

## VILLAGE BOARD PROCEEDINGS

The regular meeting of the Village Board, Village of New Auburn, was held on Thursday, March 11, 2021 at 7 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. 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, Tom Bischel, Jon Bohl, Zech Gotham, Dean Sayles, and Dwain Trowbridge.

### **Public Hearing on rezoning petition for Superior Silica Sand**

A public hearing was held for a zoning change. The Village Board will consider a petition by Scott Waughtal, President & COO for Superior Silica Sands; to change zoning from I-2 Heavy Industrial to Agricultural District on his property located North of N. Front Street described as: Lot 1, Barron County Certified Survey Map No. 873550 filed February 8, 2021 as part of the SE ¼ - SE ¼ Section 35, T32N, R10W, Village of New Auburn, Barron County, WI. The Hearing Notice was published as a Class 2 notice in the Bloomer Advance, and posted at the US Post Office, Security Bank, and New Auburn Village hall.

Dean Sayles questioned why Lot 1? It was explained that is where the house is located.  
Hearing was closed.

**Public Comments:** none.

### **Meeting Minutes – Board meetings February 8 & 11, 2021; Planning commission February 23, 2021**

Corrections need to be added to the February 11, 2021: Steven McCracken was present at the meeting and needs to be added, and Baroun is spelled incorrectly in the adjournment motion.

Motion by Berg to approve the Board meeting minutes for February 8, 2021; seconded by Farrell. Motion carried.

Motion by Berg to approve the Board meeting minutes for February 11, 2021 with the noted changes; seconded by Farrell. Motion carried.

Motion by Farrell to approve the Planning Commission Minutes of February 23, 2021; seconded by Baroun. Motion carried.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Motion by Berg to approve the treasurer's reports for February 2021; seconded by Baroun. Roll call vote: Berg – aye, Baroun – aye, Farrell – 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 February 2021: no citations were issued, two traffic warnings, and they responded to fourteen incidents within the Village.

**Operator License** Motion by Farrell to approve the license to serve Fermented Malt Beverages and Intoxicating Liquors provided qualifications for licensing have been met for Jennifer L. Webber for the license year ending June 30, 2021; seconded by Berg. Roll call vote: Farrell – aye, Berg – aye, Webb – aye, Baroun – aye, Lotts – aye. Motion carried 5-0.

**Public Works** – Jon Bohl was present.

#### **Water system facilities plan and specification approval.**

The WI DNR approved the VFD Unit for well No. 1 and the specifications for the project. The letter is dated February 16, 2021.

#### **Invoices**

Motion by Farrell to approve the invoice dated March 3, 2021 from Basketball Hoops Unlimited for the Parks Commission to install a second hoop in the park, \$1837.00; seconded by Webb. Roll call vote: Farrell – aye, Webb – aye, Baroun – aye, Berg – aye, Lotts – aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Berg to approve the invoice dated February 26, 2021 from A1 Excavating for repair of watermain on 2/20/21 for \$4738.00; seconded by Baroun. Roll call vote: Berg – aye Baroun – aye, Lotts – aye, Webb – aye, Farrell – aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Baroun brought up the need for street sweeping. Add to next meeting agenda.

Planned improvements to the Chippewa County radio communications for law enforcement, emergency medical services and fire departments will be enhanced with security camera at each site as part of the new public safety radio system according to Dennis Brown from Chippewa County Emergency Management. Work is expected in April.

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

**Open book, Board of Review times, and new training requirements**

Walt Hughes our Assessor has established Wednesday, April 21 from 1 – 3 p.m. as Open Book. The meeting will be conducted over the phone. Board of Review date is Tuesday, May 25, from 6 – 8 p.m. Training rules have been changed by the State to include all members to the Board of Review. Stanford will schedule a training session and let the members know.

**Board**

**Recommendation of the Planning Commission in consideration of the petition for zoning district change of Superior Silica Sand**

Motion by Farrell to approve the recommendation of the Planning Commission for a zoning district change of Superior Silica Sand; seconded by Webb. Roll call vote: Farrell – aye, Webb – aye, Berg – aye, Baroun – aye, Lotts – aye. Motion carried 5-0.

**Set Special meeting:** Motion by Lotts to conduct a special meeting on March 25, 2021 at 7 p.m. to approve a certified survey map for the property swap with Steven McCracken, seconded by Baroun. Motion carried. (This meeting was not held due to lack of non-completion of the map.)

**Parks Commission** – no items.

**Miscellaneous Purchase orders**

Motion by Farrell to approve miscellaneous purchase orders totaling \$2017.39; seconded by Berg. Roll call vote: Farrell – aye, Berg – aye, Baroun – aye, Webb – aye, Lotts – aye. Motion carried 5-0.

**Reappointment to the Housing Authority**

Motion by Farrell to appoint Marvin Baroun to the Housing Authority to fill the vacancy of Kathleen Motzer; seconded by Webb. Motion carried.

**Discussion and possible approval of Resolution #21-03 Amendment to the hunting area**

A new map is needed for the resolution. Discussion of the new annexations since the last map was prepared. Consideration after the land swap is completed with Steven McCracken.

**Ordinance #Z21-01 to amend the zoning districts of the Village of New Auburn**

Motion by Farrell to approve Ordinance #Z21-01 Village of New Auburn the zoning district change recommended by the Planning Commission for Superior Silica Sands; to change zoning from I-2 Heavy Industrial to Agricultural District on his property located North of N. Front Street described as: Lot 1, Barron County Certified Survey Map No. 873550 filed February 8, 2021 as part of the SE ¼ - SE ¼ Section 35, T32N, R10W, Village of New Auburn, Barron County, WI; seconded by Berg. Roll call: Farrell – aye, Berg – aye, Lotts – aye, Webb – aye, Baroun – aye. Motion carried 5-0.

**Discussion/consideration of a request by Dwain Trowbridge for expansion of street, water, and sewer of May St. for residential development**

Dwain Trowbridge has asked for the Board to consider the expansion of May street, adding water and sewer to a residential development proposed in 2019. Previous plan was to help pay for 400 feet of street, water, and sewer connection. Trowbridge to pay 20% up front, and to split the remaining balance with him with a five-year repayment. Trowbridge will come back to the Board next month with contractor costs.

**Vouchers**

Motion by Farrell to authorize payment of audited vouchers: General Fund - No. 20936-20976, ACH 21033-21049, 21051-21052; totaling \$314,033.13; Sewer Utility Fund - No. 3872-3880, ACH 21050 totaling \$20,959.11; Water Utility Fund – No. 4244-4246, 4257-4267. VOID 4247-4256; totaling \$1,974.49; Parks Commission – No. 1998-2002, totaling \$2,935.49 seconded by Webb. Roll call vote: Farrell – aye, Webb – aye, Baroun – aye, Berg – aye, Lotts – aye. Motion carried 5-0.

**Future Agenda items:** Street sweeping; Trowbridge projects, and resolution for hunting map.

**Discuss and possible action on hire of Deputy Clerk/Treasurer:** moved to closed session.

**Proposed closed session pursuant to WI Statute 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 responsibility; specifically, to review employment application, negotiate wage and benefits and hire a Deputy Clerk/Treasurer**

Motion by Farrell to convene in closed session pursuant to WI Statute 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 responsibility; specifically, to review employment application, negotiate wage and benefits and hire a Deputy Clerk/Treasurer; seconded by Berg. Roll call vote: Farrell – aye, Berg – aye, Webb – aye, Baroun – aye, Lotts – aye. Motion carried 5-0.

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

**Adjournment –** Motion by Berg to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Webb. Motion carried.

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

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