

MINUTES

VILLAGE OF POPLAR BOARD MEETING

February 13, 2024

The Board Meeting was called to order by Board President Leo Naumann at 7:00 p.m.

In attendance: Dan Bergsten, Ralph Rounsville, John Pooler,
Bruce Bergsten, Adam DeMeyer

Clerk/Treasurer: Gina Ormond

Absent: Virgil Nelson, Trustee, Trustee

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SPEAKERS:

- Mark Liebaert – Not present
- A motion was made by Ralph Rounsville, second Dan Bergsten to approve the Land Use Permit Application for Clyde Hursh @ 10177 E Oak Road. Motion carried without negative vote.
- Pete Thomsen attended by Zoom meeting. A variance was applied for a parcel split at Cedar Road and County Road P, creating a parcel just short of 5 acres required per Village Ordinance. After a discussion, a motion was made by Dan Bergsten, second Adam DeMeyer to approve the variance application. Motion carried without negative vote.
- Curt Forse, James Colborn, CPA – Not present, tabled until March 12, 2024 meeting.

MONTHLY BUSINESS:

- Approve Minutes: A motion was made by Bruce Bergsten, second Ralph Rounsville to approve the minutes from the January 9, 2024 Caucus. Motion carried without negative vote.

Approve Minutes: A motion was made by Dan Bergsten, second John Pooler to approve the minutes from the January 9, 2024 Board Meeting. Motion carried without negative vote.

Pay Bills: A motion was made by Ralph Rounsville, second Bruce Bergsten to pay the bills for January 2024. Motion carried without negative vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- A motion was made by Ralph Rounsville, second Dan Bergsten to approve Resolution 24-01 – Approving Amendments to the 2023 Budget. Motion passed without negative vote.
- Appoint a Board Member as a Board of Review Member – Tabled until March 12, 2024 meeting.
- Spring Cleanup was set for Saturday, May 11, 2024. Flyers will be put up.
- John Pooler would like to check into upgrading the phone and internet service for both the Village and the Fire Department. He will provide the information at the March 12, 2024 meeting.
- After a discussion regarding turning the vault into an office, it was decided to table the discussion to the March 12, 2024 meeting.

CLERKS REPORT: Abby Lindahl and Gina Ormond has been working on clearing out the vault. The first trip taken to Marathon Shredding in Superior had over 300 pounds of shredding. There is a lot more of old information that needs to be cleared out. The subject of having the rugs cleaned in the Village Hall was brought up and a service was called to get quotes. Further discussion on rug cleaning was tabled until the March 12, 2024 meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- *Fire Department* - John Pooler gave an update on calls for January. There are now two certified EMRs. There was a discussion that Poplar Fun Days will not be held this year. The appreciation dinner was held. The Fire Department has a need for new defibrillators.
- *Sewer Commission*- The Highway 2 Project that is supposed to be worked on in 2025 is postponed to 2027. The sewer has bids out to rebore the culvert on Highway 2. The tracer wire needs to be found before the project starts. A radio sonde was purchased to find the wire. An air scrubber was installed by Olson Auto to help with the sewer odor. There are still reports that the odors are still there. Randy purchased a Hydrogen Sulfide detector to help monitor the level of gases from the sewer. Randy Jones is working on the application for the wastewater permit as well as the variance to continue for the phosphorus as well as the annual and monthly reports.
- *Cemetery* – There hasn't been funerals all winter
- *Parks and Recreation & Building and Ground*- The skating rink was flooded but with the nice weather it was used maybe six days so far. The lights are turned off. Dan Bergsten is getting new brackets for the top of the lights.
- *Roads & Culverts* – Dan Bergsten is working on inspecting all the culverts. He is watching the videos on how to inspect them and the Village gets paid \$100 for each inspection.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: Curt Forse, James Colborn, CPA

Discuss and appoint a Board Member for Board of Review Member

Discuss and vote on upgrade on internet and phone service – John Pooler

Discuss and vote on turning the vault into an office

Discuss and vote on cleaning rug service

ADJOURN: A motion was made by Bruce Bergsten, second Leo Naumann to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 p.m. Motion carried without negative vote.

Leo Naumann, President

Gina Ormond, Clerk

Date