

VILLAGE OF REDGRANITE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING – January 19, 2021

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held at the Municipal Building on January 19, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll Call: Fred Eichmann, Ellen Caswell, Joan Kapp, Sandy Lyles, Angie Ralls and Belinda Passarelli. Excused: Joel Kalata. Motion by Angie, second by Ellen, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

PUBLIC FORUM – No one spoke.

Motion by Angie, second by Fred, to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of December 15, 2020 and emergency board meeting of January 4, 2021. Motion carried.

CLERK'S REPORT – Christy reported the CDBG 2020 4th quarter activity report shows \$97,480.58 for residents to borrow for home improvements; the figure is up \$11,868.50 due to a recent satisfaction of a loan. She also reported \$158,942.31 in real estate tax payments was collected in December and disbursements of these funds was on January 15, 2020. The Village retained \$41,929.25 and \$33,809.36 was transferred into the TID funds.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – The Board was reminded of the special closed meeting on Wednesday, January 20, 2021, to review wastewater treatment operator job applications.

FINANCE, PERSONNEL, INSURANCE – Motion by Angie, second by Sandy, to approve general fund disbursements – checks #12670 through #12746, 40112669, 40112670 and 40112708 (Hometown Bank) for a total of \$168,521.62; water fund disbursements – checks #6205163 through #6205190 (Hometown Bank) for a total of \$8,298.52; sewer fund disbursements – check #6305770 through 6305798 (Hometown Bank) for a total of \$26,449.31; payroll of \$36,374.10 creating a grand total of \$239,643.55 and the approval of financial reports for general, water and sewer as printed. Motion carried. Changing requirements of paying overtime based on having “worked 40 hours within a week” and paying a “daily” rate to employees required to be on call for weekends and holidays were tabled.

MACHINERY, GARBAGE, ORDINANCES – Motion by Fred, second by Angie, to submit ordinance chapters previously reviewed to Municode. Motion carried.

STREETS, SIDEWALKS, DITCHES – Motion by Sandy, second by Joan, to call Attorney Sondalle now to discuss issues during the meeting. Motion carried. Attorney Sondalle joined the meeting via telephone. Previously, resident Joan Kapp, 330 Lafayette Street, requested only Kevin Roggow, Public Works Supervisor, plow Lafayette Street in the future. The request was reviewed at the December 29, 2021 Streets, Sidewalks, Ditches Committee meeting. The Committee did not change the schedule of who plows what truck on what streets. Attorney Sondalle stated the Public Works Department, or the Board, decides who plows what truck on what streets. Joan stated she was not able to address the issue right now. Motion by Fred, second by Sandy, to continue plowing Lafayette Street as usual and the Public Works Supervisor determines who drives the trucks. Motion carried. A police video of December 27, 2020 was reviewed regarding a recent snow plowing complaint from Mike and Joan Kapp. A few board members recently drove around viewing the snow plowing of streets and didn't see anything different from Lafayette Street and the rest of the streets in the Village. Lamont had no comment on the issue of why he came back with the plow truck in the video. Attorney Sondalle stated there are no issues, the Village owns the streets, the Village can do what it wants within reason, if any property is damaged the Village fixes it, it's the Village's right of way, everyone has to calm down, not make derogatory comments and move on. Fred stated if there are issues with snow plowing the Village Board will address it as that is the job of the Board.

While Attorney Sondalle was on the telephone, the Board skipped down to Miscellaneous Business Items #3 through #5 on the agenda. Item #3, the Village attorney will mediate first when Village employees have issues relating to Board members and, if major issues, there needs to be an attorney for the employee and the Village attorney will represent the Village Board; Item #4, the Village attorney would seek other representation for the Village Board in matters against an individual Board member; and Item #5, any legal action brought on by an employee against a Board member would probably have the Village insurance carrier involved depending upon the issue and the Board has discretionary immunity under WI Stats. Board members/employees can call the Village Attorney.

Motion by Fred, second by Sandy, to approve MSA Invoice #592010 #9 for \$9,890.90 based upon the fact that the risers have been returned to the Village. Motion carried

POLICE, FIRE – Motion by Sandy, second by Fred, to approve the sale of old unused radios and equipment in the Police Department. Motion carried. Motion by Sandy, second by Fred, to approve the Lexipol Invoice. Motion carried. Motion by Sandy, second by Fred, to leave it up to the Village employees to decide if they want to get the COVID vaccination as the Village will not make it mandatory. Motion carried. Motion by Sandy, second by Ellen, to approve the payment of the Village's share of the 2020 Wautoma Area Municipal Court Costs of \$15,869.98. Motion carried. A current copy of the contract with the municipal court will be requested.

SEWER, WATER – Motion by Sandy, second by Fred, to approve the Midwest Meter Annual Partner Support Plus for \$2,500. Motion carried. Motion by Sandy, second by Fred, to authorize the Utility Department to obtain quotes for crack sealing at the sewer plant. Motion carried. Motion by Sandy, second by Ellen, to authorize testing the influent ammonia and nitrogen levels and total phosphorus as frequently as possible. Motion carried. The Utility Department is working to determining the sources of high BOD, TSS, ammonia, nitrogen and chlorides for review of cost factors involved for treatment of those pollutants. Motion carried.

PARKS, CEMETERY – Mike Getchius, Foster Road Cemetery Sexton, presented his quarterly report. All plots have been entered. There are 12 grave sites not recorded any place and have no record of being purchased so he will investigate further. He is planning to do a demonstration of the computer software at his next quarterly report. In 2020, three (3) single graves sites were sold, four (4) monuments were added and there were six (6) full burials and three (3) burials of cremains.

MUNICIPAL BUILDING – None

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS – Motion by Sandy, second by Fred, to approve the operator's license for Rebecca Krebsbach (Sanicker's Pub). Motion carried. Police Chief Tarr reported there was a zoning change on the property at 906 W Bannerman Ave from residential to commercial so they do have the right to have a second hand/junk business. Discussion on the role of the Village Attorney was held earlier in the meeting.

Motion by Fred, second by Sandy, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

(All motions are carried by voice vote unless stated otherwise.)

Respectfully submitted,

Christy Groskretz, Village Clerk