

MINUTES

VILLAGE OF POPLAR BOARD MEETING

March 8, 2022

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

In attendance: Dan Bergsten, Ralph Rounsville,
Virgil Nelson, Bruce Bergsten, Leo Naumann

Clerk/Treasurer: Gina Ormond

Absent: Pete Kruit

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SPEAKERS:

- Mark Liebaert – Not present
- Daniel Agrey was present to request a Land Use Permit for a pole building @ 5125S Blue Jay Drive. A motion was made by Dan Bergsten, second Ralph Rounsville to approve the Land Use Permit application. Motion carried without negative vote.

MONTHLY BUSINESS:

- Approve Minutes: A motion was made by Leo Naumann, second Virgil Nelson to approve the minutes from the February 8, 2022 meeting. Motion carried without negative vote.
- Pay Bills: A motion was made by Dan Bergsten, second Ralph Rounsville to approve paying the bills from February 2022. Motion carried without negative vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A motion was made by Randy Jones, second Leo Naumann to pass Resolution 22-01 Amending the 2021 Budget. Motion carried without negative vote.
- There was a discussion regarding the spending of the ARPA money that the village will receive. Some of the funds could be used to put down on the broadband project. The sewer could use funds to work on manholes and laterals; the village hall could use office repairs and maintenance such as windows and insulation, the emergency siren could be repaired. The funds need to be spent by 2025 and will be on the agenda as an ongoing item until there are definite plans for the ARPA money.
- There was a discussion regarding the painting of the village hall.

NEW BUSINESS:

- There was a discussion on the Hazard Mitigation – Emergency Response. The Village of Poplar will be working on updating the emergency response plans. Gina Ormond had worked on a plan on what to do for different emergency situations should they arise during an election. She also had a class for the Clerk's Institute that suggested every municipality have plans in place in case an emergency happens. The village should purchase a portable generator to have on hand.
- There was a discussion on setting up a spring cleanup date. The first choice would be May 14th and the backup choice is May 21st. Gina Ormond will check with Waste Management to see when the dumpsters are available. Dan Bergsten will set up the scrap recycling.

CLERKS REPORT: The copier in the office is acting up. Leo Naumann suggested checking in to leasing a copier instead of buying one. He will call to get a quote from Tri-State Business. Gina Ormond brought up updating the committee list. This will be done after the April 5th election. A notice was posted on the website regarding snow removal and that the snow should not be plowed across the road. If this notice does not help,

Paul Abrahamzon will give a list of addresses of the residents who are plowing the snow across the roads and letters will be mailed out.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- *Sewer Commission-* The sewer has been pretty quiet. The settlement from Wisconsin Emergency Management was received. Now they are still waiting on the administrative compensation to be reimbursed by FEMA.
- *Cemetery Grounds* – The cemetery has been pretty quiet. At some point, there will be plans to put a building up at the cemetery.
- *Fire Department-* There wasn't a meeting on February 22, 2022. The Poplar Volunteer Fire Department needs more volunteers. The money from the 2021 budget can't be carried over to cover any expenses. The next meeting is Tuesday, March 22, 2022.
- *Parks and Recreation & Building-* There hasn't been too much going on for Parks and Recreation & Building. Bruce Bergsten said that the snowmobile club had a port a potty for sale that the village could purchase to put down at the lower skating rink / sledding hill.
- *Roads & Culverts* – Paul Abrahamzon talked to Ralph Rounsville about replacing the mower. If something becomes available that is a good deal, Ralph Rounsville asked the board's approval to work on getting it. The board is open to looking at information on new mowers. A culvert project will be happening this year.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- Use of ARPA Funds
- Broadband Updates
- Update Committees
- Snowmobile / ATV Ordinance

ADJOURN: A motion was made by Dan Bergsten, second Virgil Nelson to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 p.m. Motion carried without negative vote.

Randy Jones, President

Gina Ormond
Clerk Treasurer

Date