

## VILLAGE BOARD PROCEEDINGS

The regular meeting of the Village Board, Village of New Auburn, was held on Thursday, February 11, 2021 at 6:00 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 6 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.

### **Virtual meeting with Corey Larson from the WI DNR to gather information about the water system. No public comments or questions will be covered at this time.**

Corey Larson, WI DNR, was present for a telephone conference with the Board to answer questions regarding the DNR mandate that the Village continuously chlorinate 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 31<sup>st</sup>. To effectively chlorinate the water new chlorine pumps will need to be installed. Hawkins will be able to install the pumps for us and complete the installation paperwork for the WI DNR.

Where do biofilms come from? Several factors, water main work is one. If it gets in the system and if you don't chlorinate it grows.

Can we stop chlorination after six months? No, the biofilms may be gone for a while then they come back. Chlorination allows the water to stay safe. A few other kinds of disinfection include ultraviolet light, bromide chloride, hydro peroxide, gas chlorine.

Chlorination cleans the system by shocking the system. The continuous Chlorine has a lower residual when the break point is met no taste is noticed in the water. This happens between three and five months.

### **Board reconvened at 7 p.m. for the meeting agenda.**

**Others present:** Officer Andy Clark, Donna Bischel, Tom Bischel, Steven McCracken, Dan Moos, and Larry Gotham.

**Public Comments:** none.

### **Meeting Minutes – Board meeting January 14, 2021**

Motion by Farrell to approve the Board meeting minutes for January 14, 2021; seconded by Webb. Motion carried.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Motion by Berg to approve the treasurer's reports for January 2021; seconded by Baroun. Roll call vote: Berg – aye, Baroun – aye, Webb – aye, Farrell – 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 January 2021: two citations were issued, eighteen traffic warnings, and they responded to fifteen incidents within the Village.

**Public Works** – Dan Moos was present.

#### **Snow plowing consideration at Old 53 Bar & Grill**

Motion by Baroun to not plow the road right of way in front of the Old 53 Bar & Grill, to continue as we have in the last few years; seconded by Webb. Roll call vote: Baroun – aye, Webb – aye, Berg- aye, Farrell – aye, Lotts – aye.

#### **Cty Hwy M Project – Close out documents for DNR loans**

Larry Gotham from Morgan & Parmley was present with information on the close out documents for the DNR loans for the Hwy M/SS project. Gotham explained change order two and the pay request from A1 Excavating. Paperwork for the DNR is getting close to being done. The close out happens when the pay amount is at 95%.

The Change order #2 has \$9758.54 in deducts from the initial bid to the close. It also includes additional expenses of \$14,793.54.

The project has a one-year warranty.

Motion by Farrell to approve change order #2 for account 2017-148 totaling \$14,793.54; seconded by Berg. Roll call vote: Farrell – aye, Berg – aye, Webb – aye, Baroun – aye, Lotts – aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Berg to approve the 12-02-2020 pay request from A-1 Excavating for the CTH M utilities replacements of \$47,911.50; seconded by Baroun. Roll call vote: Berg – aye, Baroun – aye, Lotts – aye, Farrell – aye, Webb – aye, Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Farrell to approve the Project Acceptance Certification form 8700-280 for the Environment Improvement Funds; seconded by Webb. Roll call vote: Farrell – aye, Webb – aye, Baroun – aye, Berg- aye, Lotts – aye. Motion carried.

#### **Invoices**

Motion by Berg to approve the invoice dated January 31, 2021 from Morgan & Parmley, Ltd for Project Cty M/SS, \$5545.00; seconded by Baroun. Roll call vote: Berg – aye, Baroun – aye, Farrell – aye, Webb – aye, Lotts – aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Lotts to approve the invoice dated February 2, 2021 from Morgan & Parmley, Ltd for monitoring wells/WWTF Expansion \$5571.25; seconded by Baroun. Roll call vote: Lotts – aye, Baroun – aye, Farrell – aye, Webb – aye, Berg – aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Berg to increase the purchase price for chlorination equipment from Hawkins to \$15,850.00 an increase of \$310 over the January 2021 approval; seconded by Baroun. Roll call vote: Berg – aye, Baroun – aye, Lotts – aye, Farrell – aye, Webb – aye. Motion carried 5-0.

**Clerk/Treasurer report** – Peggy Stanford reported.

#### **Claim filed with Rural Insurance for fall in front of Old Hwy 53 Club**

A Rural Insurance claims adjuster contacted the office about a claim filled for a fall in front of the Old Hwy 53 Club. He wanted information. Stanford has returned the call and is currently playing phone tag.

