

VILLAGE OF PARDEEVILLE
PARDEEVILLE VILLAGE BOARD MINUTES
Village Hall – 114 Lake Street, Pardeeville
Tuesday, September 1, 2020 6:30 p.m.

Call to Order: The regular meeting of the Village of Pardeeville governing body met on Tuesday, September 1, 2020 at the Village Hall at 114 Lake Street in Pardeeville. Village President Possehl called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and Jennifer Becker, Clerk/Treasurer served as secretary.

Roll Call: All trustees were present. Also, present, were: Al Szymanski & Joe DeYoung with MSA, Rick Wendt, Barry Pufahl, Jon Cameron with Ehlers, Robin Bortz, Jon Regnerus with JKC, Clerk/Treasurer Becker and Administrator /DPW Erin Salmon

Verification of the posting of agenda: The agenda was properly posted at the Pardeeville Village Hall, Village Website and the Pardeeville Post Office; library is currently closed.

Agenda Approval:

MOTION Abrath/Fischer to approve agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes Approval:

MOTION Pease/Buckley to approve the minutes from August 18, 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

Comments from the Floor: None

Communications & Reports:

- **Angie Williams Cox Library:** Haynes stated nothing to report as they have not had a meeting.
- **EMS Commission:** Abrath reported that their budget is complete and all members have approved but Pardeeville (on the agenda). That they are ready to go paramedic but waiting on DA# for the drug portion. Things are going well.
- **Columbia County Supervisor Report:** Pufahl did not have a written report but stated if any members have questions to give him a call.
- **Ordinance Violation Report:** report was reviewed. Discussion on 212 W Chestnut and if its time for a phone call. Abrath stated he was working with Huddleston to get a post digger to fix the fence but that has not happened yet and stated it would be ok if the Village made a call. Pease stated we should make sure we are on solid ground as we work on this issue.
- **DPW/Administrator Report –** Report was reviewed. Discussion on the wood play structure by softball field – it is ok for the next couple years, no more replacement parts so in 3 to 4 years we should dispose of; discussion on possible stop log redesign, recent power outages relating to A.T.C. and Hwy 22 construction project.

OLD Business

Public Works Garage

Bid opening for the public works garage project was August 27th and we had 7 contractors bid the project. The low bid was JKC at \$988,069 which included all alternates. Recommendation from MSA to award base bid to JKC and then decide which alternates they want to go with. Al explained all of the alternates and what each entailed. Abrath questioned the roof and Babcock asked for details on the windows and locations; all questions were answered by Al.

MOTION Abrath/Pease to award public works garage project bid with all 6 alternates to JKC. **Roll Call Vote:** Motion carried unanimously.

Ehlers – Bonding for the garage project

With the project approved and awarded; Jon Cameron from Ehler's presented two options to the board for a 10-year note vs a 15-year bond and what the financial and tax implications of both are. He explained the next steps after we pick an option are resolutions for the September 15th meeting and the sale would be in October. Fischer voiced his concern on why do we need to take out a loan & impact the taxpayers; thought originally the goal was to use the funds we have. Buckley commented on excellent rates and may not be available for future projects. Haynes noted future projects ahead.

MOTION Buckley/Abrath to proceed with option 1 – 10-year notes at \$1M

Roll Call Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

Senior Center Grant

Joe DeYoung spoke on the grant application and apologized as he thought we had a real good chance to get this, applications were up this year and we just missed out from what they can tell with scores. He would recommend we ask to be re-scored on matching funds as we didn't get all points; however even if this were to change its probably not enough to get us a grant this year. We have the option to re-apply next year and there would be little charge as most of the work is done; he feels there is money in the program and re-applying wouldn't be a bad idea.

Senior Center – plans for the future

Knowing we did not receive the grant, we now need to decide if we want to re-apply, build with the funds we now have available (plans would need to change) or build project as-is and hope to get donations/more funding to cover the costs. Salmon stated she reached out to ADCI as asked to by a board member last Friday and she received information back this morning at 11:00 a.m. They were able to slim the budget slightly but not enough to get us to what we have available. Discussion on what funds were available, if the Village would be willing to do more, if would be able to gain more support via fundraising and what about local builders and volunteer/donated labor and items.

