

VILLAGE OF NEW AUBURN
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
 Thursday, April 28, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

The Special Board meeting of the Village Board, Village of New Auburn, was held on Thursday, April 28, 2022 at 7:00 pm at the Village Hall.

1. Call to Order: 7:00 pm; Roll call: President Brad Lotts, Trustees Alan Anderson, Dalton Hinke, Gary Pitts (7:02 pm), Shannon Berg (7:05 pm). Staff: Clerk-Treasurer Ardith Story; Citizens: Dwain Trowbridge, Wesley Prince; Special Guests: Chris Gierhart, Village Attorney, Joe Atwood, Building Inspector;
2. Consider/Act on WWTP Sludge Removal Agreement with Bruce Durand;
Motion by President Lotts/Trustee Anderson to approve the sludge removal verbal agreement for the WWTP project with Bruce Durand. Roll call: President Lotts – aye; Trustees Anderson – aye; Hinke – aye; Pitts – aye. 4.1. Motion carried.
3. Consider/Act Resolution 2022-10 Fee Schedule Amendment;
Motion by Trustees Pitts/Berg to approve Resolution 2022-10 Fee Schedule. Roll call: Trustees Anderson – aye; Pitts – aye; Hinke – aye; Berg – aye; President Lotts – aye. 5-0. Motion carried.
4. Discussion and Possible Consider/Act with Chris Gierhart, Village Attorney regarding legalities of municipal laws and ordinances including but not limited to May Street and Paul Street; - Chris Gierhart discussed viable options regarding May Street development, a 2-3 month design work, exploring grant funding, the need for a developers agreement in place, the subdivision ordinance requiring developers and contractors to pay for road improvements and cautions to the Board for making exceptions to the Code of Ordinances. Further discussions regarding the value of the property and the tax value and how it wouldn't make financial sense for the village to foot the bill for the development of May St at this time. Switching to Paul Street discussion and the request to purchase the platted undeveloped street, Chris Gierhart informed the Village Board that municipalities cannot 'sell' platted streets, neither parks nor streets as they are dedicated for the public, in a trust. No action on Paul Street.
Motion by Trustees Berg/Pitts to reconsider October 14, 2021's motion to clarify and confirm the motion to perform the engineering work and obtain cost estimates for the May Street project. Roll call: Trustees Pitts – aye; Hinke – aye; Berg – aye; President Lotts – aye; Trustee Anderson – aye. 5-0. Motion carried.
5. Consider/Act on a Municipal Loan Opportunity up to \$109,874 for 10-year amortization through Citizens Connected;
Motion by Trustees Anderson/Berg to approve the Public Improvement Municipal Loan of \$98,886.60 through Citizens Connected for a seven-year term and appoint President Brad Lotts to sign the loan documents. Roll call: Trustees Hinke – aye; Berg – aye; President Lotts – aye; Trustees Anderson – aye; Pitts – aye. 5-0. Motion carried.
6. Discussion and Possible Consider/Act on April 14, 2022 Regular Board Motion to Approve Jones Building Permit and Possible Amendment of Previous Motion; Chris Gierhart indicated the Village Board does not have authority to approve variances. They have to be run through the Plan Commission. [Clerk note: This is from the motion by the board to approve a zoning variance on April 14, 2022 regular board meeting]. A Plan Commission meeting was set for May 4th at 7:00 p.m. for consideration of a zoning change, variance to detached garage sizes. No motions.

7. Discussion and Possible Consider/Act on April 14, 2022 Regular Board Motion to Approve Mowing and Possible Amendment of Previous Motion;
Motion by Trustees Anderson/Berg to reconsider April 14, 2022's motion that approved the village to mow utilizing Biz Boys and to motion to mow the village park twice a week and trim as rate presented with the possible need for mowing on an as needed basis, effective June 1, 2022 and ending at the 2022 mowing season, with the exception of any waterway. Roll call: Trustee Berg – aye; President Lotts – aye; Trustees Anderson – aye; Pitts – aye; Hinke – aye. 5-0. Motion carried.
8. Consider/Act on Chippewa County Highway Street Sweeping \$1,160 for 8 hours [not including CTH SS and CTH M];
Motion by Trustees Berg/Anderson to approve street sweeping with Chippewa County Highway Department in the amount of \$1,160.00. Roll call: President Lotts – aye; Trustees Anderson – aye; Pitts – nay; Hinke – aye; Berg – aye. 4-1. Motion carried.
9. Consider/Act on Bills/Claims
 - a. Payment Approval Report: March 2022
 - b. CBS Squared: Inv# 9660 \$1,976
 - c. Peak Excavation: Inv#168 \$1,200Motion by President Lotts/Trustee Berg to approve the March 2022 Payment Approval Report, CBS Squared Invoice #9660 and Peak Excavation Invoice #168. Roll call: Trustees Anderson – aye; Pitts – aye; Hinke – aye; Berg – aye; President Lotts – aye. 5-0. Motion carried.
10. Adjourn at 10:02 p.m.
Motion by President Lotts/Trustee Anderson to adjourn. All aye. None opposed. Motion carried.

Prepared By: Ardith Story,
Municipal Clerk-Treasurer