

MINUTES

VILLAGE OF POPLAR BOARD MEETING

April 12, 2022

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

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

Clerk/Treasurer: Gina Ormond

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SPEAKERS:

- Mark Liebaert was present. He gave an update on the logging industry. The broadband will be voted on at the next county board meeting. Funds will be put into security for the courthouse. There is a youth in custody that will cost approximately \$1000.00 a day to have at the county jail. Fire signs will now be available that has the Village of Poplar printed on them.
- Jason Swanson was present to request a Land Use Permit for a 30' x 40' addition to his mini storage @ 9653 E Main Street. A motion was made by Leo Naumann, second Dan Bergsten to approve the Land Use Permit. Motion carried without negative vote.
- Pete Lulich presented information on mowers.

MONTHLY BUSINESS:

- Approve Minutes: A motion was made by Bruce Bergsten, second Virgil Nelson to approve the minutes from the March 8, 2022 meeting. Motion carried without negative vote.
Pay Bills: A motion was made by Ralph Rounsville, second Randy Jones to pay the bills from March 2022. Motion carried without negative vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Randy Jones submitted the broadband application.
- ARPA – the first report is due April 30, 2022. The deadline that the funds must be committed is 2024. The funds must be spent by 2025. There is a possibility for an extension.

NEW BUSINESS:

- There was a discussion regarding the options of leasing a copier for the Clerk's office. A motion was made by Leo Naumann, second Bruce Bergsten to lease the copier from Tri-State Business Systems. Motion carried with six yeses, one opposed.
- There was a discussion on updating the committees. The Parks and Recreation & Buildings was split into two committees. There will be a Parks and Recreation committee and a Buildings and Grounds.
- There was a discussion regarding walking quorums. Board members are not allowed to send messages to members of the board. Municipalities are getting fined for communicating in emails among board members.
- There wasn't any information regarding the Snowmobile / ATV Ordinance for the Village of Poplar. The roads in the Village of Poplar are open for snowmobiles and atvs to use. The roads that are not open could be posted.
- The final drafts of the Hazard Mitigation Plan are being updated.
- There was a discussion on purchasing a switch for the garage opener at the village hall. A quote was received for a new one. A motion was made by Ralph Rounsville, second Pete Kruit to install the new garage opener. ARPA funds can be used to update the village hall. Motion carried without negative vote.

CLERKS REPORT: Spring Cleanup is set up for Saturday, May 14 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- *Sewer Commission*- The updated CMOM was handed out at the Sewer Commission meeting. The goals of the Sewer Commission were discussed and the Commissioners were encouraged to read the rest of the pages. The PMP plan was completed and handed into the DNR. Hydro Klean presented a quote in 2017 for \$17,500 to repair manholes. However they did not proceed with the maintenance because of the flood damage done at the lift stations. The project was not pursued because of the time spent dealing with getting those damages repaired. Randy Jones received a new quote of \$22,555 from Hydro Klean to repair the manholes. A motion was made by Dan Bergsten, second Leo Naumann to proceed with repairing approximately 75 manholes and laterals in the Village of Poplar sewer collection system. Motion carried without negative vote. The sewer could receive approximately \$5000 from FEMA for administrative costs.
- *Cemetery Grounds* - The cemetery has been pretty quiet. There are six burials lined up.
- *Fire Department*-The Fire Department will be doing a fundraiser on Saturday, May 7. They will be cooking hotdogs and brats for the Car Quest open house at Poplar Hardware. The Poplar Fun Days will be held the first weekend in August: Saturday, August 6, 2022.
- *Parks and Recreation & Building*-Ag lime will be spread on the ball fields. The tin is ready to be put on the outhouse.
- *Roads & Culverts* – An ad will be put in the paper for the culvert project on Lakeview Road.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: ARPA update, Broadband update

ADJOURN: A motion was made by Randy Jones, second Leo Naumann to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 p.m. Motion carried without negative vote.

Randy Jones, President

Gina Ormond
Clerk Treasurer

Date