#### **Board**

**Meeting date for Planning Commission for Superior Silica Sand zoning change** – the meeting is set for February 23, 2021 at 7 p.m.

#### **Parks Commission**

A meeting is set for February 22, 2021 at 7 p.m. at the Village hall.

#### **Miscellaneous Purchase orders**

Motion by Farrell to approve miscellaneous purchase orders totaling \$1850.23; seconded by Berg. Roll call vote: Farrell – aye, Berg – aye, Webb – aye, Baroun – aye, Lotts – aye . Motion carried 5-0.

#### **Mobile Home license application for Daniel Scharlau**

Motion by Berg to approve a mobile home park license for 2021 to Daniel P Scharlau, Balsam Ridge, LLC; seconded by Baroun. Motion carried.

#### **Reappointment to the Housing Authority**

Kathy Motzer has resigned from the Housing Authority. Suggestions for a replacement is wanted.

#### **Amend Hunting Area**

A new map is needed for the resolution. Clerk Stanford has contact Morgan & Parmley about obtaining a map that includes the last annexation of property in Barron County.

#### **Resolution #21-02 Village of New Auburn Resolution Health Reimbursement Arrangements**

Motion by Baroun to approve Resolution #21-02 Village of New Auburn Resolution Health Reimbursement Arrangement; seconded by Webb. Roll call: Baroun – aye, Webb – aye, Lotts – aye, Berg – aye, Farrell – aye. Motion carried.

#### **Vouchers**

Motion Berg to authorize payment of audited vouchers: General Fund - No. 20905-20935, ACH 21012-21029, 21031-21032; totaling \$146,900.22; Sewer Utility Fund - No. 3866-3871, ACH 21030 totaling \$14,843.54; Water Utility Fund – No. 4234-4243, totaling \$12,008.82; Parks Commission – No. 1997, Totaling \$125.00 seconded by Webb. Roll call vote: Berg – aye, Webb – aye, Farrell – aye, Baroun – aye, Lotts – aye. Motion carried 5-0.

**Discuss and possible approval of agreement for environmental services regarding land of former Waste-water treatment facility. Discussion and possible action on sale of lands of former Wastewater treatment facility including easement releases.**

Attorney Brian Nodolf spoke to both parties, Steve McCracken and Thomas & Donna Bischel, since the group last met.

Steve McCracken spoke to the topic stating that this has been being considered since November 2019. The Bischel's did not come into the discussion until December 2020. Why did the Village put monitoring wells on his property to do testing if we did not have a done deal?

Attorney Nodolf answered a question about the preliminary agreement with McCracken and the Village about hunting that was discussed at the November 12, 2020 meeting. Nodolf said this was a letter of intent if not completed by 12-21-2020 then it was closed.

Donna Bischel provided clarification of what they would like. They want to square off their forty. She said the Village can keep the lagoon they just want the property up to it. They bought the remaining property in March 2019. She asked to purchase the lagoon then but was told no because of environmental reasons.

Larry Gotham has been working with McCracken for property to expand the WWTP. This has been a handshake deal and we are trying to acquire the property to continue with the expansion of the WWTP.

**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 Berg. Roll call vote: Farrell – aye, Berg – aye, Lotts – aye, Webb – aye, Baroun – aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Others present in closed session. Attorney Brian Nodolf, Engineer Larry Gotham, Public Works Dan Moos, and Clerk/Treasurer Stanford.

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

**Consideration of items from closed session –**

Motion by Baroun to swap the land with Steven McCracken as agreed upon. The map proposal Parcel 2 for Parcel 1. And grant the easement to Thomas and Donna Bischel that runs across their property and have them pay the transfer fees. Pipes on the easement will be left in place. Attorney to prepare indemnification agreements to hold Village harmless for both parties to sign. Seconded by Webb. Roll call vote: Baroun – aye, Webb – aye, Berg – aye, Lotts – aye, Farrell – abstain. Motion carried 4-0 with one abstaining. Parcel 1 is the McCracken property and Parcel 2 is the Village property.

Attorney Nodolf will draft documents and forward to the parties for review.

**Future agenda items – Clerk/Treasurer hiring process.**

**Adjournment**

Motion by Farrell to adjourn the meeting 10:00 p.m., seconded by Baroun. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted: \_\_\_\_\_  
Peggy Stanford, WCMC, Clerk/Treasurer

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Brad Lotts, Village President