

Regular Meeting Minutes November 12th, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Village President Marc Baures. Roll call was taken and the following were present: Trustees Kaylee Waldvogel, Pete Filla, Dan Molstad, Harold Olson, Baures, Public Works Director Courtney Kotlarz, Village Clerk Jane Jensen, Zach Rastall of the Trempealeau Co. Times and Mitcheal Payne. Trustee Dana Stoner was absent;

The Board said the Pledge of Allegiance;

Jane Jensen verified that the posting and notification requirements were met;

Marc Baures asked the board to take a moment to remember Village Trustee Josh Hanson. He noted that Josh was elected to the board in 2014 and will be missed very much. He said he has been a valued member of the board, always very succinct and to the point. Harold Olson said that he would like to publicly convey condolences to the Hanson and Vehrenkamp families. He noted that he has known Josh's family for years and they have always been great supporters of Ettrick. Pete Filla said that Josh has always been very civic-minded, as evidenced by his dedication to the Village Board. Kaylee Waldvogel said that Josh will indeed be missed. Dan Molstad said that Josh was very involved in many aspects of the Village and noted that besides being a committed Village Trustee, he was also a valued member of the Ettrick Lions Club. A motion was made by Dan Molstad, seconded by Pete Filla instructing Jane Jensen to prepare a Public Proclamation recognizing the service of Joshua Hanson to the Village Board and the community of Ettrick. He asked that with signing and passage of the Proclamation be published in the Trempealeau Co. Times

(10) Minute Open Forum No one was present to speak in open forum;

Report from the Public Works Department Courtney Kotlarz said he had nothing new to report except discussion on the garbage and recycling disposal, which is on the agenda later in the meeting;

New Business

Marc Baures again acknowledged the recent passing of Village Trustee Joshua Hanson. He noted that the board will have to appoint someone to fill Josh's Trustee position which expires in 2026. Jane Jensen said that she will prepare a check to Kaitlyn Hanson for Josh's meeting pay. Marc said the Trempealeau/Buffalo County Tavern League approached him about donating a memorial bench in honor of Josh Hanson. Dan Molstad said that Ettrick Lions Club wants to make a similar donation. He said that both benches would be fitting and the tavern League bench could be placed in front of Hog Daddy's Bar on Main Street and the Lions Club bench could be placed at the ball park or the walking trail;

Marc Baures presented a request from Blue Angels Gymnastics Club requesting donations for funding assistance for a gymnastics facility in Galesville. Harold Olson said that the club is located in Galesville, and he did not feel that it is appropriate to donate public funds to a private club. Dan Molstad suggested that the organization approach Ettrick Lions Club to make their request;

Mitcheal Payne was present requesting permission for Ettrick Days to be held on Main Street in 2025. He said that he and Larry Niederkorn are proposing they will pay for the electrical service on Main Street that is necessary to accommodate the beer tent and vendors for Ettrick Days. Dan Molstad said that the reason the beer tent was moved from downtown is because the newly black-topped Main Street was under warranty. He said it is no longer under warranty, so that is no longer an issue. Mitcheal pointed out that the board allowed stakes to be pounded into the blacktop on Main Street last year between a gun shop and a bar to accommodate a kids' tent and a teen dance. Dan pointed out that happened in 2013, and electricity was an issue then. The board indicated that they have no

issue with Ettrick Days 2025 being held on Main Street as long as electricity is installed at no cost to the Village. Payne left the meeting at 6:16 p.m.;

Janice Hunt was not present to discuss her concerns with the village animal/cat control ordinance and other concerns with the property located at 15470 E. 3rd Street. The topic will be placed on December agenda.

Marc Baures said that the language in the Bid Request Notice for disposal of solid waste and recycling was not worded correctly, therefore eliminating a bid for collection of garbage only. Marc said that the ad said “garbage *and* recycling” and it needs to be revised to say “garbage *and/or* recycling”. Courtney Kotlarz said that the ad needs to include contractor responsibility for 65 gallon containers. He asked who will receive the containers and who will pay for the containers. Baures said all households will receive a bin/cart and it will be the residents’ responsibility to pay the village for the bin. Harold Olson said the charge can be added to the water bills. Residents in the Fairway Addition will be billed separately, since they are not billed for water service. Customers in Blair pay the city for the bin and the city pays Tri-City Sanitation. In the City of Whitehall, Tri-City Sanitation bills the customer directly and the customer pays Tri-City Sanitation.

