

## Regular Meeting Minutes July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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. Roll call was taken and the following were present: Trustees Josh Hanson, Kaylee Waldvogel, Pete Filla, Dan Molstad, Harold Olson, Dana Stoner and Baures. Also present: Village Clerk Jane Jensen, Public Works Director Courtney Kotlarz, candidate for Trempealeau Co. Clerk Mary Martin, Austen Heidlage of Riverland Exteriors Carson Hackett of Davy Engineering and Trempealeau Co. Conservation Manager Haillie Passow;

The board opened with the Pledge of Allegiance;

Jane Jensen verified that posting requirements were met;

### **(10) Minute Open Forum:**

Mary Martin was present to introduce herself as a candidate for Trempealeau Co. Clerk in the August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024 primary election. She stated that she has worked for Trempealeau County for 20 years in the County Clerk's office and the Trempealeau Co. Highway Department office. She said she has been endorsed by current Trempealeau County Clerk Paul Syverson. She assisted Syverson in numerous elections during her time with the County Clerk's office. She thanked the board for the opportunity to introduce herself and encouraged everyone to vote in August. Mary left the meeting at 6:10;

### **Report from the Public Works Department;**

Courtney Kotlarz reported vandalism to the bathrooms at Game Time Park. He replaced the broken water faucets with push button function faucets and he was able to re-open the restrooms;

### **New Business**

A motion was made by Pete Filla, seconded by Dan Molstad to approve the appointment of Jennifer Niederkorn to act as agent for Kornfield Rentals, LLC d/b/a Beaver Creek Supper Club & Lounge. The motion carried 7 to 0;

A motion was made by Pete Filla, seconded by Harold Olson to open the Public Hearing on the application of Kornfield Rentals, LLC d/b/a Beaver Creek Supper Club & Lounge-Jennifer Niederkorn, Agent for a Class B Liquor License for the period ending June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025. The motion carried 7 to 0;

Carson Hackett of Davy Engineering was present to discuss Water Quality Trading as an alternative treatment necessary for meeting phosphorous discharge limits at the Wastewater Treatment Plant that involves obtaining credits for phosphorous by implimenting projects that reduce phosphorous discharge in the watershed. Examples of eligible projects include streambank restoration, cropland conversions and barnyard management, with streambank work being the most common type of project. Stopping streambank erosion stops phosphorous from entering the steam and the DNR allows credits for the number of pounds kept from the stream that are necessary to comply with the DNR permit. Since the Village of Ettrick permit expires in June of 2025, Carson wanted to offer some options for compliance. Hackett introduced Trempealeau Co. Conservation Manager Haillie Passow. He noted that Davy Engineering works very closely with Trempealeau County in identifying and developing WQT projects. Haillie reported that she has a few projects in mind. She said her office will do the field work of any project the village would do. She said they have a lot of experience doing WQT, and have already identified a few projects that Ettrick can take advantage of. She said generally, Trempealeau County Land Management Department can assist with identifying projects, talking to landowners/execute trade agreements, design, permitting, construction oversite and inspections. Dana Stoner said that he did streambank improvements on his property and asked if projects can be considered retroactively. Carson said that he has made this proposal to the DNR, but they will not consider projects retroactively. Carson said the cost to come into compliance is about \$13,000.00-\$16,000.00 and is 100% the responsibility of the Village of Ettrick. He said Davy Engineering would oversee the WQT process and draft the annual DNR report. Marc Baures said the board will start the ball rolling in order to be in compliance by 2025. Carson thanked the board and he and Haillie left the meeting at 6:26;

The board reviewed the Building Permit application of Jenny Janikowski to install a shed on her property and her request for a variance to the zoning ordinance requirements for placement of the shed on her property. Jennifer said she has no room to place the shed in her rear yard, as the ordinance requires. She is requesting authorization to place an 8 X 8 foot shed on the east side between her property at 15738 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> St. and her neighbor's property located at 15722 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> St. A motion was made by Dan Molstad, seconded by Pete Filla to notify the neighbors of Jennifer Janikowski's intentions and table the request until the August board meeting. The motion carried 7 to 0;

The board reviewed the Building Permit application of Ettrick Golf Club to request a variance to the zoning ordinance requirements to add a lean-to to the golf cart shed on their property. A motion was made by Pete Filla, seconded by Harold Olson to send the matter to the Committee of the Whole to bring a recommendation to the Village Board. The motion carried 7 to 0;

### **Old Business**

Austen Heidlage of Riverland Exteriors came before the board to re-submit his application for a Peddler Permit. Marc Baures said that he has given the application to Attorney Joe Veenstra for review. He said that Attorney Veenstra informed him that the board must be very specific as to the cause to deny the permit. Marc said that until Attorney Veenstra has completed his review, the board does not have all the information they need to make a determination. Austen Heidlage said that the 1 year deadline to file claims for roof damage caused by last years' storm is approaching. He also said that he has purchased a drone to view roof damage and asked if there is an ordinance against drones. Marc said there is no ordinance against drones. Baures said the board will call a special meeting to make the final determination and contact Heidlage as soon as possible;

Marc Baures reported that Tree Savvy has a program for community members and organizations to donate trees, benches and other items to be placed in village parks in memory or recognition of loved ones;

Marc Baures said there are still 40 ordinances to review and update. He noted that General Code will help with those updates and the village attorney will finalize them;

Marc Baures reported that he has contacted the people responsible for mowing un-mowed properties: Troy and Kellie McMahan, Robert Gappa and Leif Hertz. He mentioned that because of recent rain, they remain un-mowed and the village will mow them and bill the property owners. Baures also contacted Jackie Lucius, the owner of the property at 15695 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> St. occupied by Nick Dugard/Heather Freehling. He said that they have secured a dumpster and the clean-up is in progress. He said that 2 of the people who have been evicted from the property are homeless and now living under one of the bridges and in other various spots around town. Dan Molstad said that someone has been occupying the Lions Club trailer at the Lions Club Grounds. Dan Stoner said that the Trempealeau County Sheriff's Department is aware of the matter;

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 June 4<sup>th</sup> 2024 and the Special Meeting held on June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024; The motion carried 7 to 0;

A motion was made by Dan Molstad, seconded Kaylee Waldvogel to approve for payment voucher #'s 39648-39692 plus 3 EFT's and 1 auto payment in the amount of \$32,039.68 from the General Checking Account and voucher #'s 11106 to 11133 plus 1 auto payment in the amount of \$18,764.97 from the Water/Sewer Checking Account. The motion carried 7 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 7 to 0;

A motion was made by Pete Filla, seconded by Dana Stoner to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 p.m. The motion carried 7 to 0;

Jane Jensen  
Village Clerk-Village of Ettrick