

MINUTES

VILLAGE OF POPLAR BOARD MEETING

January 10, 2023

The Board Meeting was called to order by President Leo Naumann at 7:01 PM

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

Clerk/Treasurer: Gina Ormond

Absent: Ralph Rounsville

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SPEAKERS:

- Mark Liebaert – A report was given regarding a timber sale, it brought in \$1.84 million dollars. The local municipalities supporting the ½ percent sales tax will be brought up at Superior Days since the state will not be increasing the sales tax. There is CDBG money available through the county. The county is short of employees in the communications center, prison, and highways. The snowmobiles trails are open now, except in Dairyland.
- A motion was made by Bruce Bergsten, second Virgil Nelson to approve the Land Use Permit application for Poplar Auto Refinishing. The application is for a 50' x 80' storage building at 9916 E US Hwy 2, Poplar. Motion carried without negative vote.

MONTHLY BUSINESS:

- Approve Minutes: A motion was made by Pete Kruit, second Bruce Bergsten to approve the minutes from the December 13, 2022 meeting. Motion carried without negative vote.

Pay Bills: A motion was made by Dan Bergsten, second Pete Kruit to pay the bills for December 2022. Motion carried without negative vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- Gunner Olson and Cannon Moore were present to request that the village pay for hockey nets put down at the skating rinks. There was a discussion regarding the prices of one net verses two foldable nets. A motion was made by Dan Bergsten, second Pete Kruit to purchase two foldable nets and Gunner Olson will be responsible for taking the nets off the skating rink after each use until storage can be figured out. Motion carried without negative vote. A receipt will be given to the clerk for reimbursement when they are purchased.
- There was a discussion regarding the email sent by Haley Tollefson from LTD Broadband. She contacted Randy Jones to see if the Village of Poplar would be interested in pursuing the 2023 State Broadband Expansion Grant. It was suggested to contact Haley Tollefson to see if she could come to a board meeting or have a public meeting to explain the next steps that would need to be taken to work on the grant.
- There was a discussion on the wages being paid to the Deputy Clerk. Leo Naumann suggested discussing the wages when the budget is being worked on.

CLERKS REPORT: A donation was received from Poplar Auto for the skating rink. The topic of separating the position from Clerk / Treasurer to two positions again was brought up. After research is done into separating the position, the topic will be brought up for a future agenda item.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- *Sewer Commission*- Everything is working well.
- *Cemetery Grounds* - There hasn't been any funerals or cremations.
- *Fire Department* – Not present. No bank statements or minutes given.
- *Parks and Recreation* – Dan Bergsten is still waiting on the brackets to put the lights down at the skating rink.
- *Building & Grounds* – Nothing to report.
- *Roads & Culverts* – There needs to be a meeting to discuss gravel plans.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: None

ADJOURN: A motion was made by Bruce Bergsten, second Virgil Nelson to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m. Motion carried without negative vote.

Leo Naumann, President

Gina Ormond
Clerk Treasurer

Date