

**Regular Board Meeting  
March 9, 2020**

President Roseth called the meeting to order.

Present: Larry Lythjohan, Bob Hulett, Steve Roseth, Erika Kessel, Donna Linberg, Cathy Rose, Kevin Mortenson, Sheryl Narva, Sgt. Mazur, Brandon Risch & Wendy Bue

Visitors: Joe Kniseley, Erica Kraemer, Marilyn Curran & Roger Kaufman

**Minutes:** C. Rose made a motion to approve the minutes received, seconded by L. Lythjohan, 6 yes votes and motion carried.

**Officers Report:** Sgt. Mazur is in attendance; the patrol log and daily reports were emailed to the clerk and will be filed with the minutes. Discussed that Deputy Eversum has been working on ordinance & gas-drive off issues. If any questions or concerns we are to email Sgt. Mazur as he works evening hours.

**Maintenance Report (Bob Hulett)**

- ❖ Brandon is doing well; Bob will only be helping out for sample testing and reports.
- ❖ Need an inspection of tower this year but have to wait till ice is out to schedule.
- ❖ Iron filter media change went well and was back on-line in one week. There are 4 cells and 1,000 pounds of gravel and 6000 pounds for each cell was removed and replaced.
- ❖ Hydrant flushing and exercising valves will be starting soon.
- ❖ Start implementing a meter change out program to replace all digital radio read meters for the water/sewer utility; have a few larger meters but those will not be replaced at this time. Would like permission to order two (2) cases of meters (8 to case) per year for the next 3 to 5 years to complete the meter change out program. C. Rose made a motion to purchase to cases of meters for the next 3 to 5 years for meter change out program, seconded by S. Narva, 6 yes votes and motion carried.
- ❖ Asking permission to receive a clothing allowance of \$100 a year which would be 6 shirts and 1 hoodie; then a one-time set up fee of \$25 for the embroidery. The logo would say Village of Taylor and then name; Brandon would like this for himself and other maintenance employees. Trustees stated this will be discussed in closed session.
- ❖ R & R Waste Systems will be cleaning/jetting sewer lines within the next month.
- ❖ Radiator for the street sweeper is \$1300 for the re-core; a new one would be \$2300. Jared Olson has been working on the sweep and needs to also find a hydraulic leak on the pay loader.
- ❖ Town of Springfield will be placing the pay loader on the agenda for discussion and approval of village purchasing over the next couple years. Clerk will have to call Town clerk for what was approved.
- ❖ Discussed clean-up days for April 20<sup>th</sup> thru the 25<sup>th</sup>; need to call Tri City for a dumpster and pricing.
- ❖ Dropping off impact wrench for repair at Lackore Electric in LaCrosse.
- ❖ Jesse Lien is the Park/Rec baseball coach and he would like a FOB to use big gym for indoor practice.

**Library Report:** D. Linberg stated new hours are posted for the library; they will be open 4 days a week and increased their hours from 18 a week to 20 hours a week. L. Lythjohan asked who approved the increase/change of hours. D. Linberg stated the library board approved them. S. Roseth stated that doesn't include just increase to wages but to added bills for lights, heat, water, etc. L. Lythjohan stated why didn't the library board discuss this with the village board. The budget was set in December and it only approved the 18 hours a week for the library. The clerk asked D. Linberg how many people responded to the library survey; she stated 60 people and that the library director would be seeking funds from the other surrounding municipalities to help with the increase of hours. The trustees would like to discuss this with the library director next month at their regular monthly meeting.

**Closed Session:** L. Lythjohan made a motion to move the closed session to the end of agenda, seconded by E. Kessel, 6 yes votes and motion carried.

**Ordinance:** The clerk has been looking into the price of recodification of our ordinance book as it has proven to be quite antiquated with old ordinances; the work will be quite extensive and will need to be budgeted as it will not be cheap. B. Risch stated that some are not enforceable because of being antiquated. No action was taken.

**Park/Rec:** Sign-up for summer league ball should be starting soon; the clerk will try to contact Mara Peterson for more information.

**Public Services:** S. Roseth stated that more discussion with other townships will need to take place before he feels they can call a district fire committee meeting to discuss issues with fire department personnel.

**Clerk's Report:** W. Bue

- Presidential Preference and Spring election will be April 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Asking permission from the board to allow alcohol & not charge rental fees for Bob's retirement party May 8<sup>th</sup> here at the community center. E. Kessel made a motion to waive rental fees and allow alcohol for retirement party May 8<sup>th</sup>, seconded by S. Narva, 6 yes votes and motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report** – W. Bue presented the treasurer's report. C. Rose made a motion to approve the treasurer's report, seconded by E. Kessel, 6 yes votes motion carried.

**Bills to Pay: General Fund \$ 41,971.68; Water \$ 18,688.99 & Sewer \$ 9,061.11.** C. Rose made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by S. Narva, 6 yes votes and motion carried.

**Unfinished Business:** E. Kessel asked about the website not being updated. We are waiting on Dave Kral to do the history and the clerk stated she honestly hasn't had the time with tax season/budget to work on it. The clerk stated she will have more time now to learn how to work the village website.

**New Business:**

**Picnic Licenses:** Received one (1) application for picnic licenses-(1) Taylor Old Fashioned Days committee for June 5<sup>th</sup> to June 7<sup>th</sup>. E. Kessel made a motion to approve the picnic license, seconded by K. Mortenson, 6 yes votes and motion carried.

**Temporary Dumpster Permit:** Received one (1) temporary dumpster application: Steven Green at 226 Main Street for residential clean-up. C. Rose made a motion to approve the temporary dumpster permit, seconded by L. Lythjohan, 6 yes votes and motion carried.

**Closed Session:** President Roseth read the closed session statement. **Roll Call Vote to Close:** S. Narva-yes; C. Rose-yes; D. Linberg-yes; K. Mortenson-yes; L. Lythjohan-yes; E. Kessel-yes & S. Roseth-yes.

**Roll Call Vote to Open:** S. Narva-yes; C. Rose-yes; D. Linberg-yes; K. Mortenson-yes; L. Lythjohan-yes; E. Kessel-yes & S. Roseth-yes.

S. Narva made the motion to approve 80 hours of PLT carried over in a year instead of 40 hours & to allow a \$ 100 a year for Village of Taylor T-shirts & hoodies for the maintenance employees, seconded by E. Kessel, 6 yes votes and motion carried.

E. Kessel made a motion to adjourn, seconded by S. Narva, 6 yes votes and motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Wendy Bue, Clerk/Treasurer  
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