

**Public Hearing & Village Board Meeting Minutes – November 15, 2021 at 6:00 PM – Rosendale Municipal Building**

Kurt Caramanidis, Village President

Trustees: Larry Crook, Chuck Feldner, Barb Hoch, Tammy Pflum, Julie Stigler & Tricia Yeager

**Public Hearing**

1. **Call Public Hearing to order** – Public hearing was called to order by the Village President Kurt Caramanidis at 6:00 pm.
2. **Persons wishing to speak in support or against the Proposed 2022 Budget & Levy Limit** – There were no written comments submitted & no oral comments at meeting from the public in attendance.
3. **Adjourn the public hearing** – Meeting was adjourned at 6:01 pm.

**AGENDA ITEM 1 – Call Village Board meeting to order** – November 15, 2021 meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM by President Kurt Caramanidis and the following were present at this meeting:

Trustees: Larry Crook, Chuck Feldner, Barb Hoch, Tammy Pflum, Julie Stigler & Tricia Yeager

Staff: Dan Holdridge, Public Works Director; Kevin Verdine, Chief of Police & Emily Wirkus, Clerk-Treasurer

Citizens: Pat Conlon – Silver Creek Sno-Odders; Sierra Peters, Nicole Desten, Dave Zellmer, Rodney Erdman, Wade Tourdot, Dustin Mickus, Lane Meyers, Josh Zellmer, Ron Romanek, Jerry Fairbank, Michael Montey & Christine Mickus

**AGENDA ITEM 2 – Pledge of Allegiance**

**AGENDA ITEM 3 – Approve minutes of 10-18-21, as circulated** – Motion was made by Trustees Pflum/Yeager to approve the minutes from the 10-18-21 meeting. Motion was carried by a 6-0-1 roll call. Trustee Hoch abstained because she was not at the October meeting.

**AGENDA ITEM 4 – Discuss & approve the 2022 Budget** – All Board members were provided a copy of the Proposed 2022 Budget as well as extra copies for attendees. President Caramanidis mentioned that there have been numerous committee workshops to discuss the proposed budget. President Caramanidis asked if there were any questions. No questions were asked. Motion was made by Trustees Feldner/Yeager to approve the 2022 Budget as presented. Motion was carried by a 7-0-0 roll call.

**AGENDA ITEM 5 – Approve the 2022 Levy Limit** – President Caramanidis stated that the Levy Limit will remain the same as 2021. The Levy Limit amount is \$251,237.00. President Caramanidis asked if anyone had any questions. No questions were asked. Motion was made by Trustees Yeager/Hoch to approve the 2022 Levy Limit in the amount of \$251,237.00 as presented. Motion was carried by a 7-0-0 roll call.

**AGENDA ITEM 6 – Discuss & approve 2022 Wastewater Budget** – Public Works Director Dan Holdridge had passed out copies of the 2022 Wastewater Budget and explained. President Caramanidis mentioned this proposed budget was also discussed in previous committee meetings and workshop. President Caramanidis asked if anyone had any questions. No questions were asked. Motion was made by Trustees Hoch/Crook to approve the 2022 Wastewater Budget as presented. Motion was carried by a 7-0-0 roll call.

**AGENDA ITEM 7 – Approve operator/bartender license for Rebecca Thurke, 210 North St., Rosendale – Bluemkes Food Mart** - Motion was made by Trustees Feldner/Hoch to approve operator license for Rebecca Thurke with Bluemkes Food Mart. Motion was made by a 6-0-1 roll call. Trustee Crook abstained.

**AGENDA ITEM 8 – Approve operator/bartender license for Kennedy Krohn, 302 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> St., Brandon – Bluemkes Food Mart** – Motion was made by Trustees Feldner/Hoch to approve operator license for Kennedy Krohn with Bluemkes Food Mart. Motion was made by a 6-0-1 roll call. Trustee Crook abstained.

