

**VILLAGE OF WYOCENA  
VILLAGE BOARD MINUTES  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2021**

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

**Roll call:** President Kim Bauer, Trustees: Mitch Walsh, Rebecca Sersch, and Patty Jacobson. Public Works Foreman Jared Anderson, Library Director Tracie Miller, Wyocena Community Helping Hands Representatives Bridget Rhode and Lorraine Lueck, and Charter Spectrum Representatives Edwin Davy and Andy Wietecha. Absent board members: Doug Rose, Rusty Schiradelly, and Kathy Morrison.

**Proof of Posting:** Village Clerk posted the agenda for the February 8, 2021 Village Board meeting on the bulletin board at Wyocena Community Center, Wyocena Post Office, the United Cooperative – Wyocena and the Village website on Wednesday, February 3, 2021.

**Recognition of Visitors:** Due to pandemic precautions visitor recognition did not occur.

**Minutes:** Motion by Sersch, second by Walsh, to approve the January 11, 2021 Village Board minutes. M.C. with Jacobson abstained.

**Reports:**

**Helping Hands Board Update:** Lorraine Lueck and Bridget Rhode thanked the Village Board for the continued use of the Community Center Building and presented the board with a \$1,000 donation check to help pay for expenses.

**Library Director Report:** A written report was provided. No questions were asked. Miller's Year in Review report highlights was briefly discussed.

**1) Request to Use Community Room:** Motion by Bauer, second by Jacobson, to approve the Friends of the Wyocena Library request to use the Community Room, with fees waived, on the following dates in 2021: March 15, May 17, July 19, September 20, and November 15. M.C.

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

**Public Works Foreman's Report:** A written report was provided. No questions were asked. Anderson stated the DPW will begin monitoring frost levels more closely February 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Administrator Report:** Kratky informed the board of the following items: 1) No information has been received to date, but it is the time of year the Department of Revenue staff appraisers begin reviewing property sale information, typically February – April. If anyone reports strange activity in their neighborhood please have them get a vehicle type and license plate number. The Clerk's Office and Police Department are given a list of vehicles being used by the state. 2) There is a Spring Primary election February 16<sup>th</sup>. Local offices will be on the April 6<sup>th</sup> ballot. 3) Bob Spear called to let the board know he is working on abandoning his private well and is hoping to have the project completed before March 1<sup>st</sup>.

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

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| All Hands Fire Equip. | \$310.98    | Madison Truck Equip.  | \$20.41    |
| Alliant               | \$5,179.79  | NAPA Portage          | \$26.98    |
| Alliant               | \$4,629.49  | Oshkosh Fire & Police | \$6,891.00 |
| Amazon                | \$132.47    | Portage Lumber        | \$44.63    |
| Associated Appraisal  | \$172.03    | Postmaster            | \$122.00   |
| Audio Book Circuit    | \$500.00    | Schultz Small Engine  | \$39.95    |
| BCPL                  | \$87,072.20 | SCLS                  | \$8,139.00 |
| BCPL                  | \$33,090.01 | Securian Financial    | \$35.08    |
| Bleich Heating & AC   | \$523.00    | Securian Financial    | \$141.14   |
| Bleich Heating & AC   | \$108.30    | Securian Financial    | \$30.90    |
| Bontrager Repair      | \$20.00     | Spee Dee              | \$96.30    |
| Capital Newspapers    | \$16.11     | Spee Dee Delivery     | \$84.93    |

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| Cardmember Services   | \$129.07   | SPM Pest Management      | \$312.00     |
| Cengage Learning      | \$634.19   | Total Mapping Solutions  | \$228.00     |
| Central Parts         | \$359.36   | Travelers Insurance      | \$972.00     |
| CenturyLink           | \$6.22     | Trecek Automotive        | \$409.35     |
| Cintas                | \$151.10   | United Cooperative       | \$235.49     |
| Col Cty Accounting    | \$105.00   | US Cellular              | \$46.78      |
| Col Cty Human Society | \$132.80   | Village of Pardeeville   | \$200.00     |
| Col Cty Solid Waste   | \$3,160.05 | Weaver Auto Parts        | \$168.52     |
| Core & Main           | \$7,146.00 | WI Dept of Justice - CIB | \$720.00     |
| CT Labs               | \$434.00   | WILS                     | \$13.69      |
| Delta Dental of WI    | \$287.49   |                          |              |
| Diggers Hotline       | \$3.20     | General Fund             | \$20,854.06  |
| Eagle Engraving       | \$20.05    | Library                  | \$9,527.18   |
| Fire Safety USA       | \$86.95    | Debt Fund                | \$120,162.21 |
| Frontier              | \$609.67   | Water Fund               | \$1,328.58   |
| Gordon Flesch         | \$49.00    | Sewer Fund               | \$12,174.65  |

**Unfinished Business:** Nothing to report.

#### **New Business:**

**Charter Spectrum Application For Excavation Permit:** Motion by Bauer, second by Sersch, to approve Charter Spectrum Communication permit application to place a new fiber optic cable from the existing vault at the intersection of West Monroe Street and North Washington street and to bore under West Monroe Street to bury the cable to Grande Cheese at 162 West Monroe Street contingent upon the \$25 application fee being received at the Village Clerk's office. M.C.

**2021 Columbia County Humane Society Service Agreement:** Motion by Bauer, second by Walsh, to approve the 2021 Columbia County Humane Society Agreement as presented. M.C.

**Appoint Election Officials:** Motion by Walsh, second by Sersch, to appoint Judi Hunholz and David Trantow as election officials. M. C.

**Disposition of Unused Community Center Sign:** Motion by Jacobson, second by Walsh, to dispose of through donation the sign and letters which were replaced by the digital sign at the Community Center. M.C.

**Establish Snow Removal Process and Fee:** Kratky explained current ordinance states sidewalks and fire hydrants in the village shall be cleared of snow and ice within 24 hours of a snowfall ending. The ordinance further states a fine and/or fee for not clearing a sidewalk or hydrant may be issued. The process of who will clear the area if it is not cleared within 24 hours of a snow and at what cost is not defined. Motion by Walsh, second by Sersch, to have the Wyocena Department of Public Works (DPW) issue a notice to the abutting property owner to clear a sidewalk and/or fire hydrant within 24 hours or the work will be completed by the DPW at a cost to the property owner of \$50 per half hour with a half hour minimum. M.C.

**Board Comments:** Next board meeting will be March 8, 2021. The 2021 Memorial Day Celebration will be on the agenda.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Jacobson, second by Walsh, to adjourn at 7:57 p.m. M.C.

Lori Kratky, Village Clerk