

Village President
Jeff Radtke

Village Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer
Jeri Wittmershaus

Director of Public Works
Josh Reynolds

Electric Utility Manager
Patrick Reilley

Village of Bangor



Trustees
Jill Grennan
John Mc Cue
Marv Hesse
Mike DeWall
Todd Brownell
Mike Pfaff

Village and Utility Board Minutes

August 6, 2024

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

Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Others present: Jeri Wittmershaus-Administrator, Amanda Marshall-Police OIC, Josh Reynolds-Director of Public Works, Carolyn Hoeth-Deputy Clerk-Treasurer.

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 Finance Committee meeting and the Village/Utility Board meeting of July 9, 2024, made by Mike Pfaff and seconded by Marv Hesse. Voice vote taken. All ayes, motion carried.

Brent Nelson of Johnson Block provided a virtual presentation of the audit for year ended 2023. He gave an overview of the annual state report, the PSC electric and water report, as well as the TIF reporting. Overall, the general fund as well as the electric and water utility are in good standing.

Employee insurance renewals were reviewed. The renewal of the existing Quartz "Gold" health insurance plan is increasing by 26.24%. The proposed "Silver" plan would be only a 4.20% increase. The proposed plan would be an increase in deductibles and out of pocket maximums; however, the cost to the employees would stay the same because of the Village funded HRA. Dental coverage and a new vision plan were also reviewed. Employees will pay 50% of the premium for dental and vision.

Motion to approve the Quartz "Silver" health plan and the Delta dental/vision plans made by John Mc Cue and seconded by Mike DeWall. Voice vote taken. All ayes, motion carried.

Request to renew Jeff Blakeman's annual permit for "Permission to Hunt within the Village" was reviewed. Motion to approve the permit for September 1, 2024, through August 31, 2025, made by Mike Pfaff and seconded by Marv Hesse. Voice vote taken. All ayes, motion carried.

Amanda Marshall, OIC, stated that this month's police report had been completed by Chief Alo, but asked if the Board had any questions, or if they had anything different or additional that they wanted to see going forward. Motion to approve the Police Report made by John Mc Cue and seconded by Todd Brownell. Voice vote taken. All ayes, motion carried.

Jeri stated that Pat Reilley, Electric Manager, was unable to attend the meeting. She informed the Board the underground circuit is complete for all customers South and East of Hwy 33 and Hwy 162 intersection. The required electric rate case application has been filed with the PSC. A series of storms came through the area on the weekend of July 13th and 14th. The lineman on call received mutual aid from Trempealeau. The call center received 195 calls during that storm. Pat is looking at upgrading the call service. Motion to accept the Electric Utility Report as written, made by Mike DeWall and seconded by Jill Grennan. Voice vote taken. All ayes, motion carried.

Josh Reynolds, Director of Public works, presented his monthly report. All streets have been treated for weeds and had potholes filled. Storm sewer projects have been started in the park. Work will resume after Fun Daze. Josh is not sure if the park project will be able to be completed this year. A water leak was repaired on Henry Johns Blvd on July 22. The wastewater treatment plant's roof replacement projects are now complete. The digester dome project has been started and should be completed by September. Motion to accept the public works report made by Mike DeWall and seconded by Marv Hesse. Voice vote taken. All ayes, motion carried.

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


Jeri reminded the Board that the Partisan Primary election is Tuesday, August 13th. The polls are open 7:00 am to 8:00 pm. at the old high school gym.

Jeff Radtke relayed to the Board that he had been invited to a meeting with the new chancellor of UW-L. The chancellor was interested in what is happening in the smaller communities in La Crosse County. Jeff and the Bangor School District Superintendent attended the meeting.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 PM made by Marv Hesse and seconded by Mike DeWall. Voice vote taken. All ayes, motion carried.

Minutes prepared by Carolyn Hoeth

Minutes reviewed by:


Jeri L. Wittmershaus, Administrator