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Jeri Wittmershaus



Director of Public Works
Josh Reynolds

Electric Utility Manager
Patrick Reilley

Village and Utility Board Minutes

April 9, 2024

Jeff Radtke called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Jill Grennan-present, John Mc Cue-present, Mike DeWall-present, Todd Brownell-present, Mike Pfaff-present, Jeff Radtke-present.

Others present: Jeri Wittmershaus-Administrator, Pat Reilley-Electric Manager, Josh Reynolds-Director of Public Works, Scott Alo-Police Chief, Carolyn Hoeth-Deputy Clerk-Treasurer. Shari Axelsen-Librarian arrived shortly after the start of the meeting.

Jeri Wittmershaus attested to the posting of the agenda at three locations, as well as being emailed to the Monroe County Herald.

Motion to approve the agenda made by Mike DeWall and seconded by Todd Brownell. Voice vote taken. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Village/Utility Board meeting of March 12, 2024, made by Mike Pfaff and seconded by Mike DeWall. Voice vote taken. All ayes, motion carried.

Scott Alo, Police Chief, presented the monthly police report. Motion to approve the Police Report made by John Mc Cue and seconded by Jill Grennan. Voice vote taken. All ayes, motion carried. Chief Alo informed the Board that the new squad car has arrived. It is not yet licensed, and the equipment is two to three weeks out. Since there is currently no garage space in the Village, it is being stored in Scott's personal garage. Chief Alo also stated that the portable radios have just recently stopped working in the police office. They do function upon leaving the building. They will be installing an antenna to try to fix the issue. Alternate side parking has ended for the season.

Pat Reilley, Electric Manager, presented the monthly Electric Utility Report. Crews are continuing to work on terminating cabinets and risers for the Dutch Creek project. The old substation decommission project is continuing. They are in the planning stages of converting
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County Road G from Hwy 33 to Muenzenberger Road from overhead to underground. Jeri Wittmershaus asked how long this project would take. Pat stated that the Dutch creek project is the priority right now, but this work should be done by the end of the summer. Pat also shared that Focus on Energy will be decreasing their incentives as of May 1, 2024. Motion to approve the Electric Utility Report made by Jill Grennan and seconded by Mike DeWall. Voice vote taken. All ayes, motion carried.

Shari Axelsen, Librarian, explained to the Board that she was approached by Ethos Green Power Cooperative, for solar panels for the library building and has received a quote from them. She stated that there is currently a federal cash tax credit available for approximately \$10,000, a grant program with up to \$20,702.60 available, and she has two anonymous donors that are willing to pick up the remaining costs. Discussion followed. Jill Grennan recused herself from the discussion and vote. The Board asked Shari to come back to another meeting, when the funding was secured, and the contract was ready to be finalized. Motion to approve going forward with the solar plan made by Todd Brownell and seconded by Mike DeWall. Voice vote taken. All ayes, motion carried.

The final pay application for the WWTP chemical feed system project was reviewed. Motion to approve Pay Application #7 in the amount of \$39,112.30 for Wapasha Construction Co., for the WWTP Chemical Feed System made by Mike Pfaff and seconded by Todd Brownell. Voice vote taken. All ayes, motion carried.

Quotes for roof replacements at the BMU office, well #2, the sewer plant, and the library (due to hail damage), were reviewed. An insurance claim has been approved for the roof at the library in the amount of \$36,231.71. Metal roofing versus shingles were discussed.

Motion to approve the quote from Golden Eagle Roofing, for a metal roof at the library, made by Mike Pfaff and seconded by Mike DeWall. Voice vote taken. All ayes, motion carried.

Funding options for the roof replacements at the BMU office, well #2 and the sewer plant were discussed. With the small size of the well roof, shingles would be a more economical choice. Metal roofing was decided for the BMU office and the sewer plant. Motion to approve the Administrator and the Director of Public Works to finalize the roofing quotes, based on the updated information from the contractors, made by Mike Pfaff and seconded by Todd Brownell. Voice vote taken. All ayes, motion carried.

Josh Reynolds, Director of Public Works, presented the monthly Public Works Report. All sand/salt has been returned to La Crosse County. Potholes will be filled as weather permits. The park restrooms have been opened for the season today. Trees and brush are continuing to be trimmed around the Village. Josh is working with Mathy Construction on the park road repair project. Well #1 is coming up on its 10th year since the last inspection. Josh will be getting bids for this. Work on the phosphorus addition project is wrapping up. The digester at the treatment

plant has been pumped out and drained for maintenance. Motion to approve the public works report made by John Mc Cue and seconded by Mike DeWall. Voice vote taken. All ayes, motion carried.

The proposed contract for sludge removal from the treatment plant was discussed. Motion to approve the A-1 Advanced Pumping Services wastewater treatment sludge removal contract made by Mike DeWall and seconded by Todd Brownell. Voice vote taken. All ayes, motion carried.

Mike Pfaff presented quotes for repairs to the baseball field in the park. The Lions Club and the Bangor Youth Sports will be taking care of the ball field restoration, to include black dirt, screenings and site work for a total of \$5,400. The cost of repairing versus replacing the backstop was also discussed. There are not enough funds in the budget for 2024 to cover the work. The backstop replacement will be tabled until a future date. More discussion will take place during 2025 budget planning.

Voucher list was presented. Motion to approve payment of the vouchers listed with the additions made by Mike Pfaff and seconded by Mike DeWall. Voice vote taken. All ayes, motion carried.

Jeff reminded the Board that the new member, Marv Hesse, will begin at the next meeting. Jeff will also be presenting the new committee assignments at the next meeting.


Jeri informed the Board that the La Crosse County Clerk had complimented our poll workers regarding how well the recent election went.

Jeri also stated the sewer plant has recently been pumped. If any members are interested in a tour, now would be the time to do it. They should contact Randy Tenner .

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 PM made by Todd Brownell and seconded by Mike DeWall. Voice vote taken. All ayes, motion carried.

Minutes prepared by Carolyn Hoeth

Minutes reviewed by:



Jeri L. Wittmershaus, Administrator