

VILLAGE BOARD PROCEEDINGS

The regular meeting of the Village Board, Village of New Auburn, was held on Thursday, August 11, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Village hall.

Call to Order, Roll Call, and Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order by President Donna Bischel at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was made. Answering roll call were John Knight, Brad Lotts, Verlyn Motzer, Gary Pitts, and Donna Bischel. Clerk/Treasurer Peggy Stanford was also present.

Others present: John Farrell, Jim Flory, Dan Moos, Dean Sayles, and Travis Turner.

Public Comments: Dean Sayles spoke about the speeders on East St. and the condition of the playground at the park.

Meeting Minutes – Board meeting July 14, 2016;

Motion by Pitts to approve the Board meeting minutes for July 14, 2016; seconded by Lotts. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Motion by Lotts to accept the Treasurer's report as given; seconded by Knight. Roll call vote: Lotts – aye, Knight – aye, Motzer – aye, Pitts – aye, Bischel – aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Reports and Requests of employees/officers

Public Safety – Officer John Farrell was present. A bike rodeo is planned on September 10th in conjunction with the Bethel Boogie. The new fiscal year of training has begun; he will need 24 hours of continuing education for the next fiscal year. Individuals have been gathering by the old fire station and on Columbia Street; the game Pokemon Go has set meeting places at these two locations. The Safe Routes to School plan has things that the Police Department will need to complete; Farrell will bring to the Board when completed.

Trustee Motzer asked that he be notified when Farrell is going to be absent.

Public Works - Dan Moos was present.

Lift station repairs – The attorney will be here later in the meeting to receive his opinion if we can work within the easement.

Clean Water Fund application – the application is being drafted by Tobi LeMahieau at WCWRPC. Clerk/Treasurer Stanford will be working with her in providing information needed for the application.

Jon Hyke request to haul cement to the landfill

Jon Hyke asked if he could haul old cement to the landfill from his property on Tarr Rd. The Board has stated previously that all fill must be pushed over the bank to the North and East. It is anticipated that Hyke will have 4 to 5 quad axle dump truck loads of cement and the trucks will not be able to dump over the bank.

The Board would like a draft agreement drawn up that states that all materials need to be pushed over the bank and arrangements would be needed to hire a bull dozer to do this as a condition for using the landfill. The costs associated are the responsibility of the user.

Brad Lotts asked if PW could haul some cement out to the landfill with the end loader for him? The cost for this would be \$75 per hour as established by previous Board action.

Playground maintenance at Park – Dan Moos reported that costs for sand would be \$200/quad load and \$50-60 per hour for rental of skid steer. Discussed what the Board wanted done. A drainage system needs to be added but a design and dollars need to be obtained. The plan for this year is to kill the weeds, fence in the playground until the weeds are dead, and then fill in around the equipment with sand.

Invoice approval Chippewa County Highway Dept., Rusk Surveying, Morgan & Parmley, Ltd, and Matt Schindler

The Chippewa County invoice appears to be for the full job; the patch at Columbia and Pine Street has not been completed yet. The invoice total is \$20,461.51. The bid cost for the repairs is \$950.

Motion by Lotts to pay the invoice from Chippewa County Highway Department in the amount of \$19,511.51; seconded by Bischel. Roll call vote: Lotts – aye, Bischel – aye, Pitts – no, Knight – aye, Motzer – aye. Motion carried 4-1.

Motion by Motzer to pay the remaining \$950 to Chippewa County Highway Department when the work is completed on Columbia and Pine St.; seconded by Lotts. Roll call vote: Motzer – aye, Lotts – aye, Pitts – aye, Knight – aye, Bischel – aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Pitts to pay the invoice from Rusk Surveying totaling \$1,151; seconded by Motzer. Roll call vote: Pitts – aye, Motzer – aye, Knight – aye, Bischel – aye, Lotts – aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Pitts to pay the invoice from Morgan & Parmley, LTD for engineering services for the sewer utility lift station at a cost of \$4,420; seconded by Lotts. Roll call vote: Pitts – aye, Lotts – aye, Motzer – aye, Knight – aye, Bischel – aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Pitts to pay the invoice from Matt Schindler totaling \$1300 for sidewalk repairs on Central St; seconded by Motzer. Roll call vote: Pitts – aye, Motzer – aye, Bischel – aye, Lotts – aye, Knight – aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Public Works items to be addressed: Prices for replacing remaining sidewalk on Central St. from Elm to Main Streets; video of storm sewers along North St.; and to lower catch basin of storm sewer at the corner of Main and Spruce St.

Clerk/Treasurer report – Peggy Stanford reported.

Municipal Judge training – Judge Leonard Shier will be attending Judge training on October 27 and 28, 2016 and also the District X meeting on October 5, 2016.

The United Methodist Church would like to place a “Free Library” book box here in the Village; and would like the Board’s permission to do so. Consensus of the Board that they approve the placement as long as the property owner has approved.

Clerk/Treasurer Stanford reported that we had 42 voters at the Partisan Primary election on August 9th.

