

Regular Meeting Minutes August 1st, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Marc Baures at 6:00 p.m. and roll call was taken. The following were present: Trustees Josh Hanson, Pete Filla, Harold Olson, Dana Stoner, President Marc Baures, Maintenance Supervisor Courtney Kotlarz, Deputy Clerk Beth Osborn, and Village resident James Shea. Trustees Kaylee Waldvogel and Dan Molstad were 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 presented for approval the low quote of \$3,600.00 for concrete around the shelter at Gametime Park. A motion was made by Pete Filla, seconded by Dana Stoner to approve the low bid, not to exceed \$3,600.00 to install concrete around the Gametime Park Shelter, with potential input from Ettrick Lions Club. The motion carried 5 to 0. Courtney reported that the floor surface is done in the kitchen of the Redsten Shelter at Dusso Park. Courtney said he will communicate with an individual who expressed interest in contributing to the project;

New Business

Eric Rogness of CCF Bank was unable to be present to propose consideration for fraud protection for village accounts. The matter will be placed on the agenda for the September meeting;

Marc Baures asked to have an "Old Business" topic moved up on the agenda. Baures presented a follow up on complaints from the July meeting and the related fines imposed. Resident James Shea was present to address the letter he received for violation of the weed/grass ordinances. Marc Baures said that WI SS 66.96 and 66.047 define noxious weeds. He said per his discussion with the WI League of Municipalities, because the terms "Timely" and "Orderly" in the Village Ordinance are not properly defined, fines cannot be imposed for violations. James Shea asked to present a statement from his wife Amy, a master herbalist. Amy Shea contacted the WI DNR, who said the village will have to point out the noxious weeds in question. He said she listed the plants she is growing, none of which are on the WI DNR or Village of Ettrick noxious weed lists. James Shea stated that the only portion of their yard that is not mowed is the area where they are growing plants purposely. After board discussion, a motion was made by Josh Hanson not to impose the fine stated in the village ordinance for not mowing the yard, per the WI League of Municipalities' communication stating the fines cannot be imposed because the ordinance language does not properly define violations. There was no second to the motion. Marc Baures said he will schedule a meeting of the Committee of the Whole to review ordinance language and penalties and he instructed Beth Osborn to add the topic to the September agenda;

Baures gave the board a worksheet that will be used at the meeting of the Committee of the Whole to review and update Village Ordinances and related violation penalties. He noted that General Code has identified 177 ordinances that need to be reviewed and changed by mid-September. Marc will have the clerk notify the board of the meeting date;

A motion was made by Pete Filla, seconded by Dana Stoner to approve the application of Ettrick American Legion Auxiliary for a Temporary Class "B" license to sell fermented malt beverages at a benefit to be held 9/9/2023 at Dusso Park. The motion carried 5 to 0;

Marc Baures reported that the vacated alley between Washington Street and S. Main Street behind the Dean Olson property is no longer owned by the village and not a discussion topic regarding blacktopping;

Marc Baures reported that Tree Savvy of Eleva, WI offers a 5 year warranty on shade trees being considered at Dusso Park. Pete Filla recommended getting more than one bid for trees. Marc Baures said he will bring all bids to the September meeting;

Pete Filla presented options for stringing Christmas lights between downtown buildings across Main Street. Pete said he will spearhead a committee with Josh Hanson identifying what the village wants to do and the associated costs;

Old Business

Marc Baures gave a report on his discussions with 5 engineering firms regarding upgrades and/or replacement of the Wastewater Treatment Plant: Davy Engineering, CBS Squared, Donahue & Associates, and MSA. Baures suggested inviting 3 of the firms to the September meeting with proposals, but the board said they would like to hear from all 5 firms. Baures will coordinate with the firms to attend the meeting;

Marc Baures tabled discussion and decision on changing Section 14 C) 29) of the Village of Etrick Animal Control Ordinance #4-B, concerning the keeping of chickens in the Village until after board reviewed the ordinances at the meeting of the Committee of the Whole;

Marc Baures said after examining different areas of the parks for volleyball and pickleball courts, there is room for 1 court at Gametime Park, and one could also fit at Dusso Park. He gave a general estimate of approximately \$20,000.00 for 2 concrete courts. The board would like to see cost estimates for paint and consider usage before building new courts;

Marc Baures reported that GET District Administrator Michelle Butler will notify him of the date of their meeting concerning access for Etrick residents to the Etrick Community Center and invite the Village Committee of the Whole to join the discussion;

Marc Baures stated he had no problem hearing back from Village Attorney Molly French for a recommendation on the retainer agreement between the Village of Etrick and Attorneys Napoli, Shkolnik, PLLC for the PFAS Cost Recovery Program;

The board reviewed the minutes of the meetings held in July. 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 July 11th, 2023 and the Adjourned Board of Review held on July 18th, 2023. The motion carried 5 to 0;

A motion was made by Pete Filla, seconded by Josh Hanson to approve for payment voucher #'s 39199-39236 plus 3 EFT's and 1 auto pay in the amount of \$52,765.35 from the General Checking Account and voucher #'s 10866 to 10890 plus 1 auto pay in the amount of \$10,494.16 from the Water/Sewer Checking Account. The motion carried 5 to 0;

A motion was made by Pete Filla, seconded by Harold Olson to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of July. The motion carried 5 to 0;

Harold Olson made a recommendation to invite Etrick Youth Sports Club to the September meeting to give a report on the summer rec program including enrollment numbers, etc. There were no additional comments, complaints or correspondence to report;

A motion was made by Pete Filla, seconded by Josh Hanson to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 p.m. The motion carried 5 to 0.

Beth Osborn
Deputy Clerk

