

**VILLAGE OF WYOCENA
VILLAGE BOARD MINUTES
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2020**

Call to order: Village President Kim Bauer called the public hearing for comments on the proposed \$1.00 per 1,000 gallon sewer charge increase to order at 6:00 P.M.

Roll call: Trustees: Mitch Walsh, Rebecca Sersch, Patty Jacobson, Doug Rose, and Kathy Morrison. Public Works Foreman Jared Anderson, Library Director Tracie Miller, Rio Ambulance Director Eric Wakeman, Rio EMT Jacob Roche, Pardeeville Ambulance Representatives Linda Henning and Bob Abrath.

Absent: Village Board Trustee Rusty Schiradelly.

Proof of Posting: Village clerk posted the agenda for the November 16, 2020 Public Hearings and Village Board meeting on the bulletin board at Wyocena Community Center, Wyocena Post Office, the United Cooperative – Wyocena and the Village website on Thursday, November 12, 2020.

Recognition of Visitors: Nothing to report.

Close Public Hearing For Sewer Rate Increase: Bauer asked if there was anything to be heard regarding the proposed sewer increase. Nothing was heard. Motion by Rose, second by Morrison, to close the sewer charge increase public hearing and open the public hearing for 2021 budgets. M.C.

Close Public Hearing For 2021 Budgets: Bauer asked if anyone would like to comment on the proposed 2021 General, Capital, Debt, Water, or Sewer Budgets. Kratky commented she had received a notice for a \$363 increase more than what was stated at the budget meeting for ambulance service in 2021 and adjusted the fire department utilities, wage, benefits, and inspection lines to compensate the increase. Neither the levy nor total amount of expenditures were adjusted. No other comments were heard. Motion by Sersch, second by Walsh, to close the 2021 budgets public hearing and open the Village Board meeting. M.C.

Minutes: Motion by Rose, second by Morrison, to approve the October 12, 2020 Village Board minutes. M.C. with Jacobson and Sersch abstained.

Motion by Morrison, second by Sersch, to approve the October 26, 2020 Special Village Board minutes. M.C. with Walsh and Jacobson abstained.

Reports:

Library Director Report: A written report was provided. No questions were asked. Bauer commended Miller for doing a good job.

Public Works Foreman's Report: A written report was provided. Truck repairs were discussed.

Police Chief Report: A written report was provided. Walsh inquired about the burglary included on the report. Kratky suggested Walsh call or email Chief Fisher in regards to the incident. Kratky informed the board she learned from Chief Fisher, shortly before the meeting, the Police Chief who administers the state police grants said he needs to know ASAP if the village would like to participate in the OWI, seatbelt, and speed grants in 2021. Kratky requested Chief Fisher see if the item can wait until December for a board decision. If the item can't wait until December Kratky informed Fisher the village participates every year so she anticipates participation in 2021 also. The item will be placed on the December Village Board agenda for action.

Administrator Report: Kratky informed the board of the following items: 1) Purchases for both the Election and Routes to Recovery Grants have been completed and will be submitted tomorrow. Municipalities are now allowed to report more than their allotted amount for the Routes to Recovery Grant with no guarantee the additional items will be paid under the grant. Kratky reported she purchased a laptop, previously approved by the board, for village work at home if necessary, to submit as an additional item. 2) The new digital sign for the Community Center is in production. 3) COVID-19 numbers continue to rise in the area. Due to this, whether a face covering mandate is in effect or not, in an effort to keep citizens and employees safe, the Community Center will remain posted as face covering required to enter or remain in the building. 4) No official word on whether a recount of the 2020 General Election results will be required at this time or not. The County Clerk is gathering information on scheduling if needed.

Treasurer Report: Kratky presented the following vouchers for approval. Motion by Morrison, seconded by Jacobson, to approve the following vouchers: Roll Call: Sersch – yes, Walsh – yes, Morrison – yes, Jacobson – yes, Bauer – yes, Rose – yes. M.C.

