

Regular Meeting Minutes July 11th, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Marc Baures at 6:00 p.m. and verification of posting requirements were made;

Roll Call was taken and the following were present: Trustees Josh Hanson, Kaylee Waldvogel, Pete Filla, Dan Molstad, Harold Olson, President Marc Baures, Maintenance Supervisor Courtney Kotlarz and Village Clerk Jane Jensen. Trustee Dana Stoner was absent;

(10) Minute Open Forum:

No one was present to speak in open forum;

Report from the Public Works Department;

Courtney Kotlarz presented a quote of \$15,800.00 for the annual inspection and well repair at Pumphouse #3. This amount is for the labor only and there will be an additional charge for the parts that are needed for repairs. Pumphouse #2 will be used when the repairs are being done at #3. Courtney noted that PH #2 has been regularly tested and is operational, but not as efficient as PH #3. A motion was made by Pete Filla, seconded by Dan Molstad to authorize the expenditure of \$15,800.00 to Municipal Well and Pump for the inspection and repairs needed at Pumphouse #3. The motion carried 6 to 0. Courtney also presented proposals of \$3,594.93 and \$2,640.00 to resurface the kitchen floor at the Redsten Shelter. A motion was made by Dan Molstad, seconded by Kaylee Waldvogel to accept the bid of \$2,640.00 from Garage Force. The motion carried 6 to 0. Courtney reported that the LRIP resurfacing of South Pine Street came in \$5,000.00 lower than the estimate. He said he was granted an extension to complete the project for reimbursement under the LRIP program. He also noted that he will meet with reps from Trempealeau Co. Hwy. Dept. to rectify a drainage issue created after paving the alley behind the Village Office. The board thanked Courtney and he left the meeting at 7:30. Marc Baures reported that he has spoken with 4 engineering firms concerning needed upgrades or replacement of the Wastewater Treatment Plant;

New Business

Marc Baures asked for discussion on changing Section 14 C) 29) of the Village of Ettrick Animal Control Ordinance #4-B, concerning the keeping of chickens in the Village. He provided several examples of neighboring communities' ordinances governing chickens. He asked the board to review these ordinances and consider whether to allow residents to raise chickens in the Village. He instructed Jane Jensen to place the item on the agenda for the August meeting;

Marc Baures asked for discussion on the appointment of Legal Counsel for the Village of Ettrick. He noted that current Village Attorney Molly French is very busy and asked the board if they wish to consider looking for a different attorney to handle legal matters for the village;

Marc Baures asked the board to review the penalties for violations to Village Ordinances and consider updating and increasing penalties. He asked for this matter to be placed on the August meeting agenda;

Old Business

Marc Baures asked for discussion on the Public Notice posted concerning removal of the sand volleyball courts at Dusso Park. Jane Jensen said she has had no public feedback on the matter. Josh Hanson said he did not think it was a good idea to remove the courts entirely. Baures said that he feels that the sand should be removed and grass courts be used instead. He also said he has had residents express interest in pickleball courts. He said that his research had indicated approximately 22 X 44 feet would be the size needed for pickleball courts. He suggested moving the volleyball courts to a different section of the park and possibly installing pickleball courts in the volleyball court area, or using the ice rink at Gametime Park for a pickleball court. The board expressed interest in

pickleball courts, but felt they should be at Dusso Park. The board will consider the options presented and hold further discussion at the August board meeting;

Marc Baures gave an update on correspondence with GET School District concerning the access for Ettrick residents to the Ettrick Community Center. He said he has not had much response from GET School District. When he spoke to District Administrator Michelle Butler and School Board President Larry Moore, they informed him that the school district has engaged legal counsel for review of the agreement and they will contact Marc after they hear from their attorney;

Marc Baures gave the board a proposed retainer agreement between the Village of Ettrick and Attorneys Napoli, Shkolnik, PLLC for the PFAS Cost Recovery Program. He said his initial issue with the agreement, is the agreement includes cost recovery for mitigation of contaminants other than PFAS and for legal services for matters not related to PFAS cost recovery. Marc instructed Jane Jensen to forward a copy of the agreement to Village Attorney Molly French for her interpretation and recommendation of the agreement;

The board reviewed the minutes of the meetings held in June. A motion was made by Pete Filla, seconded by Harold Olson to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees that was held on June 6th, 2023. The motion carried 6 to 0;

A motion was made by Dan Molstad, seconded by Josh Hanson to approve for payment voucher #'s 39153-39198 plus 3 EFT's and 1 auto pay in the amount of \$29,645.96 from the General Checking Account and voucher #'s 10837-10865 plus 2 fund transfers and 1 auto pay in the amount of \$13,359.21 from the Water/Sewer Checking Account. The motion carried 6 to 0;

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

The board reviewed the complaints and any related correspondence sent to Amy Shea for violation of the weed ordinance, Chad Thompson and Kellie & Troy McMahan for violations of the unkempt property/junk ordinance. Marc Baures told Jane Jensen to send each party another letter of violation imposing the designated fines for each ordinance offence;

Pete Filla asked if there are any ideas in place for Christmas decorations. Marc Baures said he is researching lighting that is hung from buildings on Main Street and strung across the street.

Dan Molstad informed the board that he will not be present at the August meeting;

A motion was made by Pete Filla, seconded by Josh Hanson to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m. The motion carried 6 to 0.

Jane Jensen
Village Clerk
Village of Ettrick