

**REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
VILLAGE OF TREMPLEALEAU  
DECEMBER 7, 2015**

1. Roll Call and Call to Order

President Kurt Wood called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present: Kurt Wood, Cindy Wegner, Tom Scherr, Lois Taylor, Kit Locke, Larry Moore, and Kevin Sacia. Others present: Village Administrator Travis Cooke, Clerk/Treasurer Vicki Freeman, and Police Chief Rick Niedfeldt.

2. Open Forum

Kurt Wood opened the forum by asking for questions or comments from citizens in attendance. Lynn Lamke again requested that we go back to videotaping Board meetings. Jason Hilton stated we need sidewalks on Fremont, 10<sup>th</sup>, and Highway 35 and suggested this be part of the goal for the next few years. There were no further comments and the open forum was then closed.

3. Public Hearings

- A. Public Hearing - 2015 Curb and Gutter Assessments: There were no comments for or against.
- B. Public Hearing - Jay Street Water and Sewer Improvement Assessments: Don Fanello pointed out the negligence of the Board that for 55 years they have not addressed water and sewer on this street. He was told that it was decided not to extend services in 2011 when we redid Jay Street. He also questioned why it took two years to bill for this and why are they paying for 50% of a fire hydrant when it benefits other people and why we are paying to have the road engineered twice. Cavell Bork, the other property owner involved, agrees with Mr. Fanello and they both want this looked into.

4. Approval of Minutes

- A. Consideration of the November 2, 2015 Regular Village Board Minutes: Lois Taylor made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Cindy Wegner, motion carried 7-0.
- B. Consideration of the November 23, 2015 Special Village Board Minutes: Lois Taylor made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Tom Scherr, motion carried 7-0.

5. Village Board Committees

A. General Government

- a. Consideration of Cash Disbursements
- b. Consideration of Cash Disbursement Journal Entries
- c. Consideration of Payroll Disbursements  
Cindy Wegner made a motion to approve the November cash disbursements of \$745,154.73, November payroll of \$34,888.59, and October cash disbursement journal entries of \$160,923.96, seconded by Lois Taylor, motion carried 7-0.

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- B. Water & Sewer
  - a. Consideration of Resolution #21-2015 - A Final Resolution Authorizing Levying Special Assessment Against Benefiting Property - Jay Street Water and Sewer Extension: After discussion, it was decided to table the matter and look further into the numbers and frontage. Cindy Wegner made a motion to table consideration of Resolution #2-2015, seconded by Kit Locke, motion carried 7-0.
- C. Streets & Alleys
  - a. Consideration of Resolution #22-2015 - A Final Resolution Authorizing Levying Special Assessment Against Benefiting Property - 2015 Curb and Gutter Improvements: Travis Cooke said that Dave Scherr did call to complain, but there were no other contacts. Cindy Wegner made a motion to adopt Resolution #22-2015, seconded by Larry Moore, motion carried 7-0.

Travis Cooke also stated that we are trying to qualify for DOT grants for sidewalks. As far as Fremont Street, we acquired the power line to the Lock & Dam and we own that land. We could install and pay for the sidewalks. Tenth Street is also necessary, but there will be decisions that need to be made due to property owners. Highway 35 is also more involved because of the State.

- D. Electric
- E. Plan Commission
- F. Public Safety
  - a. Informational Items - Chief Niedfeldt: None.
- G. Parks & Recreation Committee
  - a. Committee Report
    - 1. November 2, 2015 Committee Report
- H. Committee of the Whole
- I. Southern Trempealeau County Solid Waste Commission
  - a. Commission Report
- J. Shirley M. Wright Memorial Library Board
  - a. Library Report

6. Village President's Business

- A. Consideration of Stipulation Order - Pinewood Court Inc. vs. Village of Trempealeau: Lynn Lamke wants the Village to send a new RFP before signing a three-year contract with Bud Raymer again. Travis Cooke said we cannot see looking for another building inspector. At this point, Lamkes need to decide if they want to sign the Stipulation and Order. If not, the tax appeal case goes to the discovery phase and will continue well into next year. Lynn would still like to go ahead and see if anyone else is interested in the position and if no one comes forward and the Board wants to go with Bud, then that would be all right with the Lamkes. Larry Moore talked to three contractors about Bud and he thinks we should stick with Bud and accept the new fee schedule. Larry Moore made a motion to approve the Stipulation and Order, seconded by Tom Scherr, motion carried 7-0.

