

# Proceedings of Regular Board Meeting

September 14, 2010

Present: Mark Bade, President; Trustees Joe Haupt, Jerry Rybicki, Todd Dorshorst, and Barb Ziebell; Clerk Ron Peters; Constable Kurt Pulchinski; Village residents: Wayne Basler, Lynn Bushmaker, Carol Haupt, Rich Larsen, Jerry Peters, Paula Peters, Jerry Reichert, Jim Suzda; CAP Services Representative, Kris Pethick; WR Daily Tribune reporter, Karen Madden

- President Bade called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. He introduced Kris Pethick who presided over the CDBG Citizens Participation meeting. She gave a report on the program so far. The Village was awarded \$129,013 for housing rehab projects. Zero percent interest loans are offered to homeowners and property owners for rental properties. A homeowner has deferred payment as long as he/she owns the property or 30 years from original date of purchase of property. Rental property owners repay the loan immediately with monthly payments. To date, three project loans have been issued. They average \$20,850 a project. With the remaining \$66,446.54, about three more projects can be funded.
- Trustee Haupt moved, seconded by Trustee Dorshorst to accept the August meeting minutes. The minutes were then reviewed.
- Several village residents voiced their concerns about the Village Board's decision at their August meeting to maintain control of the right of way for a 1<sup>st</sup> Street South extension. They asked why the Board wants to retain possession. If the Board wants the property, are they going to do the lawn mowing? The property has to be maintained according to the Village ordinance; the lawn cannot be longer than eight inches. The creeping charley growing in this strip of land is going wild. Will the Board consider spraying to get rid of the noxious weed? After considerable more discussion, President Bade expressed distress that the residents attended this month's meeting, when the 1<sup>st</sup> Street South extension was not on the agenda. No one attended the August meeting, when it was an agenda item. The 1<sup>st</sup> Street South right of way will be an agenda item at the October Village Board meeting.
- There will be sidewalk, gutter, and curb repair during the reconstruction of Main Street. In a preliminary report of expenses, 605 feet of curb is figured to be replaced. In another preliminary report, the Village Board has designated 100 feet of curb to be replaced. After much talk about who should pay for curb, sidewalk, and gutter replacement, the homeowner or from the Village funds, Trustee Rybicki made a motion. He moved that the Village funds be used to pay for all curb, gutter and driveway replacement up to the sidewalk. Trustee Dorshorst seconded. Carried unanimously. All sidewalk repairs will be at homeowners' expense per our ordinances.

- A new ordinance regarding an Amendment to the Village Land Division and Sub-Division Code was our next agenda item. According to the proposed new ordinance all final sub-division plats have to be approved by the Village Engineer, Village Planner, or Village Attorney. The developer of the property would be assessed these expenses. Trustee Rybicki said if we adopt this ordinance, perhaps no one will be able to afford developing their property. Resident Basler asked if he could review the proposed ordinance amendment for accuracy and necessity. Subject will be on the October agenda.
- Another ordinance regarding the statewide smoking ban was introduced. It was determined since the state law prohibits smoking in retail establishments, no action need be taken at this time.

There is an Appendix A to the above proposed ordinance. The Appendix concerns operator's licenses for the service of alcoholic beverages. Since this was not on this month's agenda, it was tabled until next month.

- David Bluhm from MSA gave a monthly update on the new wastewater treatment plant. The Rural Development pre-application process is near completion. He reviewed the Intergovernmental agreement for the transportation and treatment of wastewater sewage between the Village of Rudolph and the City of Wisconsin Rapids.

No. 7 (c) Capital Improvements. The last line, "At any time reserves equal or exceed \$300,000, payment shall be suspended until reserves drop below that amount. All expenditures from the capital improvements fund shall be approved in advance by the Wastewater Commission", has been stricken from the agreement. President Bade asked that it also be stricken from the Village of Biron agreement. Dave will propose this to the City of Wisconsin Rapids.

Otherwise, the agreement will be sent to Julie at Rural Development for her review. Then, Dave will send a copy of any comments to President Bade within the next couple of days so that the agreement can be finalized.

- David Wagner of Ehlers and Associates explained that his company is a financial information advisor to municipalities. They assist municipalities in obtaining interim money for projects before grant money is received. Mr. Wagner explained there are two ways to receive these funds – through General Obligations (GOs) and Revenue Bond Anticipation Notes (BANs). There are similar interest rates for each, but different time frames for the process to be completed. If interim funds are needed for engineering fees, the funding process should begin within the next 30 days. For construction fees, the process can wait until December. Depending upon how much money is needed, the cost will be \$7,500 to \$20,000. Mr. Wagner is anticipating our project costs will be in the \$7,500 range.

- David Bluhm asked if the Village Board wants MSA to prepare the final chloride report for our wastewater treatment plant. President Bade asked if this is necessary since our plant will be taken off line. Dave indicated that this is a requirement we have to fulfill. He can draw up a contract for the Board's approval to have MSA prepare the report at an approximate cost of \$2,000. President Bade said Dave should advise MSA to proceed with the report. This will save the Village the extra expense of having a contract prepared.
- Resident Rich Larsen stated that he has not received his building permit for the deck he has built on his house. He received the building permit application, completed it, and his check has been cashed. However, he does not have a permit. In addition, President Bade has not received the monthly building permit report from Building Inspector, Dan Hansen.
- The Country Christmas committee wants to plant a real tree that can be decorated with lights and ornaments made by children the day of the event. Their plan was to plant it on Steidle property, but the power lines prevent this. Rich Larsen asked if the tree can be planted on the property by the Village Hall. President Bade and Trustee Rybicki don't think there is enough room at this location. The Village only owns a small portion of the land on the east side of the Village Hall. President Bade suggested that perhaps it can be planted by the tank on Main Street. Then, where will the electricity come from for the lights on the tree? President Bade and Trustee Rybicki will determine how much property the Village owns on the east side of the building.
- Kurt Pulchinski reported that he has been helping at the ball diamond with the backstop project. As the posts were dug out, they found minor power and water lines. The property was metered in advance so that the main lines were found. The minor power line is for the security light. The lines were repaired, the posts cemented in, and the backstop should be secure.
- President Bade told Kurt (who is also Village Constable) that he should talk to Julie Worzella at Destiny Point. She has some complaints about barking dogs.
- The sewer report looked decent.
- The Fire Department's annual meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 23.
- Trustee Rybicki reported on the request from Doug Carolfi at last month's meeting to have a larger culvert on his 4<sup>th</sup> Street North property. Jerry said a larger culvert can be installed, but there will not be enough cover for it. His proposal is to leave the culvert as is.

- There are new residents in a house on Main Street. They have two automobiles parked on the street overnight. This subject will be addressed in the next sewer/garbage bill insert.
- Trustee Haupt has contacted MacDonald Trucking about the brush pile. Joe has been trying to set up a schedule with McDonald for removal of same.
- Trustee Rybicki has talked to Roger Hartjes about sifting the dirt pile again. Jerry will ask Roger to proceed when the pile is dry. He will ask Roger to sift the pile to the right and some from the back of the other pile.
- Trustee Ziebell presented a proposed sewer/garbage bill insert. Some additions and corrections were made. The insert will be sent to Jim Janz so that it can go out with the October 1<sup>st</sup> bills.
- Village and sewer bills were read. Trustee Haupt moved and Trustee Dorshorst seconded to accept the bills as read.
- Trustee Ziebell moved and Trustee Rybicki seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A. Ziebell