

VILLAGE BOARD PROCEEDINGS

The regular meeting of the Village Board, Village of New Auburn, was held on Thursday, January 14, 2021 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 Brad Lotts at 7 p.m. Answering roll call were Brad Lotts, Marvin Baroun, Shannon Berg, John Farrell, III and Dennis Webb. Clerk/Treasurer Peggy Stanford was also present. The Pledge of Allegiance was made.

Others present: Officer Andy Clark, Donna Bischel, Tom Bischel, Shelby Dutcher, Tom Jenkins, Dan Moos, Brian Nodolf, Jennifer Pagenkopf, and Dean Sayles.

Public Comments:

Dean Sayles stated: he wants the meeting minutes earlier; water is better than it was; he wants to buy the lot next door; and he is done with the speeders on his street.

Meeting Minutes – Board meeting December 10, 2020

Motion by Baroun to approve the Board meeting minutes for December 10, 2020; seconded by Berg. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – December 2020

Motion by Farrell to approve the treasurer's reports for December 2020; seconded by Baroun. Roll call vote: Farrell – aye, Baroun – aye, Berg – aye, Webb – aye, Lotts – aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Reports and Requests of employees/officers

Public Safety

Law enforcement update: Sergeant Andy Clark, Chippewa County Sheriff's office provided a report on public safety. Service information for December 2020: one citation was issued, fifteen traffic warnings, and they responded to thirteen incidents within the Village.

Operator licenses: Motion by Berg to approve the license to serve Fermented Malt Beverages and Intoxicating Liquors provided qualifications for licensing have been met for DeziRae Hazelton for the license year ending June 30, 2021; seconded by Baroun. Motion carried.

Shelby Dutcher was present to talk about her denial of a Fermented Malt Beverages and Intoxicating Liquors application that was denied by the Board on November 12, 2020 due to excessive history of law violations. Shelby Dutcher declined meeting in closed session. She answered the Board questions regarding her violation history. Her law violation offenses are prior to 2017.

Motion by Lotts to approve the license to serve Fermented Malt Beverages and Intoxicating Liquors provided qualifications for licensing have been met for Shelby Dutcher for the license year ending June 30, 2021; seconded by Berg. Motion carried.

Proposed closed session pursuant to WI Statute 19.85(1)(b) discipline and licensing, specifically hearing on server license – not used.

Public Works – Jon Bohl was present.

Water quality – Chlorination of system –

The Board reviewed the DNR's mandate for chlorination of the water system. The Level 2 process did not clean up the biofilms present in the water system. The plan for chlorination will be submitted to the WI DNR on January 18, 2021 with expected approval by January 31st. To effectively chlorinate the water new chlorine pumps will need to be installed. Hawkins will be able to install the pump for us and complete the installation paperwork the WI DNR.

Motion by Farrell to move forward with the chlorination equipment; seconded by Baroun. Roll call vote: Farrell – aye, Baroun – aye, Berg – aye, Webb – aye, Lotts – aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Trustee Berg asked if the DNR would come and speak to them about the changes. Moos explained that they may attend a virtual meeting but not in person.

Chlorination equipment

Motion by Berg to purchase chlorination equipment from Hawkins at \$15,540.00 and complete the paperwork with the WI DNR; seconded by Webb. Roll call vote: Berg – aye, Webb – aye, Lotts – aye, Farrell – aye, Baroun – aye. Motion carried 5-0.

VFD Well #1

Motion by Farrell to approve the purchase and installation of a VFD drive for Well #1 from CTC Corporation at a cost estimate of \$6,240.00; seconded by Baroun. Roll call vote: Farrell – aye, Baroun – aye, Lotts – aye, Webb – aye, Berg – aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Security cameras at Well #2

Motion by Baroun to purchase three cameras to be housed in Well #2 from Citizens Telephone Cooperative at a cost of \$1162.71; seconded by Webb. Roll call vote: Baroun – aye, Webb – aye, Farrell – aye, Berg – aye, Lotts – aye. Cost to be split with the Parks Commission.

Invoices

Motion by Farrell to approve the invoice 105585 from L.W. Allen, LLC for purchase of a dialer at Well #1, totaling \$1416.91; seconded by Berg. Roll call vote: Farrell – aye, Berg – aye, Lotts – aye, Webb – aye, Baroun – aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Berg to approve the invoice 39927 from CTW Corporation for super chlorination of Well #2 totaling \$9868.00; seconded by Lotts. Roll call vote: Berg – aye, Lotts – aye, Farrell – aye, Webb – aye, Baroun – aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Clerk/Treasurer report – Peggy Stanford reported.

