

VILLAGE OF REDGRANITE  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING –July 26, 2022

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held at the Municipal Building on July 26, 2022. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll Call: Jim Erdmann, Matt Knollenberg, Laurie Oltesvig, Mark Juslen, Angie Ralls and Belinda Passarelli. Motion by Laurie, second by Angie, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

PUBLIC FORUM – Shannon Henke requested the Board open up the meeting for the public to speak during the discussion of the dog park; Matt Coffey, new owner of the vacant land behind Sunshine Coffee, introduced himself and at this time, his family will use the property to relax and enjoy the property; Tom Markowski is against the dog park in a residential area and suggested the Board have a referendum in the spring so all residents can vote of the issue. Police Chief Tarr announced the addition of two (2) new AED units in the squad cars, the old unit was placed in the Village Hall and Wautoma Masonic Lodge donated fire suppression kits; Jim Erdmann, acting as a resident, reported a neighbor on Horne Street has junk laying round, loud vehicle noises in the evenings, encroaching on an elderly neighbor, Chief Tarr has issued citations, Jim feels something more needs to be done, and Chief Tarr suggested having a Machinery, Garbage, Ordinance Committee meeting to discuss the issue; Jolie Venton-Walters, 604 State Street, introduced herself and has a request for three (3) dogs for Board consideration later in the meeting.

Motion by Angie, second by Laurie, to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting on June 28, 2022. Motion carried.

CLERK'S REPORT – No report

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – No report

FINANCE, PERSONNEL, INSURANCE –Motion by Angie, second by Mark, to approve general fund disbursements – checks 13784 through 13848 and 40113813 (Hometown Bank) for a total of \$55,240.33; water fund checks 6205553 through 6205567 (Hometown Bank) for a total of \$3,495.26; sewer fund disbursements – checks 6306266 through 6306291 (Hometown Bank) for a total of \$13,949.38 and payroll of \$37,125.13 creating a grand total of \$109,810.10 and approval of financial reports for general, water and sewer as printed. Motion carried. Justin Hoagland, from Baker Tilly, presented their 2021 audit report. Motion by Angie, second by Laurie, to accept the 2021 audit reports for general, TID, water and sewer from Baker Tilly. Motion carried. Brian Roemer from Ehlers gave a presentation on the levy limit referendum and mentioned the Village is at 82% of its debt service limit. Motion by Matt, second by Laurie, to open the meeting to the public. Motion carried. Motion by Angie, second by Laurie, to table setting the amount of the increase in levy for the referendum question to a special board meeting on Tuesday, August 9, 2022, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Motion carried. Jim reported on the costs to keep the Village parks open which includes electric, cleaning, pick up of garbage, use to public works truck and cost of garbage bags of approximately \$5,375.00 for five (5) months. This does not include mowing, shelter maintenance and utility bills and there has been vandalism in the parks this year. During Labor Day Festival, beverage trucks use a lot of electricity being plugged in all 3 days. The Village charges RAA \$25.00 park rental fee per day per park. Jim is concerned the Village is not charging enough park rental fees to cover the Village's expenses for not only RAA but all park rentals. No action was taken as the Friends of the Redgranite Library and the Hair Shop volunteered to donate the fees for park rental, special gathering permits and temporary operator licenses for the RAA this year. At a later date, the Board will review the park rental fees. Motion by Matt, second by Mark, to send a letter to the prison

regarding compensation for Village Police Department assistance at the Redgranite Correctional Institution. Motion carried. Motion by Angie, second by Mark, to approve the resignation of Ellen Caswell as Village Trustee effective July 21, 2022. Motion carried.

MACHINERY, GARBAGE, ORDINANCES – Motion by Matt, second by Laurie, to open the meeting to the public. Motion carried. Motion by Matt, second by Laurie, to approve the request to have three (3) dogs at 604 State Street as long as they have current vaccination papers and dog licenses. Motion carried. Motion by Laurie, second by Mark, to approve the request to have three (3) dogs at 202 Franklin Street as long as they have current vaccination papers and dog licenses. Motion carried. Motion by Matt, second by Laurie, to approve the public works truck logo and cost of \$150.00 for design and \$150.00 for two (2) decals including installation to be paid by ARPA funds. Motion carried.

MUNICIPAL BUILDING – None

PARKS, CEMETERY – Shannon reviewed the Quarry Committee Plans and reported cleanup of quarry is scheduled for Saturday, August 20, 2022, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Motion by Mark, second by Laurie, to open the meeting to the public. Motion carried. Again, several residents spoke out against a dog park in a residential area. Motion by Matt, second by Laurie, to put the question to the residents at a referendum at the spring election. Motion carried. Christy reported the DNR decided not to put up the kiosk up in the east parking lot due to concerns of vandalism, they are discussing the possibility of putting it up behind the post office parking lot which is still Village property and will contact us if they decide to go ahead with this new location.