Board report

Grimm property clean up – The Board as received complaints about the vacant lot on Main Street owned by Dennis Grimm. Trash has accumulated on the property and the weeds need to be cut. Concern was raised over the cement that has metal and bolts protruding from the cement that this is a hazard. Clerk/Treasurer Stanford contacted Dennis Grimm about the garbage and weeds and he stated he would take of them on the weekend.

Parks Commission

Parks Commission restructuring ordinance – The Board reviewed the draft of ordinance changes for 2.08(2)(F) Parks Commissioners. They asked that a deletion be made in paragraph 2.08(2)(F)(1). To read: “The Parks Commission shall consist of the Village President, one (1) trustee and five (5) community members. At least three (3) of the community members shall reside in the Village of New Auburn; two (2) community members shall reside in or represent businesses located within the New Auburn area. After a full Parks Commission is appointed, and at their first meeting, the members of the Parks Commission shall elect to serve a one-year term the following officers: chair, treasurer, and secretary. Each officer shall have a term of one year. Elections for officers shall be held yearly at the May Parks Committee meeting.”

Motion by Pitts to adopt Ordinance #16-03 to amend Section 2.08(2)(F) with respect to Parks Commissioners to include the change outlined; seconded by Motzer. Roll call vote: Pitts – aye, Motzer – aye, Knight – aye, Lotts – aye, Bischel – aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Trustee Pitts recommended that the New Auburn Fireman be paid \$200 for chairs that were received through them for the park pavilion.

Miscellaneous Purchase orders

Motion by Lotts to approve miscellaneous purchase orders totaling \$1,153.76; seconded by Motzer. Motion carried.

Liquor License – Class B liquor and beer – Travis Turner, Agent for Black Bear Spirits LLC

Travis Turner was present for consideration of a Class B Liquor and Class B Beer license. He is purchasing the Corner Joynt from Michael Lindeman at 152 E. Main St. The property will be held by the Black Bear Spirits LLC and operate under the name of “The Quarthouse”.

Motion by Pitts to approve the license application for Class B Liquor and Class B Beer for Black Bear Spirits, LLC, Travis Turner, Agent; operating as "The Quarthouse" for the licensing period of August 30, 2016 to June 30, 2017 upon surrender of the current license issued to Michael Lindeman, Agent for Hangovers, LLC. License area is the bar located at 152 E. Main Street – first floor, basement of two story building, and back deck daily to 10 p.m. from August 30, 2016 to August 31, 2016; June 1 2017 to June 30, 2017 when North building door is open and deck stair gate is locked; seconded by Lotts. Roll call vote: Pitts – aye, Lotts – aye, Motzer – aye, Knight – aye, Bischel – aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Trustee Pitts explained that the bar is responsible for hauling the glass bottles for recycling.

Coin Machine license - Travis Turner, Agent for Black Bear Spirits LLC

Motion by Pitts to issue a coin machine license for seven machines to Travis Turner, Agent for Black Bear Spirits, LLC; seconded by Motzer. Motion carried.

Operator Licenses

Motion by Motzer to grant operator licenses to Serve Fermented Malt Beverages & Intoxicating Liquors provided qualifications for licensing have been met to Katelyn Monnier, Crystal Petersen, and James Hanson for the licensing year ending June 30, 2017; seconded by Pitts. Motion carried.

Vouchers

Motion by Bischel to authorize payment of audited vouchers: General Fund - No. 19041-19060 ACH 16173-16187, 16189-16195 totaling \$22,236.83; Sewer Utility Fund - No. 3504-3509, ACH 16188, totaling \$21,867.07; Water Utility Fund – No. 3687-3691, Totaling \$3,757.19; seconded by Pitts. Roll call vote: Bischel – aye, Pitts – aye, Lotts – aye, Knight – aye, Motzer – aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Pitts to authorize payment of audited vouchers from TIF District #1 No. 1056 totaling \$50,000.00; seconded by Lotts. Roll call vote: Pitts – aye, Lotts – aye, Knight – aye, Motzer – aye, Bischel – abstain. Motion carried 4-0 with one abstaining.

Future agenda items:

Closed session pursuant to WI §19.85(1)(c)

President Bischel asked for a motion to go in to closed session pursuant to WI §19.85(1)(c) to consider employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercise reasonability; specifically, employee issues. Motion by Pitts, seconded by Motzer. Roll call vote: Pitts – aye, Motzer – aye, Knight – aye, Lotts – aye, Bischel – aye. Motion carried 5-0. Attorney Flory was present during closed session. Peggy Stanford was present for 10 minutes and then was excused.

Motion to re-convene in open session

Motion by Pitts to re-convene in open session, seconded by Lotts. Motion carried.

Consideration of items discussed in closed session - none

Reports and requests of employees/officers (cont'd)

Board – Discussion of lift station easement use. Attorney Flory recommends utilizing the easement to the north of current building.

Adjournment

Motion by Motzer to adjourn the meeting at 9:21 p.m.; seconded by Lotts. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted: _____

Peggy Stanford, WCMC; Clerk/Treasurer

Approved: _____

Donna Bischel, Village President