

Regular Meeting Minutes March 5th, 2024

The Regular Meeting of the Village of Ettrick Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Village President Marc Baures at 6:00 p.m. Roll call was taken and the following were present: Trustees Josh Hanson, Kaylee Waldvogel, Pete Filla, Dan Molstad, Harold Olson, and President Marc Baures. Also present: Deputy Clerk Beth Osborn and Public Works Director Courtney Kotlarz. Trustee Dana Stoner was absent;

The board opened with the Pledge of Allegiance;

Marc Baures verified that posting requirements were met;

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

Report from the Public Works Department; Courtney Kotlarz had nothing new to report;

New Business

The board reviewed the application of Riverland Exteriors for a Peddler Permit in order to accept, deny or table the application. Marc Baures said he had not yet contacted other municipalities to ask for their policies. A motion was made by Pete Filla, seconded by Harold Olson to deny the application of Riverland Exteriors for a Peddler Permit in the Village of Ettrick. The motion carried 6 to 0. Beth Osborn will have Jane Jensen notify Riverland Exteriors;

Marc Baures introduced Ettrick Fire Department Chief Wade Noren. Wade informed the board that he has been with the department for 10 years and elected Fire Chief in December 2023. He said he does all of the inspections for the department. He noted that commercial ovens in churches, like the 12-burner stove at Living Hope Lutheran Church will also require fire inspections. Marc Baures expressed a need for reporting budget items to the Village and meeting semi-annually with the Village about anticipated asset items, and keeping the lines of communication open. Noren noted that the 2024 budget includes the purchase of turn-out gear and for other repair & maintenance. Wade reported that there will be a Run-Walk in support of Ettrick Fire Department held on March 16th, 2024 beginning at 11:00 a.m.;

A motion was made by Dan Molstad, seconded by Pete Filla to Adopt Resolution #24-01 to change the date of the April 2024 regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees to Tuesday, April 9th at 6:00 p.m. Motion carried 6-0;

Old Business

Marc Baures presented a draft ordinance regarding the keeping of chickens in the Village of Ettrick. There was some discussion had concerning if lines 1 to 10 and consent are items that should be addressed. Also questioned who would enforce this ordinance. No action was taken at this meeting;

Marc gave the board a summary of the presentations given from engineering firms Davy Engineering Co., CBS^2, MSA and Donahue and Associates. The board reviewed the most cost effective options, including when the village would consider upgrading the WWTP, and where the funding would come from. It was noted that a design plan would have to be in place before grant funding can be applied for, and the cost of such a plan would be \$60,000.00 to \$80,000.00. Marc said that he has worked with all of the firms except CBS^2. He also said that many municipalities are dealing with a lack of funding for projects. He reminded the board that they must stay proactive on the matter. No action was taken;

The board reviewed the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees held on February 6th, 2024. Marc Baures remarked that the meeting with GET School District went well. New forms for use of the Ettrick Community Center have been put in place and the communication with the school district has been a win/win. A motion was made by Pete Filla, seconded by Harold Olson to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees held on February 6th, 2024. The motion carried 6 to 0;

The board reviewed the checks written during February. A motion was made Dan Molstad, seconded by Kaylee Waldvogel to approve for payment voucher #'s 39485-39522 plus 3 EFT's and 1 auto payment in the amount of \$193,738.83 from the General Checking Account and voucher #'s 11027 to 11044 plus 1 auto payment in the amount of \$9,250.87 from the Water/Sewer Checking Account. The motion carried 6-0;

A motion was made by Pete Filla, seconded by Kaylee Waldvogel to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of February. The motion carried 6 to 0;

A brief discussion was held on complaints about the speeding traffic by Ettrick Elementary. Trempealeau Co. Sheriff's Department will be contacted;

A motion was made by Pete Filla, seconded by Harold Olson to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 p.m. The motion carried 6 to 0;

Beth Osborn
Deputy Clerk
Village of Ettrick