

**VILLAGE OF WYOCENA
VILLAGE BOARD MINUTES
MONDAY, AUGUST 8, 2022**

Call to order: Village President Kim Bauer called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll call: President Kim Bauer, Trustees: Paul Crary, Kathy Morrison, Rebecca Sersch, and Doug Rose. Also present: Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer Lori Kratky, Public Works Foreman Jeremy Crary, Ellen Pulver on behalf of the Columbia County ATV Enthusiasts Club, Citizens: Shell and Cathy Hodgson, Debra Bauman, and Collan Thom, and property owner Dan Berg.

Absent Village Board Trustee: Owen Landsverk and Rusty Schiradelly.

Proof of Posting: Village Clerk posted the agenda for the August 8, 2022 Village Board meeting on the bulletin board at the Wyocena Community Center, Wyocena Post Office, the United Cooperative – Wyocena and the Village website on Thursday, August 4, 2022.

Recognition of Visitors: Nothing to report.

Minutes: Motion by Rose, second by Sersch, to approve the July 11, 2022 Village Board minutes. M.C.

Reports:

Library Director Report: A written report was provided. No questions were asked.

Police Chief Report: A written report was provided. Rose questioned when a ticket is issued for junk instead of a warning. Kratky stated she believes it depends on the situation; the officer tries to work with an individual but writes a citation when needed.

Public Works Foreman's Report: A written report was provided. The cost of the water main break on Jackson Street was briefly discussed.

Administrator Report: Kratky informed the board of the following items: 1) The Partisan Primary is August 9th. As of the time of printing the poll list the village had 394 registered voters. 2) Frontier will be investing 15 million dollars over the next four years to improve their phone and internet services in Wisconsin. 3) The following dates have been established for Open Book and Board of Review. Open Book in person, August 24th, 4-6 p.m., August 29th, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., Board of Review, September 12th, 5 -7 p.m. immediately preceding the Village Board meeting. 4) Due to the BOR on September 12th, the Village Board meeting will not start until 7:00 p.m.

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

Alliant	\$4,086.38	Macqueen Equipment	\$94.22
Associated Appraisal	\$258.36	Martelle Water	\$115.40
Auto Value Parts	\$296.72	Portage Lumber	\$65.81
Capital Newspaper	\$25.20	Rennert's Fire Equipment	\$55,857.47
Cardmember Services	\$150.62	Securian Financial	\$37.16
Cintas	\$151.10	Securian Financial	\$18.58
Col Cty Highway	\$123.04	Securian Financial	\$93.85
Country Plumber	\$175.00	Spee Dee Delivery	\$107.62
CT Labs	\$715.00	United Cooperative	\$668.69
Dalton Sand & Gravel	\$310.50	US Cellular	\$46.85
Delta Dental	\$191.66	Village of Rio	\$2,200.00
Delta Dental	\$11.42	Wyocena Fire Dept.	\$2,523.00
Denure Excavating	\$5,902.14		
Frontier	\$580.99	General Fund	\$63,193.61
General Engineering	\$150.00	Library	\$199.78
Glen's Lawn Care	\$150.00	Water Fund	\$9,159.37
Gordon Flesch	\$138.48	Sewer Fund	\$2,692.50

Unfinished Business:

Community Center Availability and Policy Regarding COVID-19: Kratky stated the topic is so we can discuss how we want to proceed in regards to COVID and the use of face coverings, building rentals, and walking in the gym when COVID levels in the area are high. Morrison pointed out previously the motion had been made to follow CDC recommendations so we had a guideline to follow. Discussion followed with suggestions from the audience as well as from board members. Motion by Rose, second by Sersch, to post on the entrances of the Community Center, when COVID levels in Columbia County are high, that face coverings are recommended but not required. M.C. with Morrison opposed.

