

MINUTES

VILLAGE OF POPLAR BOARD MEETING

September 13, 2022

The Board Meeting was called to order by President Randy Jones at 6:56 PM

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

Clerk/Treasurer: Gina Ormond

Absent: Bruce Bergsten

SPEAKERS:

- Mark Liebaert – Not present
- Laura Gapske was present to introduce herself as a candidate for the Wisconsin State Assembly – 73rd District. She was sitting in on the Village Board Meeting to see what concerns the Village of Poplar is facing. Some of the issues were brought up: 1) The difficulties of getting broadband in Poplar, being turned down for grants. 2) Having enough money to maintain the roads. 3) Having clarity on how the village can spend the money received from the ARPA grant.
- Jeff Moore was present to apply for a Land Use Permit for a 32' x 54' Pole Barn at 9339 E Lakeview Road. Pete Kruit questioned the value of the pole barn, noted at \$2000. A motion was made by Ralph Rounsville, second Virgil Nelson to approve the Land Use Permit Application for the Pole Barn. Motion carried without negative vote.
- Steve Disbrow – not present
- Todd Wick was not present. Todd Wick mailed a letter to the Village Board concerning the crack sealing of Maple Drive. The procedure for crack sealing has been changed so that no future incidents will happen with people driving through fresh sealant. We urge residents to use caution when workers have flashing lights and road work is in progress. If in doubt, please take another route.

MONTHLY BUSINESS:

- Approve Minutes: A motion was made by Leo Naumann, second Dan Bergsten to approve the minutes from the August 4, 2022 meeting. Motion carried without negative vote.
- Pay Bills: A motion was made by Ralph Rounsville, second Leo Naumann to pay the bills for August 2022. Motion carried without negative vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- There was a discussion regarding the meetings that need to be scheduled in order to start working on the Proposed 2023 Village Budget. An Employee Committee Meeting was scheduled for September 27 at 6:30 pm, with the Budget meeting immediately following. The Roads and Culverts meeting will be held on September 21 at 6:30 pm.

- Scott and Teresa Simmons were present to discuss opening up a restaurant in the old Village Market building and serving alcohol in the restaurant. There was a discussion regarding having a liquor license.
- There was a discussion regarding the rates of the insurance for 2023 and the Statement of Values for what is being insured for the renewal policy.

CLERKS REPORT: The contract from the Douglas County Tax Collection for the 2022 – 2023 & 2023 – 2024 was received. Three Trustees need to be sign the contract. The School District of Maple sent the Village of Poplar a letter thanking us for the \$600 towards the yellow flashing wig wag signs. Gina Ormond's daughter will be having surgery on October 26th. The Village Hall will be open by appointment only during this time and the residents can reach her by calling her cell phone number if they need her. The election is on Tuesday, November 8 and in office voting starts October 25. The voters can schedule a time to vote in the office by calling Gina Ormond.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- *Sewer Commission-* Paul Abrahamzon is ready to spread the sludge. There is a 6 to 8 hour window to turn the sludge under after spreading it. The sludge needs to be spread on at least a 1.67 acre and a map of where it was dumped is needed. Randy Jones needs to complete the reports now. Randy Jones can renew his certificate in May and will be filling out our permit application. MSA Engineers may have to fill out the application,
- *Cemetery Grounds* - The cemetery is quiet.
- *Fire Department-* Not Present but the minutes from the August meeting were presented to the Village Board..
- *Parks and Recreation & Building-* Leo Naumann received a couple of estimates for roof repairs. The estimates were pretty high. The windows in the village office will be repaired though.
- *Roads & Culverts* – The culvert is installed on Lakeview Road, however it is not black topped yet. The expenses were turned in to Douglas County. The expenses will be reimbursed at 75% and the remaining 25% will be reimbursed next year when the project is finished. Ralph Rounsville will be working on the WISLR report. Paul Abrahamzon has been hauling gravel. There was a discussion regarding making payments on the Farm Plan for the repairs done on the tractor.

FUTURE AGENDA: Work on the 2023 Proposed Budget for the Village.

Adjourn: A motion was made by Leo Naumann, second Virgil Nelson to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 pm.
Motion carried without negative vote.

Randy Jones, President

Gina Ormond
Clerk Treasurer

Date