

**Village Board Regular Meeting
Village Hall, 110 Oak Street E,
Monday, January 11, 2021**

President: Becky Amundson; Trustees: Brett Daeffler, Patty Swenson, Allan Lahti, Brad Harlander, Doug Gustafson and Jackie Peterson.

1. Call to Order by President Becky Amundson at 7:00 pm. At the Village Hall.

Roll Call: Becky Present Brad Present (Zoom) Brett Present (Zoom) Patty Present Jackie Present (Zoom) Allan Present
Doug Present

2. Agenda Approval

Motion to approve agenda by D Gustafson 2nd A Lahti Vote: Carried

3. Correction and Approval of December 14, 2020 Minutes:

Motion to approve December 14th minutes as presented by B Harlander 2nd B Daeffler Vote: Carried

4. Public Comments (Open to any citizen who wishes to address the board. Each person, or topic, will be allotted 3 minutes. Please note there may be limited discussion on the information received, however, no action can be taken until specific notice of the proposed action is given. Please state your name and place of residence.)

William Johnson announced that the 2021 Polk County Guidebooks are available and there are copies at the Village Hall. The guidebook is placed all over the northern 2/3 of WI as well as other areas and states.

***** NOTE: OFFICIAL ACTION MAY BE TAKEN ON ANY AGENDA ITEM *****

5. Frederic Rural Fire Association Report

Jeff Carley and Brian Daeffler were present to report on the Fire Association. J Carley shared information on how the Association works and who is covered by the Fire Association. He stated that it is the goal of the Association to supply the safest and best equipment for the firefighters and the residents they serve. They currently have 25 firefighters and excellent leadership. 2020 Highlights: The Association is debt-free and financially sound, a new mini pumper was added to the fleet. Their future projects include replacing two older vehicles and updates to the fire hall.

6. Committee and Department Head Reports

a) Public Works – Bill Struck: Working on equipment maintenance. The ice is too thin around the aerator to get the ropes up, signs have been placed around Coon Lake warning of the open area. Sewer project is moving along nicely and lining will continue for a few weeks. They are finalizing plans for the Spray Irrigation System.

b) Park Board – Rebecca Harlander: Trails are open. Coon Lake trails are in good condition and are being well used. Received two donations: one from an anonymous donor for a playground in greenspace by pickleball court and one from the Friends of the Pool to be used for park improvement. Park Board will begin meeting in March.

c) Library – Kris Surbaugh: Library online presence is very high. Came in under budget for 2020 and will put the extra money in a restricted fund for repairs/updates. Friends of the Library purchased a memorial for Mary Ellen Bechtel. Hours will be expanded back to 40 hours per week, 9-5 Monday through Friday.

d) Law Enforcement – Tamara Larson: 683 cases were handled in 2020, with 62 in December. COVID has presented challenges for the department, mostly with staffing. Received a \$2500 donation from the Emma Loves Dogs Foundation to be used for protective vests and obedience training for Ringo and Taser.

e) Treasurer - Open: J Schott reported that there are still a few 2020 bills to come in and the budget will be close. Busy working on year end paperwork including W2's, 1099's and annual reports. Collecting property tax payments and there have not been any problems or complaints. Audit is scheduled for March 15th. 2021 elections will be held at the Village Hall.

f) Ambulance Report – B Amundson: North Land is looking for a Medical Director and have 2 possibilities.

g) Personnel/Finance – B Amundson: Discussed Clerk/Treasurer position. Will cover in closed session.

h) Upcoming Meetings: Personnel Meeting 1.14.21 to hear a complaint and Village Caucus is 1.19.21 at 6:30 pm at Crosswalk Community Church.

7. Approval of Check Register – Check #191270 – 191317

Motion to approve check register as presented by P Swenson 2nd B Harlander Vote: Carried

8. Convene into Closed Session pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute 19.85(1)(c) Compensation and Evaluation. Consideration of employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation of any public employee.

- Clerk/Treasurer Position

Motion to convene into closed session by P Swenson 2nd D Gustafson Roll Call Vote

Roll Call: Becky X Brad X Brett X Patty X Jackie X Allan X Doug X

9. Reconvene to Open Session

Motion to reconvene to open session by D Gustafson 2nd A Lahti Vote: Carried

10. Action Taken, If Any

Motion to combine the Clerk/Treasurer position, create a Deputy Clerk/Treasurer position and begin the Charter Ordinance process by A Lahti 2nd D Gustafson Vote: Carried

Motion to appoint Janice Schott to the Clerk/Treasurer position by P Swenson 2nd B Harlander Vote: Carried

Motion to seek out a person to fill the Deputy Clerk/Treasurer position by A Lahti 2nd B Daeffler Vote: Carried

Motion to allow Janice Schott to revise signature cards at Sterling Bank and Bremer Bank by B Harlander 2nd A Lahti Vote: Carried

11. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 8:10 pm by D Gustafson 2nd J Peterson Vote: Carried