

**SPECIAL MEETING**  
**VILLAGE OF ETTRICK BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**Tuesday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.**

The Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order 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, Dana Stoner, President Baures and Village Clerk Jane Jensen;

Marc Baures reported that Village Attorney Molly French has indicated she no longer has time to devote to legal representation for the village. Marc said he had inquired about services from Kostner, Koslo and Brovold and Johns, Flaherty & Collins. Baures presented a proposal from Joseph Veenstra of Johns, Flaherty & Collins offering services at a cost of \$225.00 per hour plus time spent doing legal work. This is \$45.00 more per hour than Attorney Molly French. The firm also has paralegals who charge a rate of \$100.00 per hour. They offer experience with municipal law. Marc noted that Ettrick currently needs legal advice with ordinance updates and issuing citations for ordinance violations. Pete Filla asked if the board has to officially terminate Molly French and appoint new representation. Marc said that Molly French's services would not be terminated at this time, and both firms would be kept on retainer. A motion was made by Pete Filla, seconded by Dan Molstad to hire Johns, Flaherty and Collins on retainer to provide legal services for the Village of Ettrick. The motion carried 7 to 0;

Marc Baures reported that WI State Statutes require a specific form for violation of village ordinances. Who and how citations are issued is dictated by the statute. The form has to contain the name of the attorney, who is issuing the citation, and who specifically to appeal to. Dana Stoner suggested that Johns, Flaherty & Collins should have such a form on file. Marc said that the new attorney will guide the board on development of the correct form.

Marc Baures gave an update on the properties in the village that are unkempt, not mowed. He said he has been corresponding with Jackie Lucius, the owner of the property at 15695 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> St. that is occupied by Heather Freehling and Nick Dugard. Ms. Lucius said she is having difficulty obtaining a dumpster to dispose of the trash on the property. Dan Molstad and Harold Olson both stated that the repeated violations of the property maintenance ordinance by Freehling and Dugard has become habitual and they fear that they will not comply with any demands to clean/clear the property. Marc Baures stated that the next correspondence will give the property owner Jackie Lucius 2 days to get a dumpster on site and clean the property, including the tires in the yard. Marc said he will direct employees Courtney Kotlarz and Pete Tabbert to mow properties owned by Troy/Kellie McMahon at 22653 S. Main St., Leif Hertz at 22741 Jackson St. and Robert/Rosemary Gappa at 23118 N. Main Street. Harold Olson said that the Hertz property on Jackson St. has large tree limbs and logs that also have to be removed. The cost of the clean-up will be assessed to each owner and added to the tax bill if left unpaid.

Marc reported that he continues to receive numerous complaints about feral cats in the village. He said that the board must come up with a method to dispose of stray animals. He said he will talk to Kevin Guenther about removing the chickens from his property until such time that the State of Wisconsin adopts a law that allows chickens in all municipalities. Marc said that speeding also remains an issue on Main Street. Dana Stoner said TCSD will monitor traffic. Marc said he has also corresponded with General Code about completing the updates to the village ordinances. Kaylee Waldvogel asked about the status of recognition for John Beirne. Kaylee said she is in charge of recognition night for Ettrick Days. Marc said something will be ready for recognition night.

A motion was made by Pete Filla, seconded by Josh Hanson to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 p.m.

Jane Jensen  
Village Clerk