CliftonLarsonAllen, LLP audit engagement letter

Motion by Berg to approve the CliftonLarsonAllen, LLP audit engagement letter for the financial audit for 2020; seconded Farrell. Berg – aye, Farrell – aye, Baroun – aye, Webb – aye, Lotts – aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Election candidates for April 6, 2021 Spring Election

Nomination papers for the spring election on April 6, 2021 have been returned. We have one candidate for Village President incumbent Brad Lotts. We have two openings for Village Trustees but only one candidate, incumbent Shannon Berg, running in the race. If you are interested in being a write in candidate, please contact the Village clerk for information and form EL-01 Campaign Registration Statement.

Village insurance coverage by Rural Insurance

Tom Jenkins, Rural Insurance Agent, was present to review our insurance and worker's compensation coverages for 2021. Our property values were raised by 1%, our deductibles will remain the same.

Reports and requests of employees/officers (con't)**Board**

Tom & Donna Bischel offer to purchase and their request for a release of Easement- Attorney Nodolf

Discussion of hunting ordinance – the Board discussed adding hunting areas pursuant to Ordinance Section 13.01(11).

Motion by Farrell to open hunting East of Mathias Street (that is currently closed) to the Village limits and not on school property; seconded by Webb. Roll call vote: Farrell – aye, Webb – aye, Baroun – aye, Berg – aye, Lotts – aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Miscellaneous Purchase orders

Motion by Farrell to approve miscellaneous purchase orders totaling \$1405.79; seconded by Berg. Roll call vote: Farrell – aye, Berg – aye, Lotts – aye, Webb – aye, Baroun – aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Waste Management Permits 2021- Swift Sanitation and Waste Management of Weyerhaeuser, WI

Motion by Farrell to approve waste management permits for 2021 to Swift Sanitation, LLC and Waste Management of Weyerhaeuser, WI; seconded by Berg. Motion carried.

Resolution #21-01 Amendment to utility easement agreement with DGI-New Auburn, LLC

Attorney Nodolf presented the Resolution #21-01 to amend the utility easement agreement with DGI-New Auburn, LLC approved on November 12, 2020. Brad Lotts and Peggy Stanford signed the resolution.

Superior Silica Sand, Certified Survey Map creating a part of the SE1/4 – SE1/4 Section 35, T32N, R10W, Village of New Auburn, Barron County, WI

Motion by Farrell to approve the Certified Survey Map creating Lot 1 of the SE1/4 – SE1/4 Section 35, T32N, R10W, Village of New Auburn, Barron County, WI; seconded by Berg. Roll call vote: Farrell – aye, Berg – aye, Lotts – aye, Webb – aye, Baroun – aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Employee Wage Consideration – Consensus of the Board that the new wage rate is effective on January 3, 2021.

Employee HRA consideration

The new HRA agreement has not been updated reflecting the new insurance plan changes. The plan will be ready by the next meeting.

Vouchers

Motion by Farrell to authorize payment of audited vouchers: General Fund - No. 20863-20904, ACH 20252-20265, 21001-21010, 16293; totaling \$101,744.85; Sewer Utility Fund - No. 3863-3865, ACH 20266, 21011, totaling \$5,817.12; Water Utility Fund – No. 4227-4233, totaling \$18,762.65; seconded by Webb. Roll call vote: Farrell – aye, Webb – aye, Baroun – aye, Lotts – aye, Berg – aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Discuss and possible approval of agreement for environmental services regarding land of former waste water facility and discussion of possible action regarding sale of

Attorney Brian Nodolf shared information with the Board regarding environmental concerns with the old wastewater lagoon, which was last used in 1985. A responsible thing to do is to do environmental sampling. The sampling is done by boring into the base of the pond. This is done in the winter through the ice. Estimated cost is \$4750. Nodolf gave us three options: Not sell, long term lease, or leave as is (we don't have a duty to do anything with it.)

Future agenda items – HRA, Clerk/Treasurer hiring process,

Proposed closed session pursuant to WI Statute 19.85(1)(g) conferring with legal counsel.

Motion by Farrell to convene in closed session pursuant to WI Statute 19.85(1)(g) to confer with legal counsel; seconded by Baroun. Roll call vote: Farrell – aye, Baroun – aye, Berg – aye, Webb – aye, Lotts – aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion to reconvene in open session - Motion by Farrell, seconded by Berg. Motion carried.

Consideration of items from closed session –

The Board gave authority for Brian Nodolf to contact Tom & Donna Bischel and Steven McCracken next week, to negotiate with them. Board to decide at future meeting.

Adjournment

Motion by Farrell to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Baroun at 10:15 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted: _____
Peggy Stanford, WCMC, Clerk/Treasurer

Approved: _____
Brad Lotts, Village President