ATV Sign Placement: J. Crary presented a map showing his recommended areas to post ATV routes. Bauer stated he would like to use the map Ellen Pulver supplied showing her recommendation for sign placement. Bauer and Pulver would like to see fewer ATV signs posted. Pulver stated in addition to providing signs for posting in the Village of Wyocena, the ATV club is working with other communities to provide signs, therefore, the ATV club would like to keep the cost as low as possible. Discussion followed regarding the safety of opening streets to ATV traffic when the street is only accessible from STH 16, which has a 55 mph speed limit. Dan Berg questioned what signs will be posted on Crawford Drive. It was agreed an "End ATV Route" sign will be posted on the Deadend sign on Crawford Drive near Oakhill Drive. Motion by P. Crary, second by Rose, to approve the map presented by Jeremy Crary with the addition of three end of ATV route signs to be placed one each at: the Deadend sign on Crawford Drive near Oakhill Drive, in the northbound right-of-way on North Washington Street near the intersection of North Polk Street, and on the northbound side of Peetz Street. M.C.

Ordinance 13.24 C-1 Commercial District Amendments and First Reading: Proposed changes and additions to ordinance 13.24(b)(49) and 13.24(c)(23) allowing dwelling units on the first floor of a commercially zoned property with a Conditional Use Permit and with a business present in the building and the dwelling unit occupied by the owner or operator of that business, were discussed. Motion by P. Crary, second by Bauer, to complete the first reading of the proposed changes and additions to ordinance 13.24(b)(49) and 13.24(c)(23) as presented and to skip a second reading and complete a third and final reading of the proposed ordinance changes at the September 12, 2022 Village Board meeting. Roll Call: P. Crary – yes, Morrison – yes, Bauer – yes, Rose – yes, Sersch – yes. M.C.

New Business:

Resolution 2022-03 Designating Public Depository at NEB: Resolution 2022-03 allowing the Wyocena Fire Department to have a savings and checking account at National Exchange Bank using the Village of Wyocena's federal identification number was read and reviewed. Motion by Rose, second by Sersch, to approve resolution 2022-03 Designating a Public Depository at National Exchange Bank. Roll Call: Morrison – yes, Bauer – yes, Rose – yes, Sersch – yes, P. Crary – yes. M.C.

Gary and Debra Bauman Request to Combine Parcel 117.9 and 117.10: Debra Bauman explained she and her husband would like to combine the parcel their house is on with their adjacent, vacant parcel because they do not intend to build on the vacant property and they would like to save money by not paying an additional fire protection fee for the vacant lot. Motion by P. Crary, second by Sersch, to approve Gary and Debra Bauman request to combine parcels 117.9 and 117.10. M.C.

Pardeeville Girls Club Request to Use Gym: Motion by Rose, second by Sersch, to approve the Pardeeville Girls Club request to rent the gym at the cost of \$200 plus security deposit on Monday and Thursday evenings, 5:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., beginning September 1, 2022 and ending no later than December 29, 2022. Rental is to be used only for the Pardeeville Girls Club girls' basketball practice during the stated time. If Pardeeville Schools or the Wyocena Community Center is closed for inclement weather the Community Center will be closed to rental. M.C.

Dam Repairs: J. Crary reported the needed grout repair on the dam is not considered routine maintenance, therefore, DNR approval is necessary. Motion by P. Crary, second by Rose, to approve working with the WI DNR and General Engineering engineer(s) if necessary to determine required repairs to the dam. M.C.

Columbia County Economic Development Corporation (CCEDC) Request For Funding: Motion by Bauer, second by Rose, to decline providing financial support to CCEDC in 2023. M.C.

Board Comments: The next village board meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. on September 12, 2022, immediately following Board of Review. The fee schedule and proposed changes to ordinance 13.24 regarding C-1 zoned property residence(s) will be on the agenda.

Adjournment: Motion by P. Crary, second by Morrison, to adjourn at 7:00 p.m. M.C.

Lori Kratky, Village Administrator/Clerk