Advantage Lock & Key	\$20.50	Gordon Flesch	\$49.00
Alliant	\$50.57	J.P. Cooke Co.	\$54.00
Alliant	\$3,913.72	Jeremy Crary	\$10.00
Amazon Capital Services	\$674.59	Midwest Testing	\$920.00
Associated Appraisal	\$172.03	National Exchange Bank	\$23,443.43
Belco Vehicle Solutions	\$350.00	North Woods	\$188.92
Bell Ford	\$2,764.73	People Magazine	\$45.50
Bleich Heating & A/C	\$144.95	Portage Lumber	\$243.87
Capital Newspapers	\$26.49	Rassbach Communications	\$238.49
Cardmember Services	\$834.84	Ronald Konopacki	\$2.27
Cengage Learning	\$2,084.26	Securian Financial	\$35.08
CenturyLink	\$5.60	Spee Dee Delivery	\$98.39
Cintas	\$226.65	Spee Dee Delivery	\$81.59
Col Cty Clerk	\$238.83	Staples	\$629.99
Col Cty Highway	\$88.80	Town Web Design	\$1,298.00
Col Cty Solid Waste	\$6,306.85	United Cooperative	\$306.89
Core & Main	\$696.78	US Cellular	\$41.47
Country Plumber	\$595.00	Weaver Auto Parts	\$51.22
Crane Engineering	\$580.55	WWOA	\$100.00
CT Labs	\$1,668.60	Wyocena Fire Dept.	\$160.00
Dalton Sand & Gravel	\$271.70		
Delta Dental of WI	\$287.49		
Denure Excavating	\$320.00	General Fund	\$27,181.81
Everbrite	\$8,067.75	Library	\$2,952.38
Frontier	\$523.84	Debt Fund	\$23,443.43
General Engineering	\$2,191.00	Water Fund	\$2,578.45
Glen's Lawn Care	\$130.00	Sewer Fund	\$5,078.16

Unfinished Business:

2021 Ambulance Service Agreement: Kratky explained both Rio and Pardeeville Ambulance Service representatives are present as each would like to serve the village in 2021. Rio presented an agreement for \$7,997 for services in 2021, at a per capita charge of \$11. Pardeeville proposed to provide coverage to the village in 2021 for the same cost paid to Rio ambulance in 2020, \$7,680. However, it was noted Pardeeville could not say what the cost would be in 2022. Morrison asked if the village has been happy with Rio's service in 2020 and if the agreement has worked well for Rio. Kratky responded she has not heard anything negative regarding Rio's coverage in 2020 and read a portion of an item Wakeman brought to the meeting regarding a complimentary email Rio ambulance received from Janelle Zacho, Director of Nursing at the Columbia Health Care Facility. Wakeman stated the agreement to cover the village in 2020 has worked well for Rio Ambulance; with no staffing issues. Motion by Morrison, second by Jacobson, to approve the agreement with Rio Ambulance for service in 2021 at a cost of \$7,997. M.C.

New Business:

Operator License Application: Motion by Morrison, second by Sersch, to approve an Operator License for Madison Ericksen. M.C.

Citizen Request To Revisit Private Well Decision: Board members each received a letter from Bob Spear requesting they revisit their decision regarding private wells. Motion by Rose, second by

Morrison, to not revisit the October 12, 2020 Village Board decision regarding private wells in the village. M.C.

Employee Vacation Carry Over Request: Motion by Morrison, seconded by Jacobson, to allow Lori Kratky to carry up to 56 hours and Jared Anderson up to 16 hours unused 2020 vacation into 2021. M.C.

General, Capital, Debt, Water, and Sewer Budgets: Kratky explained she included prepayment of all village debt under fund 300 for 2021. If the board chooses to prepay the additional amounts there would be a slight increase in the mill rate affecting property taxes. Motion by Rose, seconded by Bauer, to approve the 2021 General, Dept, Capital, Water, and Sewer budgets, with the adjustments made in the Protective Services categories in fund 100, the increased debt payment in fund 300, and a \$1.00 per 1,000 gallon sewer rate increase effective December 16, 2020, as presented. Roll Call: Walsh – yes, Morrison – yes, Jacobson – yes, Bauer – yes, Rose – yes, Sersch – yes. M.C.

Resolution 2020-07 Adopting the 2021 General, Capital, Debt, Water, & Sewer Budgets and Tax Levy: Motion by Morrison, seconded by Jacobson, to adopt the General, Capital, Debt, Water, and Sewer budgets as presented and approve resolution number 2020-07 to adopt the 2021 General, Capital, Debt, Water, and Sewer budgets and tax levy. Roll Call: Morrison – yes, Jacobson – yes, Bauer – yes, Rose – yes, Sersch – yes, Walsh – yes. M.C.

Board Comments: Next board meeting will be December 14, 2020. Police grants will be on the agenda.

Adjournment: Motion by Rose, seconded by Walsh, to adjourn at 6:33 p.m. M.C.

Lori Kratky, Village Clerk