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- B. Fire Board Report
  - a. November 24, 2015 Report: The Fire Board approved the Fire Department and First Responder budgets. They are expecting the tanker truck in January or February.
- C. Consideration of Library Board Appointment: Lois Taylor resigned from the Library Board and Kit Locke has been her backup. Kurt Wood appointed Kit Locke as the village representative to the Library Board. Lois Taylor stated that she resigned because she felt her position was belittled and ignored and she was separated from her duties as a liaison by interactions between Travis Cooke and Jessica Schoonover. Cindy Wegner made a motion to approve the appointment of Kit Locke to the Library Board, seconded by Larry Moore, motion carried 7-0.
- D. Informational Items Only: None.

### 7. Village Clerk/Treasurer Business

- A. Month End Accounting Reports
  - a. Bank Reconciliation Report
  - b. Trial Balance
  - c. Ehlers Investment Partners Report
- B. Consideration of Licenses and Permits
  - a. Consideration of 2016 Kennel License - Michelle Thein: Cindy Wegner made a motion to approve the license, seconded by Kit Locke, motion carried 7-0.
  - b. Consideration of 2016 Kennel License - Linda Newman: Lois Taylor made a motion to approve the license seconded by Kit Locke, motion carried 7-0.
- C. Consideration of 2016-2017 Election Poll Workers: Tom Scherr made a motion to approve the election poll workers, seconded by Lois Taylor, motion carried 7-0.
- D. Informational Items Only: None.

### 8. Village Administrator Business

- A. Consideration of Resolution #23-2015 - Village Service Fee Schedule: Larry Moore made a motion to adopt Resolution #23-2015, seconded by Lois Taylor, motion carried 7-0.
- B. Consideration of Building Inspection Services: Larry Moore made a motion to approve the contract for building inspection services to Bud Raymer for a three-year period, seconded by Cindy Wegner, motion carried 7-0.
- C. Consideration of Resolution #24-2015 - A Resolution of Intent to Adopt Village Code: Cindy Wegner made a motion to adopt Resolution #24-2015, seconded by Lois Taylor, motion carried 7-0.
- D. Consideration of Resolution #25-2015 - A Preliminary Resolution to Vacate an Unimproved Alley: Larry Moore made a motion to adopt Resolution #25-2015, seconded by Cindy Wegner, motion carried 7-0.
- E. Safety Reports
- F. Great Lakes Utilities Report
- G. Future Meeting Times and Dates

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H. Administrator's Report and Informational Items:

- Corey Feyen wants to get started on his next project before the final vacation of the alley in January and wants permission to put concrete in while the weather is so good. It was decided not to go ahead because one of the neighbors involved might change their mind and get upset.
- The master meter is put in, but the hatch is dangerous and the safety coordinator does not like it. We are going to send to Davey to see if it can be modified.
- Clarifier recoating – MZ Construction did not have the backup pumps in the clarifier and ruined the paint before it could cure. Travis Cooke wants to have them sandblast and repaint.
- Insurance – old plan included vision and our new one does not. We decided to include the additional vision plan for now and work with WEA to include it in the health insurance in following years.
- It was requested to revisit the 10% deduction for new people going on the health insurance. The Board wants to leave it the way it is.

9. Any Other Business Which Lawfully comes Before the Village Board (no action taken): None.

10. Adjournment

Kit Locke made a motion to adjourn at 9:03 p.m., seconded by Lois Taylor, motion carried 7-0.

S/ VICKI L.FREEMAN  
Vicki L. Freeman, Clerk/Treasurer