

**VILLAGE OF WYOCENA  
VILLAGE BOARD MINUTES  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2020**

**Call to order:** Village President Kim Bauer called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

**Roll call:** President Kim Bauer, Trustees: Rusty Schiradelly, Kathy Morrison, Doug Rose, and Mitchell Walsh. Public Works Employee and Wyocena Fire Chief Jeremy Crary, Library Director Tracie Miller, Rio Ambulance Director Eric Wakeman, Grande Cheese Plant Manager and employee Mike Bonin and Cameron Studer, and Citizens: Del Grimm and Allen Pease.

Absent Board Members: Patty Jacobson and Rebecca Sersch.

**Proof of Posting:** Village clerk posted the agenda for the October 12, 2020 Village Board meeting on the bulletin board at Wyocena Community Center, Wyocena Post Office, the United Cooperative – Wyocena and the Village website on Thursday, October 8, 2020.

**Recognition of Visitors:** Nothing to report.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Morrison, second by Schiradelly, to approve the September 14, 2020 minutes. M.C.

**Reports:**

**Library Director Report:** A written report was provided. Miller expressed concern over the library budget deficit.

**Police Chief Report:** A written report was provided. No questions were asked

**Fire Chief Report:** A written report was provided. No questions were asked.

**Ambulance Director Report:** Statistic reports were provided. Director Wakeman stated the cost per capita in 2021 may increase to \$10.50, but will be based on Wyocena's estimated population of 727 rather than 768 population in 2020.

**Public Works Foreman's Report:** A written report was provided. No questions were asked.

**Administrator Report:** Kratky informed the board of the following items: 1) Heavy refuse is scheduled for October 13<sup>th</sup>. 2) Village employees will be flushing hydrants October 19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>. 3) The Community Center will be closed for all things other than election on November 3, 2020. Kratky explained the safety procedures which will be adhered to for the election. 4) Helping Hands has requested five parking stalls on the west end of the Community Center parking lot for the hours they are open in the coming months. Kratky encouraged board members to think of ideas which may prove helpful to the pantry for assisting pantry patrons during the winter months and the pandemic. 5) Kratky thanked board members for the support and concern which has been expressed regarding employee and citizen safety and well being during the pandemic.

**Treasurer Report:** Kratky presented the following vouchers for approval. Motion by Morrison, second by Rose, to approve the following bills. Roll Call: Walsh – yes, Morrison – yes, Bauer – yes, Rose – yes, Schiradelly – yes. M.C.

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| ABT Mailcom             | \$160.00   | Kohlwey's            | \$186.24   |
| Alliant                 | \$48.60    | Lakes Gas            | \$83.58    |
| Alliant                 | \$3,784.78 | MARC                 | \$705.68   |
| Amazon Capital Services | \$353.92   | Miller & Miller      | \$760.00   |
| Associated Appraisal    | \$172.03   | Penworthy            | \$394.96   |
| Badger Meter            | \$780.00   | Portage Automotive   | \$1,710.56 |
| Barbara Held            | \$10.06    | Portage Diesel       | \$1,432.05 |
| Bell Ford               | \$289.64   | Portage Lumber       | \$93.29    |
| Capital Newspapers      | \$8.50     | PSC of WI            | \$115.23   |
| Cardmember Services     | \$182.55   | Rhyme Business       | \$107.00   |
| CenturyLink             | \$4.58     | Schultz Small Engine | \$355.70   |
| Cintas                  | \$151.10   | Securian Financial   | \$35.08    |
| Col Cty Highway         | \$87.61    | United Cooperative   | \$222.85   |
| Country Plumber         | \$160.00   | US Cellular          | \$79.72    |
| CT Labs                 | \$473.04   | WI Dept of Revenue   | \$176.14   |

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| Delta Dental of WI  | \$287.49   | Wyocena Water | \$840.02   |
| Denure Excavating   | \$618.75   |               |            |
| EMS Industrial      | \$810.97   |               |            |
| Frontier            | \$516.86   | General Fund  | \$9,792.20 |
| Gordon Flesch       | \$54.75    | Library       | \$898.89   |
| Jane Morgan Library | \$29.40    | Water Fund    | \$1,679.77 |
| Kohlwey's           | \$2,520.66 | Sewer Fund    | \$6,432.53 |

### **Unfinished Business:**

**Private Wells in Village:** Del Grimm and Allen Pease each spoke of why they would like to keep the private well at their residence. A letter requesting to retain a private well at their residence was received by the board from Grimm, Pease, Bob Spear, and Wayne Emerson (on behalf of his Mother, Reba Emerson). Peases' farming business was discussed as well as possible exceptions to allow the private well. Motion by Morrison, second by Walsh, to abandon all private residential wells within the village limits, where water service is available, by December 30, 2020 with the exception of Allen and Linda Pease, 480 East Monroe Street, who will be allowed to retain their existing well as long as the following conditions are met: 1) The WI DNR allows the private well to remain. 2) Safe water sample testing results are provided annually to the Village Clerk by July 1<sup>st</sup>. 3) Allen and Linda Pease remain the property owner(s). 4) Allen and Linda Pease continue to operate an agricultural business (produce stand) in the village. If any of the conditions are not met the well shall be abandoned unless another agreement is reached with the Wyocena Village Board. M.C.

### **New Business:**

**Grande Cheese CSM To Combine Parcels 43 and 44:** Bonin and Studer explained the proposed development Grande is building on their empty lot would be within 10' of the lot line abutting their parking area. The State of WI has extra fire proofing requirements for buildings within 10' of a lot line. To avoid additional building expense Grande is asking to combine the proposed development lot and parking area lot. Motion by Morrison, second by Bauer, to approve the combination of parcels 43 and 44. M.C.

**Grande Cheese Lease Agreement:** Motion by Morrison, second by Walsh, to approve the 2021-2022 lease agreement with Grande Cheese. M.C.

**Operator License Application For Julia Schmitz:** Motion by Morrison, second by Bauer, to approve an operator license for Julia Schmitz. M.C.

**Municipal Court 2021 Budget:** Motion by Bauer, second by Schiradelly, to approve the 2021 Eastern Columbia County Joint Municipal Court budget of \$97,000 income and \$96,626 expenses. M.C.

**Routes To Recovery Grant:** Kratky reported the village website platform is no longer supported and is not mobile device friendly; this may be an item to submit under the grant program. Kratky will provide further information at the next board meeting.

**Closed Session:** Motion by Morrison, second by Bauer, to enter closed session at 7:59 p.m. per 19.85(1)(e) to deliberate or negotiate the purchase of public properties. The board will return to open session for action. Kratky and Crary were invited to attend closed session. Roll Call: Walsh – yes, Morrison – yes, Bauer – yes, Rose – yes, Schiradelly – yes. M.C.

The board returned to open session at 8:17 p.m.

**Hydro Dam Repair and/or Purchase:** This item may be reviewed at the next Village Board meeting once more information is available.

**2012 F350 Truck Repair:** Motion by Morrison, second by Schiradelly, to repair the 2012 F350 at Bell Ford and to review replacement of the truck in 2021. M.C.

**2020 General Fund, Capital, Debt, and Water & Sewer Budgets:** The budget meeting date was established as October 26, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

**November Village Board Meeting Date:** The November Village Board meeting will be immediately following the 2021 budget hearing.

**Board Comments:** Next board meeting is October 26, 2020

**Adjournment:** Motion by Schiradelly, second by Morrison, to adjourn at 8:33 p.m. M.C.