

**OCTOBER 5, 2009**

**REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING**

**Call to Order/Roll Call.** Village President Neil Michek called this regular Village Board meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Roll call was taken with the following members present: Neil Michek, Dennis Richgels, Teresa Bomkamp, Deb Wolfe, John Kreul, Tom Cody and Mike Aide. Others present were Daniel Swinehart, Steve McGuire, Becky Fredericks and Tom Hebgen.

**Certification/Compliance.** Clerk certified that notice of meeting was posted on October 2, 2009. Dennis Richgels motioned as to compliance with open meeting law. Mike Aide seconded. Motion carried.

**STH 80 Update.** WI DOT is disputing Diagonal St. construction costs. August 15, 2006 Street Committee Minutes were emailed to Tadd Owens and Alex Bromley on Sept. 16, 2009. Per the minutes WI DOT will pay for 100% of the construction costs associated with widening Diagonal Street if the Village decides to widen Diagonal Street either within the existing right-of-way or after purchasing land from Don Laufenberg. To date there is no response as to whether WI DOT will pay the Diagonal Street construction costs.

Iowa Grant Trucking owes Integrity \$2,836 for insulating and moving some services that were too high. The Village of Highland will not settle with Iowa Grant Trucking until all lien waivers are signed.

It is the Village's responsibility to paint the parking lines on Main Street at an estimated cost of \$1,300.

Tom Cody motioned to approve Iowa Grant Trucking Pay Request #8 for \$20,634. Deb Wolfe seconded. Motion carried. The Village is holding the 5% retainage of \$28,367.39. Completed to date is \$567,347.79. A final bill will be submitted when final tallies are in. Teresa Bomkamp motioned to approve payment of Delta 3 invoices for \$2,643.50. Dennis Richgels seconded. Motion carried.

The Village will incur cost for 221' additional lineal feet of sidewalk along Spring and Main Street and possibly 177" lineal feet on Diagonal St. Augelli Concrete will do the work.

**Contracted Building Inspections.** Neil Michek motioned to approve Option B of Wisconsin Municipal Building Inspections contract with the \$50 retaining fee per month. Teresa Bomkamp seconded. Motion carried. At the November Board meeting, the Board will consider options for raising zoning permit fees to recoup the additional \$600 annual expense.

**Closed Session.** Neil Michek announced that the Board would consider going to closed session per Wis. Stats. 19.85(1) (c). No action taken.

**Budget.** The Budget Public Hearing Notice will be published in the Dodgeville Chronicle. The Village newsletter will inform residents that the Proposed Budget may be viewed at the Village Hall. Water – when the STH 80 project is complete and all expenses are paid the Village will inform the PSC of WI that we will not be taking the second phase of the rate increase. Sewer – The Sewer Account will need to borrow \$15,000 from the Water Account to pay for its share to update meter reading system, with the expectation of paying the principal back to the Water Account over 5 years. Neil Michek motioned to consider a 10% sewer rate increase to cover the additional debt service. Dennis Richgels seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**Ambulance Purchase.** John Kreul motioned to authorize the Highland Fire District to purchase a new ambulance and to review placing the old ambulance on the secondary market if it is not used in six months. Tom Cody seconded. Roll call vote "Aye": Dennis Richgels, Teresa Bomkamp, Deb Wolfe, John Kreul, Tom Cody, Mike Aide and Neil Michek. Motion carried

**Snow Removal and Brush Removal.** The Board discussed the problem created by pushing/piling snow onto the Village streets. Legal advice will be sought to remedy the situation. Brush removal pick up will remain as it is currently handled.

**Subdivision Listing Contract.** Dennis Richgels motioned to renew the listing contracts for Progressive Way Subdivision including the Replat with Buck Holmes, ERA, and Bobbi Jo Bomkamp, Century 21. John Kreul seconded. Motion carried.

**Approve Minutes/Pay Bills.** Teresa Bomkamp motioned to approve minutes of September 1 and September 21 Village Board meetings. Deb Wolfe seconded. Motion carried. Mike Aide motioned to approve payment of bills as presented: General Account \$43,967.77; Water Account \$10,370.82; Sewer Account \$13,254/97; TID #2 Account \$3,685.81. Dennis Richgels seconded. Motion carried.

**Committee Reports.** Park Committee will meet Friday, October 9, 2009 to decide on location for new trees in the park and ball diamond dugout improvements.

**Adjournment.** Deb Wolfe motioned to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. Dennis Richgels seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Theresa C. Michek, Clerk-Treasurer