

VILLAGE OF REDGRANITE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING – August 17, 2021

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held at the Municipal Building on August 17, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll Call: Angie Ralls, Ellen Caswell, Matt Knollenberg (by phone), Laurie Oltesvig, Mark Juslen, Amanda Yahr and Belinda Passarelli. Motion by Ellen, second by Angie, to approve the agenda. Motion carried. Motion by Ellen, second by Laurie, to approve the appointment of Amanda Yahr as Village Trustee replacing Sandy Lyles whose term expires April of 2023. Motion carried. Amanda Yahr took the Oath of Office.

PUBLIC FORUM – Dan Sanchez inquired about the possibility of using American Rescue Plan Act funds for the quarry. It was confirmed that funds could possibly be used for the quarry. Shari Sirvio passed out a document from the DNR website which lists the Redgranite Quarry as a lake with stipulations that there cannot be a fence around it and cannot prevent people from keeping their feet wet. These documents will be turned over to the Village attorney to review and opinion. Dan is wondering if the quarry is a historical landmark and the Village is not aware of it being a historical landmark but it is the Home of the State Rock. Shannon Henke inquired if Willow Creek will be cleaned up before their family wedding the end of this month. The Village is doing the best they can to get it cleaned up before the wedding and Labor Day weekend.

Motion by Ellen, second by Angie, to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2021 regular board meeting and special board meeting of August 3, 2021. Motion carried.

CLERK'S REPORT – The second quarterly report of the CDBG housing loans shows \$95,700.30 in funds available.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – President will be attending a two (2) day conference at the end of this week in Fond du Lac for government leaders.

FINANCE, PERSONNEL, INSURANCE – Motion by Angie, second by Laurie, to approve general fund disbursements – checks #13114 through #13170 (Hometown Bank) for a total of \$32,438.07; water fund disbursements – checks #6205330 through #6205343 (Hometown Bank) for a total of \$2,406.62; sewer fund disbursements – check #6305968 through #6305990 (Hometown Bank) for a total of \$11,255.63; payroll of \$38,814.20 creating a grand total of \$84,914.52 and the approval of financial reports for general, water and sewer as printed. Motion carried. Justin Hoagland, Baker Tilly, Village auditor, briefly reviewed the highlights of the 2020 audits. As he was reviewing the documents with the Board, he discovered an error on one (1) page. He will correct that page and provide the Board with the correct copy. Motion by Angie, second by Laurie, to accept the 2020 audits as presented which includes the corrected page. Motion carried. If any board member would like to be on a specific committee, please let the Belinda know. Motion by Angie, second by Ellen, to table the committee assignments. Motion carried. No citizen of the Village volunteered to be a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. Motion by Angie, second by Ellen, to table finding two (2) committee members for the Zoning Board of Appeals. Motion carried. Motion by Ellen, second by Angie, to approve Attorney Sondalle's recommendation for the Bug Tussel Lease. Motion carried. Motion by Angie, second by Ellen, to hire a part time public works employee for limited services with a job posting in the newspapers with an application deadline of September 3, 2021. Motion carried. Motion by Laurie to allow Jim to speak on the American Rescue Plan Act funds. Motion died for lack of a second. Motion by Angie, second by Ellen, to give \$2.00 per hour premium pay the Village Clerk's Office and Public Works Department employees and \$4.00 per hour premium pay to Utility and Police Departments. Motion carried. Motion by Laurie, second by Mark, to allow Jim to speak on the American Rescue Plan Act funds. Motion carried. Jim stated his reasons of being against former employees receiving the premium pay.

Motion by Mark, second by Angie, to allow the public to speak on agenda item, consider/act on hiring consultant to help administer COVID funding programs and usages, dollar per hour to be determined with cost of worker's compensation paid by Village. Motion carried. Several residents questioned why the premium pay is being given to employees, why approve the premium pay before hiring the consultant and concerns were raised about making sure the consultant is qualified. Motion by Mark, second by Amanda, to rescind the motion to give \$2.00 per hour premium pay the Village Clerk's Office and Public Works Department employees and \$4.00 per hour premium pay to Utility and Police Departments until after a consultant is hired to make recommendations regarding the management of the COVID funding programs. Motion carried. Motion by Angie, second by Ellen, to table hiring a consultant at this time. Motion carried. Motion by Angie, second by Amanda, to compensate Gene Fink for retro fitting LED fixtures on Village property at the rate of \$10.00 per hour. Motion carried.

