

FEBRUARY 1, 2010

REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

Call to Order/Roll Call. Village President Neil Michek called this regular Village Board meeting to order at 6:00 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. Larry Welsh, Lauren Smelzer, Nate Blabaum, John Miller and Carla Gilbertson were also present.

Certification/Compliance. Clerk certified that notice of meeting was posted on January 29, 2010. Dennis Richgels motioned as to compliance with open meeting law. Mike Aide seconded. Motion carried.

Village Park Donation. Lauren Smelzer and Larry Welsh asked the Village Board for permission to construct/install a walk-in-cooler in the Village park kitchen with donated funds. The freezer would set in the SW corner of the kitchen. The Park Committee will meet with Lauren and Larry on Feb. 12 at 6:00 p.m. Community organizations will be invited to the meeting for their input.

Public Input – Not for Action. Nate Blabaum introduced John Miller who has some interest in starting the grocery store.

Historical Society. Dennis Richgels gave the Highland Historical update. Currently there are 12 members. Yearly membership is \$10. The Historical Society is looking for potential a “resting place” for larger items that could be donated to the Society.

Highland Fire District. Charles Scullion presented the Highland Fire District 2009 Financial Report. Beginning balance \$91,071.95, plus income \$92,774.88, minus expenses \$170,216.82 (includes truck), leaves ending balance \$13,630.01. \$52,014 was deposited into CDs.

Our Town Celebration. Carla Gilbertson addressed the Board regarding potential Fast Pitch Baseball Tournament – probably 6 teams with games on Friday evening and Saturday. March 15th was set for Our Town Committee Meeting.

Part-time Help. Mike Aide motioned to hire Charles Scullion and Gilbert Michek on an as needed basis at \$10.00 per hour. Tom Cody seconded. Motion carried.

Approve Minutes/Pay Bills. Teresa Bomkamp motioned to approve minutes as presented. Deb Wolfe seconded. Motion carried. Teresa Bomkamp motioned to pay bills as presented -- other than \$3,864.83 to Comelec Services for police radio which has not been received yet. John Kreul seconded. Motion carried.

Committee Reports. Economic Development –SWCAP is pursuing contributions for the Highland Freezer Project. Public Property – prepare specs for bidding Village apartment sidewalk/step replacement.

Licenses and Permits. Dennis Richgels motioned to approve Operator's license for Dustin Laufenberg. Mike Aide seconded. Roll call vote "Aye": Dennis Richgels, Teresa Bomkamp, Deb Wolfe, John Kreul, Tom Cody, Mike Aide and Neil Michek. Motion carried

Adjournment. Deb Wolfe motioned to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. Teresa Bomkamp seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Theresa C. Michek, Clerk-Treasurer

FEBRUARY 12, 2010 PARK COMMITTEE MEETING

Call to Order/Roll Call. Meeting was called to order on February 12th, 6pm at Park Kitchen. Teresa Bomkamp, Deb Wolfe, Jane Laufenberg, Pat Hying, Mike Pigusch and Lauren Smelzer were present. Neil Michek and Larry Welsh arrived late.

Walk-in Cooler. All present agreed that a walk in cooler would be a great asset to the park. We measured location in the Southwest corner of the kitchen for the proposed walk in cooler. Size will be approximately 9x11, added additional foot to accommodate for the insulation and inside wall that would need to be built. Compressor location would be on top of building. Larry did confirm with J&M that building could support the weight of a compressor. The water from the compressor can probably just drain onto the sidewalk outside or Pat suggested if we knew where the drain pipe was located it would be hooked directly into that.

There was conversation about door and what type of locking mechanism could be used. It was agreed by most that door must have handle inside that would allow you to exit from the inside, also agreed that we needed something that could be locked at end of night as well. Nate Blabaum does have a door available that they will look at, but again we stressed that it needed to have the ability to exit from the inside. Lauren indicates donation would be made available in May and they have already asked Pete Huza to do the construction.

Park Sidewalks. Deb, Neil and Teresa also discussed the sidewalk proposals. The 50 ft section from the 'beer tent shelter' to sidewalk made sense, but there was question about the layout for the 45 ft from the 'old toilet shelter' to the new sidewalk. We felt perhaps it should be angled more toward the driveway, may get more use in that direction but would add to the length. Agreed we would like the opportunity to have a look at this again when the snow is melted. We did not see a problem with bidding for both Park and Public Property together and questioned if we even needed to bid the job.

Adjournment. Meeting concluded at 6:45

Submitted by Teresa Bomkamp

FEBRUARY 17, 2010

SPECIAL VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

Call to Order/Roll Call. President Neil Michek called this Special Village Board Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call was taken with the following members present: Neil Michek, Dennis Richgels, Teresa Bomkamp, John Kreul, Tom Cody and Mike Aide. Excused: Deb Wolfe. Others present were: Dennis Stepanek, Darrell Kreul, Tom Hebgen, Rosemary Michek, Mary Bomkamp, Lenice Gilbertson, Barb Hying, Doug Oleson, Becky Fredericks, John & Elaine Miller were also present.

Certification/Compliance. Clerk certified that notice of meeting was posted on February 15, 2010. Dennis Richgels motioned as to compliance with open meeting law. Mike Aide seconded. Motion carried.

Consider Expansion of TID/TIF to Grocery Store Location. Neil Michek updated the Board and others present on the meetings and discussions on economic development – the grocery store and the Highland freezer project. 2007 Wisconsin Act 57 provides authority to municipalities to make project cost expenditures outside the boundaries of a Tax Increment Finance District (TIF/TID) subject to certain limitations. The Village of Highland's existing TID #2 encompasses a significant portion of the north-east quadrant of the Village

John Miller arrived, introduced himself and his wife Elaine. John has extensive experience in the retail grocery store business. John Miller proposes to purchase the store. John only needs half of the building for groceries and is willing to rent out the "deli" half to for Seniors United for Nutrition (SUN) program, organization meetings, family gatherings etc. The community needs to support the grocery store business in order for it to be viable. John asked the Village Board to consider amending the TID to make project cost expenditures outside the boundaries of the existing TID #2.

Neil Michek motioned to seek work plans and cost estimates for a TID amendment from Mid-State Associates, Delta 3 Engineering, and Vierbicher for the March 1, 2010 Village Board meeting. Dennis Richgels. Roll call vote "Aye": Dennis Richgels, Teresa Bomkamp, John Kreul, Tom Cody, Mike Aide and Neil Michek. Absent: Deb Wolfe. Motion carried. The goal is to get a grocery store in town while protecting the Village's interest.

Adjournment. Teresa Bomkamp motioned to adjourn at 8:05. Tom Cody seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Theresa C. Michek, Clerk-Treasurer