A motion was made by Harold Olson, seconded by Kaylee Waldvogel to approve the revised Bid Request Notice, changing the language to:

“The Village of Ettrick is accepting bids for refuse (garbage) and recycling collection/disposal services. This contract will include the use of hauler provided 65-gallon carts for both refuse (garbage) and recycling collection. Respondents may:

- Provide a bid for Refuse (garbage) collection only;
- Provide a bid for Recycling collection only;
- Provide a bid for combined Refuse (garbage) and Recycling collection;

The agreement will be for one of these options:

- 1) A term of (5) years for refuse collection services commencing on February 1st, 2025 and/or for a term of (4) years for recycling collection services commencing on January 1st, 2026.
- 2) A term of (7) years for refuse collection services commencing on February 1st, 2025 and/or for a term of (6) years for recycling collection services commencing on January 1st, 2026.

The Village of Ettrick will accept bids at the Village Office located at 22864 North Main Street, Ettrick, WI by 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 26th, 2024.

For further information and detailed bid specifications, please contact the Village Clerk’s Offices at 608-525-5445 or by email at villageettrick@gmail.com.

Office hours: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday - 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Village Office phone # - 608-525-5445

The Village reserves the right to reject any or all bids.” The motion carried 6 to 0;

A motion was made by Harold Olson, seconded by Dan Molstad to call for a meeting of the Finance and Claims Committee on Tuesday, November 19th, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. The motion carried 6 to 0.

Gary Capouch was not present with the written request to place a mobile home on his lot located at 15640 E. Judd St. and the documentation to support the request for exemption to the terms of Zoning Ordinance #308;

A motion was made Harold Olson, seconded by Pete Filla to set the date for the Budget Hearing on Tuesday, December 3rd, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.-immediately prior to the regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees. The motion carried 6 to 0;

Old Business

Marc Baures obtained the proper statutory procedure to make the motion to transfer Village land to Ettrick Golf Course. A motion was made by Pete Filla to transfer the following parcels of village land identified in Project #200731.105 of the Land Survey Map dated 9/30/24 drafted by Sonsalla Land Surveying: Parcel "A"-19,439 square feet and Parcel "B"-93,349 square feet to Ettrick Industries, at no cost to the Village of Ettrick with legal fees incurred payed by Ettrick Industries. The motion was seconded by Kaylee Waldvogel. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Kaylee Waldvogel-yes; Pete Filla-yes; Dan Molstad-yes; Harold Olson-yes; Marc Baures-yes. The motion carried 6 to 0;

Marc Baures presented the board with a renewed request from the Village of Trempealeau for a reciprocity agreement for maintaining their municipal pool. It was the consensus of the board that there is still no wish to enter into a reciprocal pool agreement;

No Building Permit Applications were submitted for approval;

A motion was made by Pete Filla, seconded by Dan Molstad to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees held on October 1st, 2024 and the minutes of the Public Safety/Public Relations Committee held on October 8th, 2024. The motion carried 6 to 0;

Marc Baures asked for an update on the applications submitted for the maintenance position. Kaylee Waldvogel said the Public Safety/Public Relations Committee will review the applications and schedule interviews. Kaylee asked for and was granted consent to respond to the applicants and acknowledge receipt of their applications;

A motion was made by Dan Molstad, seconded by Pete Filla to approve for payment voucher #'s 39830-39866 plus 3 EFT's and one auto pay in the amount of \$42,242.37 from the General Checking Account and voucher #'s 1120-11228 plus 1 auto pay in the amount of \$24,592.77 from the Water/ Sewer Checking Account. The motion carried 6 to 0;

A motion was made by Dan Molstad, seconded by Harold Olson to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of October. The motion carried 6 to 0;

Jane Jensen reported no correspondence or complaints received;

Harold Olson told the board that there needs to be consideration for a referendum at the spring 2025 election asking for needed operating funds;

Kaylee Waldvogel said the lights on the 'Welcome to Ettrick' sign south of town are not working. Courtney Kotlarz said he will check the sensors and fuses;

A motion was made by Pete Filla, seconded by Kaylee Waldvogel to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m. The motion carried 6 to 0.

Jane Jensen
Village Clerk