Motion Babcock/Abrath to table until next meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW Business

Presentation of the bills for approval

MOTION Abrath/Pease to approve the bills as presented. **Roll call vote:** motion carried unanimously.

CSM for garage property

Currently the garage project is located on several village parcels and the state requires it be one for the plan review process. Grothman completed the survey and it was presented to the board for approval.

Motion Babcock/Abrath to approve CSM as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Recommendation from plan commission - Lot split Brunner on Pond view

Plan commission met before board meeting and recommends the board approve the lot split as presented.

Motion Abrath/Buckley to approve lot split as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Recommendation from plan commission - Lot combination Broome

Plan commission met before board meeting and recommends the board approve the lot split as presented. Babcock expressed concern over a buildable lot being merged with another and the village not gaining any taxable property; Pease stated that they were told for years this was not a buildable lot; Becker stated that she learned it is a legal non-conforming lot so it is buildable since it was approved as platted however everyone inquiring has overlooked the lot; Possehl stated the lot has been empty for many years and some improvements would be better than none. Pease stated she is also concerned about not having a home on the lot and that the neighbors would not be happy about this. Becker stated all neighbors within 200 ft. were notified. Possehl stated he talked to the resident questioning this after the plan commission meeting and that he had been in contact with the neighbors about his

plans before he purchased. Question raised as to what would happen if he sold his property down the road. Salmon stated he is our Alliant Representative and not going any where for the time being.

Motion Babcock/Pease to deny the lot combination as presented. Roll Call Vote: Babcock – aye, Possehl – no, Fischer – no, Haynes – no, Abrath – no, Pease – aye; Buckley – no. Motion failed – 5/2.

Motion Buckley/Abrath to accept plan commission recommendation and approve lot combination. Roll Call Vote: Babcock – no, Possehl – aye, Fischer – aye, Haynes – aye, Abrath – aye, Pease – no; Buckley – aye. Motion passed – 5/2.

Babcock expressed concern that this passed based on where someone works and their value to the village and that should have had no bearing on this. Abrath stated he is on plan commission and since there were no objections or concerns, they passed it.

Resolution 20-R13 exemption from Columbia County Library tax

Motion Abrath/Pease to approve resolution as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

New copy/printer/scanner and fax for Village office

Current copier is more than 10 years old, not on a maintenance agreement, does not print in color and is starting to need more work as it gets older and used more. Becker looked into options from two vendors and presented the information to the board. She stated she felt now was a good time to purchase as we have designated funds available, our fax is separate and failing and if we wait for the copier to “die” we will be hurting in the office and the staff would be happy with any of the options presented. Haynes commented & felt Rhymes is a good company and should be around for a while.

Motion Abrath/Fischer to approve purchase of machine from Rhyme Supply out of Portage. Roll Call Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

Move polling location for November

Becker stated that after the August election she is concerned of the space available at Village Hall for the election in November. We are anticipating record turnout and in a normal election space is tight. With social distancing anticipated to be in place it will be even tighter. She looked into using the EMS building which would be larger, allowing for more people to be inside at one time and has a parking lot.

Haynes and Pease expressed concern over moving the location as residents have always voted here. Becker stated she would make residents aware in plenty of time via newsletter and paper; but if the board was not interested in approving, she would do her best to accommodate everyone as timely as possible with the space provided in Village Hall. No formal action taken.

EMS Budget for 2021

Abrath stated that the budget overall was lower than 2020 and that with Wyocena leaving they still managed to keep the municipality assessment the same for 2021. Babcock expressed concern over line items that have not been used but are consistently budgeted; he feels they are being fiscally irresponsible with taxpayer money. Abrath explained that their assessment is their only definite source of income and the remainder comes from services billed out; that number is always an estimate based on current years calls and that if they don't get all the income anticipated then they cannot spend the money which is why some accounts show no spending but continued budgeting. Babcock explained he felt there was lack of planning in the budget. Abrath stated next years would look different but the municipalities must pay an assessment per the contract.

Motion Fischer/Haynes to approve the EMS budget as presented. Motion carried with Buckley opposed.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned by Possehl at 8:46 p.m.

Jennifer Becker, Clerk/Treasurer
Approved 9/15/2020