MACHINERY, GARBAGE, ORDINANCES – Jim decided to keep the yellow snow plow truck as the Village cannot sell it with a leaky fuel tank which will cost \$1,500.00 to replace. Brent will be getting his CDL license and will be able to help Jim plow snow this winter. The Village of Lohrville pays Stafford for winging back snow and sanding and he feels the Village of Redgranite could do the winging back snow and sanding for Village of Lohrville after finishing the Village of Redgranite roads which would bring in extra revenue for the Village.

STREETS, SIDEWALKS, DITCHES – Motion by Angie, second by Ellen, to table the Public Works Department request for funds needed this month from American Rescue Plan Act funds for storm water infrastructure repair/improvement until after a consultant is hired to make recommendations regarding the management of the COVID funding programs. Motion carried.

POLICE, FIRE – None

SEWER, WATER – The RAS pump has been installed and the VFD's will all be delivered in a month. The DNR deficiency, exercising all water main valves, a yearly requirement, s has been completed. Motion by Angie, second by Laurie, to approve the replacement of cooling unit for prison sampler for \$2,200.00 using sewer replacement funds. Motion carried.

PARKS, CEMETERY – For information only, Mountain Bay Scuba has placed a bright yellow safety buoy in the quarry for training purposes. Motion by Laurie, second by Mark, to allow the public to speak on agenda item, Diver's Realm request to clean up quarry on September 18, 2021. Motion carried. Dan Sanchez suggested to have a community quarry clean up on said date and coordinate it with Diver's Realm. All volunteers need to sign a waiver form. Motion by Ellen, second by Laurie, to allow Diver's Realm and the community of volunteers to clean up the quarry on Saturday, September 18, 2021, and rent a port-a-potty. Motion carried. Motion by Laurie, second by Angie, to allow the public to speak on agenda item, establishing a Quarry Committee with members of the Board, businesses and Village citizens. Motion carried. Belinda requested Pat LeSage to be added to the Quarry Committee as a business owner. Other interested persons are welcome to attend the Quarry Committee but will not be members of the Committee. Ellen and Laurie volunteered to be on the Quarry Committee as Board members. Shannon Henke withdrew her offer to be on the Quarry Committee. Motion by Ellen to establish a Quarry Committee with the members being John Kroll, James Erdmann, Dyan Rait, Ellen Caswell, Laurie Oltesvig and Shari Sirvio but not Pat LeSage. Ellen withdrew her motion, withdrew from the Quarry Committee and will abstain from voting on this issue. Motion by Laurie, second by Angie, to establish a Quarry Committee with the following members: John Kroll, James Erdmann, Dyan Rait, Laurie Oltesvig, Shari Sirvio and Pat

LeSage. Motion carried 6 to 1 abstain. The Committee will set up a date to meet and submit an agenda to Village Clerk's Office at least 48 hours before the meeting for open meeting regulations of posting meetings. The Board will let the Quarry Committee decide if they want to add more members to the committee. Motion by Angie, second by Ellen, to table the purchase of topsoil, seed and gravel for Willow Creek Park until a consultant is hired to oversee the American Rescue Plan Act funds. Motion carried.

MUNICIPAL BUILDING – None

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS – Motion by Ellen, second by Amanda, to approve an Operator's License for Stefan Chamula (Post Office Bar). Motion carried. Jim felt it would take between 20-24 hours to do all the set up jobs that RAA is requesting of the Village Public Works Department. Motion by Mark, second by Laurie, to approve the request of RAA for Public Works Department assistance before Labor Day Festival. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA - None

Motion by Laurie, second by Mark, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:13 p.m. (All motions are carried by voice vote unless stated otherwise.)

Respectfully submitted,

Christy Groskreutz
Village Clerk