POLICE, FIRE – No board member volunteered to be on the Redgranite Area Fire District Board of Commissioners. Board requested Clerk to ask the Fire Department for a name of residents who they recommend being the Village representative on the Redgranite Area Fire District. Motion by Matt, second by Jim, to table until next meeting. Motion carried. Motion by Matt, second by Mark, to draft an ordinance, with Chief Tarr's assistance, for party permits at the quarry. Motion carried. Motion by Matt, second by Mark, to approve the \$500.00 grant for the purchase of safety equipment from the League of Municipalities. Motion carried. Motion by Matt, second by Laurie, to approve crime lab training fees in October in Madison along with lodging costs for Brianne Chappa. Motion carried.

SEWER, WATER – Updates on projects was given by the Utility Department. Motion by Matt, second by Mark, to approve the purchase of phosphorus removal chemical alternative from Martelle for \$4,700.00. Motion carried. Motion by Matt, second by Mark, to approve a reduction, due to a leak, in the June 30, 2022 sewer usage portion of the utility bill to the previous year's June 30<sup>th</sup> sewer usage bill plus 5% due to a leak at the Redgranite Lions Hall. Motion carried.

STREETS, SIDEWALKS, DITCHES – Jim gave his monthly Public Works Department Report. Some of the work done was: Jim donated 7 ton of sand and placed under playground equipment at East Side Park; ditch cleaning is being done in August; 44 ton of gravel was put down at the quarry parking lot; 20 loads of brush was picked up as a result of the storm damage; prison made the new picnic tables; chip sealing on Bonnell Ave, Warren St, Wood St and County Road EE was done; crack filling completed; 16 ton gravel at Edgewood Drive; 110 ton gravel on road behind library to keep it from flooding, line painting was done and Collision Clinic donated rush proofing the new truck. Motion by Mark, second by Laurie, to contact the State to request a study done and if approved, "No Jake Break" signs put up by the County and create an ordinance. Motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS – An email was received from James and Sandy Lyles notifying the Board they are rescinding their previous offer to gift the Village a piece of their property to widen the improved public right of way (alley between Foster Road and Koch Street). Motion by Matt, second by Mark, to approve the Operator’s License for Michael Messing (Lambeaul Lanes). Motion carried. Motion by Laurie, second by Mark, to approve the Temporary Class B Retailer’s License for Redgranite Advancement Association on September 3-5, 2022 at Veteran’s Memorial Park and September 3, 2022, at Willow Creek Park. Motion carried. Motion by Laurie, second by Angie, to approve Temporary Operator’s Licenses for Brenda Masticola, Gail Pierotti and Jeremy Meyer for Redgranite Advancement Association on September 3-5, 2022. Motion carried. Motion by Laurie, second by Matt, to approve closing Franklin Street (between Pine River and Maple Streets) from Friday, September 2, 2022, after meal site closes through Monday, September 5, 2022, at 8:00 p.m. Motion carried. Motion by Laurie, second by Mark, to approve closing Willow Creek One Way Road going into the Park and cover the direction sign on the one way going out of the park on Saturday, September 3, 2022, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for KidzRock. Motion carried. Motion by Laurie, second by Mark, to close Quarry Park early on Sunday, September 4, 2022, at 3:00 p.m. in preparation for the fireworks. Motion carried. Motion by Laurie, second by Angie, to approve closing Division Street next to Quarry Park on Sunday, September 4, 2022, from 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. for fireworks. Motion carried. Motion by Laurie, second by Mark, to extend the noise ordinance on Saturday, September 3, 2022 at Willow Creek Park to 11:00 p.m. for music and Sunday, September 4, 2022, at Quarry Park to 11:00 p.m. for fireworks. Motion carried.

Agenda Items to be Placed on Next Regular Board Meeting Agenda – Consider increasing park rental fees and appoint representative from Village to Redgranite Area Fire District.

Motion by Laurie, second by Angie, to adjourn Closed Session Pursuant to Wis. Stats. Sec. 19.85(1)(g) “Conferring with Legal Counsel for the Governmental Body who is Rendering Oral or Written Advice Concerning Strategy to be Adopted by the Body with Respect to Litigation in Which it is or is Likely to Become Involved.” Discuss/Act on Alley Issues. Roll Call Vote: Matt Knollenberg, yes; Laurie Oltesvig, yes; Mark Juslen, yes; Angie Ralls, yes; Jim Erdmann, yes; Belinda Passarelli, yes. Motion carried. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christy Groskreutz  
Village Clerk