

MINUTES OF JOINT SCANDINAVIA TOWN AND VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

September 20, 2021

A joint meeting of the Town and Village of Scandinavia Boards was held on September 20, 2021, at the Municipal Center. Meeting was called to order at 5:04 PM by Village President, Dave Mork. Town Board members present were Gary Marx, Bryan Fuhs, Treasurer - Mike Mazemke, and Town Clerk - Brenda Mazemke. Village Board members present were David Mork, Mike Hayes, Chris Williams, Bob Fredy, Becky Morgan, Village Clerk - Renee Smith, and Treasurer - Judy Watson. Members absent: Frank Bauer Jr. Others in attendance in-person or online: Ray Tomlin, Carol Kraco, and Gordon Kirchoff.

Motion made (Marx/Fuhs) that Dave Mork be appointed to serve as meeting Chairperson. Motion approved unanimously. Chairperson Mork asked for approval of the agenda. Motion made (Hayes/Fuhs) that the agenda be approved. Motion carried unanimously.

Maintenance items discussed for the Municipal Center included:

- Sidewalk in front of the Smokey the Bear sign has raised up and has become a tripping hazard. Trustee Hayes will contact the City of Waupaca and have them grind the sidewalk down.
- Backup generator discussed again. In order for the Municipal Center to be an emergency shelter we must have a generator. A fund has been started with the fire department adding two-thousand dollars (\$2000).
- Scandinavia Fire Department: Fire Chief Bryan Fuhs presented the Fire Department's 2022 budget request. Total budget presented is the same as last year at \$30,680. Bryan also brought up that their pumper truck is now over 20 years old, and we need to begin thinking about replacing it. The Veterans Home in King has recently disbanded their fire department and their fire truck will be going up for auction. Bryan asked if the Village and Town would be interested in bidding on it. Their current truck is a 1986 with vacuum problems. The Veterans truck has a 2007 chassis with a 2009 engine. Much newer than their current one. The Village Board asked to table the truck so it could be discussed at a Village Board meeting. Motion made (Hayes/Fredy) to

approve Fire Department 2022 budget of \$30,680. Fire Department members Fuhs and Marx abstained on the motion.

- Fire Chief Fuhs proposed that any funds left in the fire department budget at the end of the year be put into a contingency fund for future repairs, purchases and possibly a retirement fund for fire fighters. This account would be held jointly with the Village and Town of Scandinavia. After much discussion, it was decided this would not work. Each municipality would have to have their own fund, managed by that municipality.
- Covid-19 and Routes to Recovery (CARES) funds discussed. Funds were used for the following projects:
 - Audio/Visual system to hold virtual meetings.
 - Upgraded Wi-Fi to Municipal Center and Fire Department.
 - Replace main entrance door with an ADA accessible door.
 - Touchless faucet in the restroom.
 - Touchless hand sanitizers, sanitizer, and other sanitizing supplies.
 - Election expenses.
- Municipal Center opening for public rental/use. It was decided to remain closed to the public for rent or use. Will discuss again when the cases are down to a safe level to reopen.
- Library discussion: No new budget items brought forward. Village allocation will remain the same at \$10,000.
- Other Municipal Center items discussed included having the furnaces cleaned and checked out. The furnaces are now 30 years old! Chairman Marx will call Shoemaker Electric to schedule service.

Memorial Park items discussed:

- Village/Town Mowing. Ken and Lolly Heger from Ken's Handyman do all the mowing for the Village and Town owned parks and public property. Mowing costs have increased in the last couple of years with purchase of additional land. In April, Ken and Lolly Heger requested the Town and Village purchase a new lawnmower and snowblower. Up until now Ken and Lolly used their own equipment and charged an annual equipment fee. Both Boards agreed to the purchase of the mower. Both boards will take this to their respective Board meeting for approval. Village Board will purchase a new snowblower.

- Visiting team dugout roof replacement discussed. Trusty Fredy will reach out to Jeremy from the ballclub to see if they would be willing to do it if the Town and Village purchased the shingles and other supplies needed.

Reports:

Scandinavia Public Library annual report reviewed. No new budget or expense items to discuss.

Vikings Baseball Club: Financial report for the Vikings Baseball Club was not available. Trustee Fredy reported the Vikings were in good financial standing.

Scandinavia Booster Club: 53rd Annual Corn Roast was a big success! People were ready to get out after a year or more of Covid restrictions. Attendance was good and all operations went well.

FOSH's annual report for 2020 was reviewed. Work continues on the restoration of Historic Street buildings.

Code Enforcement/Humane Officer: Both the Town and Village had used the same code enforcement officer. Unfortunately, he has moved and is no longer available. Chairman Marx indicated that he would be putting an ad in the paper as they have had no luck in finding anyone. Clerk Smith will make a call to the Waupaca County Humane Society and inquire on using their services.

Property insurance policy renewal/review: Renewal policy was not available for this meeting.

Drain Basin: Due to all the heavy rains lately, the rain has caused quite a bit of erosion along the river, south of the dam equipment building. On the Municipal Center parking lot near Mill Street there is a light pole with a drain basin below it. The drain basin was completely buried. President Mork had Waupaca County Highway Dept. uncover the drain basin and prepare the area with fill and rocks so that it can handle the water coming down from Norse and Mill Street and around the Municipal Center. The Hwy. Dept. also dug out the area where all the erosion was taking place along the river and replaced it with fill and heavy rocks. The rain had washed away all the dirt underneath the concrete and rocks.

Landfill: The grass at the closed landfill will be mowed and inspected within the next week or two.

The Town of Scandinavia has decided to use the new building inspector services through Waupaca County. The Village continues to use Robert Viste. Trustee Hayes brought up an incident that happened with having some electrical repairs done at Memorial Park. It was brought to his attention that a commercial electric permit should have been applied for. Through this, Trustee Hayes learned that commercial electric projects must now be inspected by an agent of the state. Our district is done by General Engineering Company.

Announcements/discussion items: Chairman Marx asked President Mork to be his backup on Municipal Center issues. President Mork agreed.

Motion made (B. Mazemke/Fredy) to adjourn the meeting at 6:31 p.m.
Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:

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Village Clerk