the skating rinks. Some ideas discussed would be lights for the lower rink, warming shack, port a potty, etc. Milt Olson said that he wanted to thank the board for getting the skating rinks going again. Erik Olson also thanked the board. There are kids enjoying the rinks playing hockey and families are ice skating and sledding down the hill.
- Randy Jones has been working with Douglas County and the Northwest Regional Planning Commission to complete the Hazard Mitigation Plan / Hazard Assessment. A Motion was made by Randy Jones,

second Leo Naumann to approve the Hazard Assessment and to present to Douglas County. Motion carried without negative vote.

- Randy Jones has been in touch with LTD Broadband. Wisconsin has grants to apply for to get broadband in our area. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOA) was emailed to Randy Jones for the Village of Poplar to vote on and sign. The Village of Poplar will also have to come up with letters of support from residents and businesses in support of broadband. A letter will need to be sent to the school district as well as the county to get support. A motion was made by Randy Jones, second Bruce Bergsten to sign the MOU for having LTD Broadband in the Village of Poplar. Motion carried without negative vote.
- Vote on Resolution 22-02 – Amending 2021 Budget – Table until March

CLERKS REPORT:

- 2019/2020 Audits are completed. Copies are available in Clerk's office.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- *Sewer Commission*- Everything is quiet at the pond. Randy picked up two 3 horse motors and one 5 horse motor from Benson Electric. These motors will be on hand ready for repairs. Randy Jones is working on the sludge report. WEM has the final submission of all the information regarding the pond repairs. The sewer should be receiving the settlement from Wisconsin shortly.
- *Cemetery Grounds* – Very quiet
- *Fire Department*-. Not present. The Board went over the minutes provided by Carolyn Grube.
- *Parks and Recreation & Building*- Street lights have all been fixed as well as the lights on the Fire Department Hall. Thank you to Paul Abrahamzon, Brian Nelson, and the Fire Department for their work on the skating rink to make it possible for residents to enjoy winter activities in Poplar.
- *Roads & Culverts* – The committee is working on the 5-year plan. Paul Abrahamzon has been working on all of the equipment when it needs repair.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- ARPA Spending Plans for the Village
- Vote on the Resolution 22-02 – Amending 2021 Budget

ADJOURN: A motion was made by Leo Naumann, second Randy Jones to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. Motion carried without negative vote.

Randy Jones, President

Gina Ormond
Clerk Treasurer

Date

