

PRESENT: Barry Ketchum, Carol Preston, Dennis Russett, Steve Gossel, Sue Lohmeier, Larry Knegendorf

ABSENT: Kellie Holm

VISITORS: Autumn Lindquist, Lori Hetfeld, Dan Peterson, Wendy Sander, Cory Scheidler, Karen Furo-Bonnstetter, several members of the Amish community

President Ketchum called the meeting to order and roll call was taken.

Motion by Trustee Knegendorf, seconded by Trustee Gossel to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Knegendorf, seconded by Trustee Gossel to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2012 regular meeting. Motion carried.

The Clerk presented the financial report of the Village for the month of December, 2012. General Fund bills of \$352,586.68, Library Fund bills of \$7,424.57, Water Utility Fund bills of \$281.94, and Sewer Utility Fund bills of \$2,019.30 were presented for approval by the Village Board. Motion by Trustee Lohmeier, seconded by Trustee Knegendorf to pay the bills as presented. Roll call vote: those voting yes; Gossel, Preston, Lohmeier, Russett, Knegendorf, Ketchum (6-yes, 0-no, 1-absent). Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED &/OR FORWARDED The Clerk distributed the Building Inspector’s report.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ISSUES Trustee Lohmeier reported that she had been asked why the Board did not recite the Pledge of Allegiance at their meetings. Consensus of the Board was to start at their next meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS The Clerk distributed minutes from the January 2nd Buildings and Equipment meeting.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS Village Department Heads gave updates on their various departments.

CONSIDERATION OF CURRENT ORDINANCE 212-10 ANIMAL FECES Several residents of the local Amish community appeared before the Board to discuss the current ordinance regarding animal feces. The Board determined that they did not want to change anything in the ordinances and want to monitor any issues, current and upcoming, and will work with the Amish community to find any solutions as needed.

NEW FIRE HALL BUILDING Wendy Sander of Cedar Corporation and the Village Clerk reviewed the estimates and some proposed revisions to the five-year plan. After considerable discussion, motion by President Ketchum, seconded by Carol Preston to set a maximum budget of \$800,000.00, which would include an upgraded façade, and to direct the Buildings & Equipment Committee to meet with the Fire Department and Cedar Corporation to finish the design and prepare for bids.

PLACEMAKING / POWER OF 10 WORKSHOP The Clerk reported that there will be an initial planning meeting scheduled by the February meeting.

2012 COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS This issue was tabled.

MOBILE HOME PARK INSPECTIONS / CONSIDERATION OF CHANGES TO MOBILE HOME PARK LEASE AND RULES Motion by Trustee Knegendorf, seconded by Trustee Preston to adopt the new Lease, Rules & Regulations, and building application. Motion carried. The new lease along with the rules & regulations and building application will be sent to the park residents along with notice of any violations.

POLICY ON HOLIDAY SIGN MESSAGE BOARD This issue was tabled.

COUNTERACT PROGRAM FUNDING President Ketchum will contact the Village of Baldwin regarding financial support of this program.

DRAWING NAMES FOR PLACEMENT ON SPRING ELECTION BALLOT The Clerk explained that there needed to be a drawing for name placement on the Spring Election ballot for the positions for Village Trustees. The names were drawn as follows: Village Trustees: #1 – Sue Lohmeier, #2 – Nicholas Huston, #3 – Dennis Russett.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF DESIGNATED SNOWMOBILE ROUTES IN THE VILLAGE Dan Peterson shared with the Board some pictures of some of the damage being caused to the new sidewalks from the snowmobile crossings. Motion by Trustee Knegendorf, seconded by Trustee Lohmeier to adopt the routes through the Village as presented. Motion carried; Trustee Russett abstained.

2013 UNITED FIRE DISTRICT ASSESSMENT The Clerk was instructed to not pay the bill until President Ketchum returns to the February meeting with an explanation as to the increase.

APPROVAL OF OPERATOR'S LICENSE FOR BRENDA HURTGEN Motion by Trustee Knegendorf, seconded by Trustee Russett, to approve the aforementioned operator's license. Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF BALDWIN-WOODVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

MEMBERSHIP Motion by Trustee Knegendorf, seconded by Trustee Russett to join the Baldwin-Woodville Chamber of Commerce. Roll call vote: those voting yes; Lohmeier, Russett, Gossel, Preston, Knegendorf, Ketchum (6-yes, 0-no, 1-absent). Motion carried.

SET SPECIAL MEETING DATE TO REVIEW CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

After some discussion, Streets & Sidewalks Committee was directed to meet and recommend street projects for 2013.

ADJOURNMENT There being no further business, motion by Trustee Gossel, seconded by Trustee Knegendorf to adjourn. Motion carried; meeting adjourned at 10:21 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jan Nelson, Village Clerk/Treasurer