

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
STOCKHOLM VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2021
MEETING MINUTES

Village President Harley Cochran opened the Board meeting and roll call was taken. Those present and online were Harley Cochran, John Krumm, Jerry Larson, Heidi Krause, Cindy Fayerweather, C/T. Kristin Smith was absent.

Additions/Deletion: None.

Clerk's Report: The October 12, 2021 minutes were sent out, no questions or concerns. Motion by John, 2nd by Heidi to accept the Clerk's Report; carried.

Treasurer's Report: October 2021 Financials: Motion by Heidi, 2nd by Jerry, to accept October Financial Report as given; carried.

Park Committee Report: Jerry Larson, Park Committee Chair, reported that the Park has had a very successful season with an unofficial revenue of \$45,585 collected in camping fees. The park has been closed up for the winter, thanks to all who helped with the shut down. Harley has planted the proposed trees in the park along with the tree in memory of Betty Baker. Jack and Sandy Wagner have lost their son, a memorial tree is being planned for him. Larry and Pam Horlitz have donated half of the cost of planting one of the trees in the park, thank you to them as well. The electrical improvements planned for the park will be done in the spring as Backwoods Electric has not received the parts yet. We will have to work around the campers and potential high water in the spring to allow the electrical work to be completed.

Zoning Administrator Report: No report.

Planning Commission Report: No report.

Premier Resort Area Tax (PRAT) Committee Report: No report.

New Business:

1. Tourism Grant: The Tourism Grant has been submitted. We haven't heard when we will know the results of our application.
2. Land Purchase: 2 parcels of land on Hwy 35 owned by Maren Langer and Marcus McPherson have been offered to the Village of Stockholm for the location of the new community center/visitor information center/public restrooms & shower building at a cost of \$40,000. After discussion, Jerry made a motion to approve the purchase of the land pending approval of the Tourism Grant and to consider the purchase of the land if the Tourism Grant is not awarded, 2nd by Heidi, all in favor; carried.
3. Covid 19 update: No response yet from Pepin County office regarding the grant funding. SAMA members were notified that they could possibly be eligible for the Covid 19 Relief funding.
4. 2022 Proposed Budget: Discussion was held, a motion was made by Jerry, 2nd by John to approve the 2022 Proposed Budget with a levy of \$22,764.00; carried.
5. Zoning Administrator position: Galen Seipel will be retiring as our Zoning Administrator the end of the year. After many years of it being a voluntary position, for the past couple of years, Galen was paid \$1000 per year. Harley has spoken with Roy Forstrom who is the Zoning Administrator for the Village of Pepin. Roy is interested in the Zoning Administrator position. He will be getting back to us with a proposal, hopefully by the December Board meeting.

6. Building Inspector Position: Galen Seipel has also held the Building Inspector position for many years and will be retiring from it as well. Fred Weber, Weber Inspections, has been contacted and is interested in assuming the Building Inspector position for the Village. Fred Weber has a great deal of experience and a very good reputation, the Board is pleased to consider him for the position.
7. Clerk/Treasurer Position: Cindy Fayerweather is retiring the end of December and Heidi Krause will be assuming the Clerk/Treasurer position. Plans need to be made to move the office equipment and files to Heidi's office by mid-December.
8. Citizen Concerns: John K. reported that the rest of the paint has been removed on the back of the Village Hall, the remaining work will be completed in the Spring. Tuck point work will need to be done as soon as possible in the spring too. More of the bio paint remover has been ordered and invoiced. The Welcome to Stockholm sign on the west end of the Village needs to be repaired or replaced. Harley thought there was another sign like it stored in the shop, hopefully it is still there. Char Harris-Scherer asked if decorating the park was an option again this year? Yes, the Board approved the use of the park again and was in hope of additional participants.
9. The next Village Board meeting will be held at 6:00 PM on December 14th, 2021.
10. No other action taken by the Board. A motion was made by Jerry, 2nd by John; carried, meeting adjourned.

Cindy Fayerweather
Clerk/Treasurer