

MINUTES

VILLAGE OF POPLAR BOARD MEETING

April 11, 2023

The Board Meeting was called to order by President Leo Naumann at 7:00 PM

In attendance: Dan Bergsten, Ralph Rounsville, Virgil Nelson
Bruce Bergsten, Adam DeMeyer

Clerk/Treasurer: Gina Ormond

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SPEAKERS:

- Mark Liebaert was present to update the village. He has been attending the zoning and forestry meetings. He gave an update on the grant money for roads and the LRIP program – aid on fixing bridges.

MONTHLY BUSINESS:

- Approve Minutes: A motion was made by Ralph Rounsville, second Bruce Bergsten to approve the minutes from the March 14, 2023 meeting. Motion carried without negative vote.
- Approve Minutes: A motion was made by Bruce Bergsten, second Dan Bergsten to approve the minutes from the March 20, 2023 Open Session Special Board Meeting. Motion carried without negative vote.
- Approve Minutes: A motion was made by Bruce Bergsten, second Dan Bergsten to approve the minutes from the March 24, 2023 Special Board Meeting. Motion carried without negative vote.
- Pay Bills: A motion was made by Dan Bergsten, second Virgil Nelson to pay the bills for March 2023. Motion carried without negative vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- John Pooler was present to speak about his interest in filling the vacant seat on the Village Board. A motion was made by Ralph Rounsville, second Dan Bergsten to have John Pooler fill the vacant seat until the end of the two year term. Motion carried without negative vote.
- There was a discussion of implementing a meeting procedure for public comment during board meetings. Residents will sign up to speak and have a three minute time limit.
- There was a discussion regarding updating the committees. The updated list will be posted on the website as soon as it is completed. Leo Naumann suggested to table working on the committees until the new board members can have time to find out more about the committees. He also stated that there needs to be more accountability of the committees, such as reporting back to the board. Any resident can be on committees if they are interested.
- Dan Bergsten brought it to the board's attention that Terry Lundberg contacted him to proceed with refurbishing the Bong Memorial sign. Leo Naumann suggested getting more information on the pricing and bring it to the board meeting in May.
- There was a discussion regarding the ARPA funds. It was suggested that the flooring in the village hall be replaced and the windows in the village hall be fixed. Estimates will be needed for the projects.
- A motion was made by Dan Bergsten, second Ralph Rounsville to approve the Operator's License for Amanda Korhonen at Poplar Hardware. Motion carried without negative vote.
- A motion was made by Dan Bergsten, second Bruce Bergsten to bring to a vote for the options of the dates for the spring cleanup. There were zero votes for May 6 and 7 votes for May 13. Motion carried without negative vote.

CLERKS REPORT: Gina Ormond will contact Kimberly Gifford from the Northwest Regional Planning Commission to have her come to a board meeting to discuss the CDBG program.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- *Website* – Randy Jones has been working on setting up the new website. Once it is completed, he is stepping down from working on the website. The committee will be responsible keeping the website updated as well as making any changes in design, adding pictures, etc.
- *Sewer Commission*-There is a Sanitary System Overflow at a property on Bayfield Road. Since it is on a private property, it will be reported on the DNR website. The Sewer has a budget for \$15,000 to work on manholes. The budget should cover work on twenty manholes. Filters were put on the vents of homes around Olson Auto to fix the sewer smell around Olson Auto. The grinder pump at Bayfield Road by the apartments owned by Mark Graves are not worked on by the Village of Poplar. Randy Jones will be attending a conference in Barron to get his certification. It will last three years and will be his last certification. The Sewer Commission will be put an ad in the paper to look for a sewer operator. He is planning on retiring as the Wastewater operator.
- *Cemetery Grounds* - Dan Bergsten is getting ready for burials.
- *Fire Department*- Not present. Bank statements and minutes for March were presented to the board.
- *Building & Grounds* - Nothing to report.
- *Parks and Recreation* – The part for the light at the skating rink is still not in. The skating rink is done for the year.
- *Roads & Culverts* – There was a discussion regarding sending Paul Abrahamzon to look at the mower. Fuel Charges have been high for the winter. Roads and Culverts will need funds to help with culverts and fuel. Ralph Rounsville suggested checking into getting a CD using the Village Money Market account. A motion was made by Ralph Rounsville, second Bruce Bergsten to purchase a \$20,000 CD. Motion carried without negative vote.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- Erik Olson – discuss plowing on Blue Jay Road and the Meadows Road.
- Work on updating the committees.
- Terry Lundberg – Discuss the pricing for refinishing the Bong Memorial sign.
- Kimberly Gifford – Northwest Regional Planning Commission – Discuss the CDBG program.
- Pete Kruit – Discuss Ordinances.

ADJOURN: A motion was made by Virgil Nelson, second Ralph Rounsville to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m. Motion carried without negative vote.

Leo Naumann, President

Gina Ormond
Clerk Treasurer

Date