

**VILLAGE OF PARDEEVILLE**  
**PARDEEVILLE VILLAGE BOARD MINUTES**  
**Village Hall – 114 Lake Street, Pardeeville**  
**Friday, October 23, 2020 3:30 p.m.**

**Call to Order:** An emergency meeting of the Village of Pardeeville governing body met on Friday, October 23, 2020 at the Village Hall at 114 Lake Street in Pardeeville. Village President Possehl called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. and Jennifer Becker, Clerk/Treasurer served as secretary.

**Roll Call:** All trustees were present. Also present were Aaron Torgerson, Gary Neesam, Administrator/DPW Salmon and Clerk/Treasurer Becker.

**Verification of the posting of agenda:** The agenda was properly posted at the Pardeeville Village Hall, Village Website and the Pardeeville Post Office; and Piggly Wiggly.

**Agenda Approval:**

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

**NEW Business**

**Discussion and action on purchase of a new truck for public works**

Possehl called the emergency meeting as Salmon presented him with an option to purchase a plow truck from the Village of Cottage Grove for \$50K. Upon learning of the truck, she sent staff down to take a look and they found the truck to be in meticulous shape and a good value for the cost. Aaron and Gary were present to answer any questions the board may have on the truck. Babcock questioned how we went from needing a brush truck to now wanting to purchase a plow truck when the board was told we needed a brush truck as the F550's was not meant to be used for hauling brush.

Salmon stated that in talking with the crew the white truck can (and was) used for brush. If we are to purchase the new truck it could be converted to the salt truck. Plan changed when made aware of this truck being available and public works plans change after innovative ideas on making the salt truck now a haul truck. New truck can be used for hauling too

Pease stated that if we do this now will we still have large items in next years' budget; Salmon stated that the budget for the truck would be removed for 2021. The white truck will be phased out in two to three years and replaced with a brush truck at that time. Babcock expressed concern for lack of respect when it comes to the budget and that we should be planning better. Salmon stated that so much had changed in a weeks' time with brush collection and they found they could make the white truck work. Salmon said the plan reversed as the opportunity was presented. Salmon then pointed out that she felt as if the board was upset with her for bringing this to them and that her position as Director of Public works is to look out for the department and she felt this was a prime opportunity for bettering services for the Village. Haynes pointed out they are not upset with her but with the budget, expenses. Salmon stated she is working with the information she is given when it's given to her and making adjustments accordingly. We didn't know there was an issue with electric on Lake Street until June when we had to do a switching of operations when S Main sub was down. Babcock stated as a member of the board and utility commission it was a surprise to hear about this large project just this past week and not in a meeting prior to now. His concern was that had they known prior to the meeting on the bonds, they could have included that in the project amounts. Salmon stated she did bring that up that night. Just recently met with PSE on the project a week and a half ago. Fisher spoke up regarding how the board did not like the previous administration and that if we hired Salmon to

do the job, we need to trust her and not beat her up on this. Haynes stated we are allowed to ask questions and that its not that she is not appreciated, the board appreciates what she does and thinks highly of her.

MOTION Babcock/Abrath that the Village of Pardeeville purchase a 2005 International plow truck from the Town of Cottage Grove for the price not to exceed \$50,000 contingent on the following:

1. The funding source shall be from the 2020 budget from account(s) with positive cash balances.
2. No funds shall be used from the 2020 electric, water, or sewer budgets.
3. No monies will be budgeted for truck replacement in BY2021.
4. The replacement plow truck forecasted to be included in BY2023 shall be deleted.

**Roll Call Vote: Motion carried unanimously.**

**Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned by Possehl at 3:50 p.m.

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Jennifer Becker, Clerk/Treasurer  
Approved 11/10/2020