

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
STOCKHOLM VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 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, Kristin Smith Procter, Cindy Fayerweather, C/T.

Additions/Deletion: The LRIP (Local Road Improvement Program) meeting will be held virtually on Sept. 23rd, Heidi has agreed to attend.

Clerk's Report: The August 10th, 2021 minutes were sent out, no questions or concerns. Motion by Jerry, 2nd by John to accept the Clerk's Report; carried.

Treasurer's Report: August 2021 Financials: Motion by John, 2nd by Jerry, to accept the August 2021 Treasurer's Report as given; carried.

Park Committee Report: Jerry Larson, Park Committee Chair, reported that the Park has had another good month of camping with over \$33,000 collected so far and September expected to be busy as well. Tree trimming will be done hopefully in September but may be in October instead. The proposed electrical upgrades are planned to be started October 15th or shortly after. A State inspection was completed with only a few minor issues that won't be a problem to take care of. A map is to be made available to campers, a fire extinguisher installed which has already been done. A 24 hour phone is to be available, we need to find a location which may even be in Durand. The Village campground is licensed for 25 sites. The Board and Park Committee thought it was 25 RV sites plus tent camping, but that's not the case as it's 25 sites total for RV and tent camping. Jerry is looking into what requirements are needed to change the campground's number of sites and will report at the October Board meeting. The 1st Tuesday in October, the Park Committee will meet to look at the layout of the campsites with the long term question of camping policies. A tree planting event will be held as a memorial for Betty Baker. Harley suggested late September to allow the tree to get settled before winter. John K. offered a small oak tree as well, Harley will take a look at it.

Zoning Administrator Report: No report.

Planning Commission Report: No report. Harley discussed the contour map that Pepin County Land Management's office is working on for the Village. This map will be very helpful in the future. Harley then requested the Board to direct the Planning Commission to continue to work on the Village's Ordinances for updating. A motion was made to that affect by Heidi, 2nd by Kristin; carried. Cindy informed the Board that the revised Ordinance books were completed and to stop in to the Village Hall and pick up their copy.

Premier Resort Area Tax (PRAT) Committee Report: Dennis Reichert reported the PRAT Committee had met and discussed: 1) 2021-2022 Snow removal on sidewalks: The committee recommends that PRAT funds be used to pay the \$1200 cost of sidewalk clearing in the village. 2) Bathrooms: A couple of places were suggested. The meadow in the park could be used for the construction of a Village Hall/showers/toilets. Other suggestions were bathrooms only at the current Village Hall location, more needs to be looked into. John commented on the need to keep the sidewalks cleared. Kristin commented on PRAT funds, how much has been collected and coming in? Cindy F. reported that approximately \$35,000 was available after the purchase of the pedestrian crossing lights to date, but as the Spring Street project in 2018 was so very much over the expected cost projected and estimated, PRAT funds were used and extended into future collections to offset the cost. The Board hasn't determined how much was to firmly be allocated as PRAT expense and how much was general Village expense.

New Business:

1. Attorney fees: Harley spoke with Midwest Environmental Advocates of Madison who have referred 2 attorneys experienced in municipal litigation. Harley has also discussed the need for an attorney with Bill Mavity who has helped the Village in the past with the BNSF railroad settlement. Bill is happily retired but may be willing to give referrals. Harley also spoke with Paul Mahler, Bakke-Norman Law Firm who offered services at fees of \$185 per hour and \$250-\$350 for litigation. As a formal records request has been received from Attorney David Sienko who is representing Scott Zerby, Harley requested the Board to recommend that Attorney Paul Mahler review and assist in this particular case. An approximate amount of \$5000 towards attorney expenses was suggested for approval. A motion was made by John, 2nd by Jerry to approve up to \$5000 in attorney fees to Bakke-Norman Law Firm; carried.
2. Discuss AELSLAGID Complaint process: This agency deals with professional compliance and licensing for engineers. Harley had a discussion with an investigator regarding the bluff land concerns and the engineering firm's document falsification, they were very interested. After discussion, Harley asked the Board to reserve the decision to contact this organization in pursuing the issue and the Board agreed.
3. Infrastructure: Heidi K. contacted the Pepin County Highway Department regarding the approved expenditures but hasn't received a confirmation as of yet. Heidi also spoke with Dan Prokosh regarding the installation of a railing on Spring Street near the Juno and Me building. Dan indicated that he would like to do it but winter would be a better time for him.
Second Street needs to be resurfaced; further information will be coming. Heidi also spoke with Jim Sterry regarding the repair work needed on Cemetery Road. Jim estimated \$750 to reshape and rock the road to control the erosion issues. A motion was made by Jerry, 2nd by Kristin to approve the \$750 expense to repair Cemetery Road; carried.
4. Covid Grant update: No further updates. Harley stated a Wetland Study has been posted on the County website. If fill work was done in the village park in the early 1970's, no DNR permit is required. Harley will be looking into this further for verification.
5. UniverCity Project: Due to Covid, the University of Madison Engineering students were unable to give their Alternative Sewer System proposal in person, but a video has since been received. The requested \$1000 project cost to offset the expenses of the proposal has not been paid, though it was approved in 2019. Jerry voiced approval to pay the \$1000 as it had already been approved previously and the Board agreed.
6. Street work needed: This item was discussed previously in #3. Harley will also be attending a meeting tomorrow to learn more about proposed construction on HWY 35.
7. Village Hall restoration work: John krumm reported the paint removal is coming along with 85% of the back side completed. The south side will be done soon but the north side will likely be done next year. Harley will order more of the soy-based paint remover.
8. Citizen Concerns: John K. mentioned the grant for loss of revenue to the village. Board of Review will be held on October 6th. Harley, Cindy and Heid will attend with John K. as an alternate.
9. The next Village Board meeting will be held at 6:00 PM on October 12th, 2021. The 2022 Budget preparation meeting will be held at 5:00 PM prior to the regular Board meeting on Oct. 12th.
10. No other action taken by the Board. A motion was made by Jerry, 2nd by John, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.

Cindy Fayerweather, Clerk/Treasurer