

REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING AGENDA
VILLAGE OF TREMPLEALEAU COMMUNITY CENTER
NOVEMBER 2, 2017
7:00 PM

1. Roll Call and Call to Order

President Kurt Wood called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present: Kurt Wood, Lois Taylor, Kit Locke, Kevin Sacia, Bridgette Turner, Jake Ruesgen, and Jason Hilton. Others present: Clerk/Treasurer Vicki Freeman and Police Chief Rick Niedfeldt.

2. Open Forum

Helen Mikrut gave handouts with information on the tampering charges against the Mikruts. She is asking for a refund of the charges and wants an apology with regard to these charges. They are not happy with the Electric Committee's handling of this and the decision to back bill for 16 years. The Mikruts paid the \$2,669.15 to prevent this being put on the tax roll. Helen requested meeting with the full board for further consideration.

3. Public Hearing for Ordinance #12-2017, to create Chapter 6-3 "Fire Prevention Rapid Entry Requirement" which shall require certain structures to have a lock box installed on the exterior of the structure to aid the fire department to gain access to the structure when responding to calls for emergency services.

Several business owners, including Corey Feyen and Mike Mikrut, expressed concerns with privacy, security, the cost, and the fact that the ordinance makes the boxes mandatory. They would rather have their insurance company pay them for the need to kick in a door to have access to the building.

4. Approval of Minutes

- A. Consideration of the October 5, 2017 Regular Village Board Meeting Minutes: Lois Taylor made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Jake Ruesgen, motion carried 7-0.
- B. Consideration of the October 24, 2017 Special Village Board Meeting Minutes: Jake Ruesgen made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Lois Taylor, motion carried 7-0.

5. Village Board Committees

A. General Government

- a. Committee Report
- b. Consideration of Cash Disbursements
- c. Consideration of Cash Disbursement Journal Entries
- d. Consideration of Payroll Disbursements
Lois Taylor made a motion to approve the October cash disbursements of \$108,932.32, October payroll of \$43,466.66, and September cash disbursement journal entries of \$181,694.74, seconded by Kevin Sacia, motion carried 7-0.
- e. Consideration of Resolution 2-2017 Service Fee Schedule Amendment: Lois Taylor made a motion to adopt Resolution #2-2017, seconded by Jason Hilton, motion carried 7-0.

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- f. Consideration of a Contract for Assessment Services between Chimney Rock Appraisal and the Village of Trempealeau: Jake Ruesgen made a motion to approve the assessment contract, seconded by Lois Taylor, motion carried 7-0.
- B. Water & Sewer
 - a. Committee Report
- C. Streets & Alleys
 - a. Committee Report
- D. Electric
 - a. Committee Report
- E. Plan Commission
 - a. Committee Report
 - b. Consideration of Appointment of Member to the Plan Commission: Kurt Wood appointed Rosie Yanacheck to the Plan Commission, Lois Taylor made a motion to approve the appointment, seconded by Kit Locke, motion carried 7-0.
- F. Public Safety
 - a. Committee Report
 - b. Informational Items - Chief Niedfeldt
- G. Parks & Recreation Committee
 - a. Committee Report
- H. Committee of the Whole
 - a. Committee Report
- 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. Fire Board Report
 - a. Consideration of Ordinance 12-2017, An Ordinance to Create Chapter 60-3 "Fire Prevention Rapid Entry Requirement" which shall require certain structures to have a Lock Box installed on the exterior of the structure to aid the Fire Department to gain access to the structure when responding to calls for emergency services.

Lois Taylor and Kit Locke are against the Ordinance due to the fact that it is mandatory. Jason Hilton stated that if it is not mandatory, then no one will do it. Jason Hilton and Jake Ruesgen also stated that it is impossible to break into the Knox-Box. Onalaska and La Crosse already require them.

The idea is to get in fast and save more property. It is also easier to handle false alarms and the fire department will not have to knock down a door while waiting for someone to let them in. Kurt Wood compared this issue to getting the Jaws of Life and how people did not want those used when they first came out.

Fire Chief Jeff Barry stated that the need for fast and safe entry is for the firefighters' protection, also. The box has electronics to send an alert that the key has been removed and firefighters are given unique codes to identify who has opened a box. With WiFi

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access, multiple people will know right away. The cost is around \$308 for the base model up to \$600 to wire into security. Kurt Wood stated the reasons for making this mandatory outweighs reasons for making it optional. Jeff Barry said a fireman will verify that it is the correct key and lock it in front of the owner. We have six months from the date of the ordinance's effective date to get this done.

A roll call vote carried 4 to 3. (Kit Locke – no; Bridgette Turner – no; Jake Ruesgen – yes; Jason Hilton – yes; Kurt Wood – yes; Kevin Sacia – yes; Lois Taylor – no)

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 Outdoor Concert Permit - Trempealeau Hotel - December 2, 2017 - Vocal Point: Lois Taylor made a motion to approve the permit and waive the fee, seconded by Jason Hilton, motion carried 7-0.
 - b. Consideration of Operator's License - Stacey L. Mico: Kit Locke made a motion to approve the license, seconded by Bridgette Turner, motion carried 7-0.
- C. Informational Items Only: None.

8. Village Administrator Business

- A. Future Meeting Times and Dates: Reviewed.
- B. Administrator's Report and Informational Items: None.

9. Future Agenda Item Requests (no action)

The Board will discuss the Mikrut issue at the Special Village Board meeting on November 16, 2017. Lois Taylor requested that the Community Action Visit regarding the floodplain be added to the same agenda.

10. Adjournment

Jason Hilton made a motion to adjourn at 8:07 p.m., seconded by Kit Locke, motion carried 7-0.

Vicki L. Freeman, Clerk/Treasurer