**AGENDA ITEM 9 – Discuss snowmobile ordinance** – President Caramanidis welcomed the attendees. Pat Conlon with the Silver Creek Sno-Odders out of Ripon was the spokes person for their Snowmobile Club. He passed out the updated Snowmobile map, a copy of 1995 Wisconsin Act 61 and copy of section of Wisconsin State Statutes regarding Village Ordinances and snowmobiles. Pat Conlon explained that the club consists of approximately 50 member/families. He explained where the snowmobile trail went. He mentioned that he learned after the fact that our snowmobile ordinance was changed/canceled and that snowmobiles were not allowed to ride thru the Village as in the past. He stated he wished he was contacted if there were issues. Pat Conlon stated he is speaking in behalf of the members who reside in the Village of Rosendale and other members and stated that they wish they could get to the current snowmobile trail – the Mascoutin Trail – from their residence. He stated that some residents, some who even live a block away from trail, have to trailer their sleds in order to ride the Mascoutin Trail. He also mentioned the need to get to the local gas stations to fuel up. He stated that Rosendale is a half way point with many snowmobilers and stopping to get fuel, snack, restroom would be ideal. He said Ripon does have 3 stopping points that include lodging, food and gas. Pat Conlon stated he keeps in touch with the Ripon Police Department if there were any issues. He stated snowmobile drivers do need to follow rules of the road. He encourages police enforcement to stop and or cite anyone in violation.

Trustee Yeager asked if snowmobile drivers need an auto license. It was mentioned that snowmobile drivers do not need a driver's license, but do need a permit to drive, which can be obtained after taking a snowmobile safety course. Trustee Yeager also mentioned she is concerned about snowmobile travel on Hwy 26 as she was for the ATV/UTV travel. It was mentioned that snowmobiles should avoid traveling on Hwy 26. Pat Conlon mentioned the past route that allowed snowmobiles to get to Bluemkes. It was mentioned that the field behind the Municipal Building was used when permission was given by the property owners for the trail to be used when the property owners did not plant winter wheat. A bridge in Taylor Park was mentioned to have been used in the past. It was mentioned that absolutely no driving on the newer wooden bridge that was put in Taylor Park couple years ago. It was mentioned, as a club, if approved, a club member(s) would walk Taylor Park along with Village Board member(s) and Public Works Director to discuss a possible marked trail in Taylor Park. It was mentioned that snowmobilers don't like to ride in roads that are plowed completely. It was also mentioned that in the past that snowmobiler's road on homeowners' properties along Grant Street without permission. David Zellmer mentioned that snowmobilers wouldn't ride in yards due to possible culverts in that area. Chief Verdine said that speed and reckless driving were the main factors the route got shut down. Chief Verdine also stated that the Village does not own State Highways 23 & 26 and does not want snowmobiles on the State Highways. He also stated that we don't want snowmobiles to ride on our Village sidewalks as they would do damage. It was mentioned that they did damage the sidewalks in the past. Pat Conlon asked if the Village would consider opening up with baby steps – at least allowing the Village residents to get to the trail and/or gas station without having to trailer them. It was also mentioned that last year's snowmobile map was outdated and a new map was printed this year. The new map does not have Rosendale marked as a stopping point for fuel. President Caramanidis mentioned to the attendees of the meeting to get the word out about the what we are thinking of doing and to make sure not to speed and ruin it for everyone. President Caramanidis also mentioned that we will be in touch with the school regarding

snowmobile rules as students do like to ride their sleds to school. Public Works Director Dan Holdridge mentioned that he was involved in the past and had met with a club member when the bridge was removed in Taylor Park. Chief Verdine mentioned the “unofficial” snowmobile route for the high school students. Trustee Stigler asked Pat Conlon if there is a time you go on rides as a club? Pat Conlon stated when trails are open, they would go for a ride about once a week. Trustee Stigler asked about times. Pat Conlon mentioned times and speed limit rules. Chief Verdine mentioned the safety of the kids who live on Grant Street is a concern.

President Caramanidis did mention that he thinks trailering your sled to the trail if you live a block away is crazy. He also stated that having this much participation they year is positive and that he would like the Village residents to be able to get to the trail from their home.

Trustee Stigler also said it is crazy to have to trailer your sled if you live a block away. She did mention she is concerned that it gets darker earlier and concerned about kids playing outside. She stated she wouldn't want snowmobilers to ride up into her yard. She is in favor of baby steps in this process.

Trustee Yeager agrees with Trustee Stigler and says she is ok to move forward with the map.

Trustee Pflum has no issues with the trails and Trustee Hoch says she has no issues with the trails.

Trustee Feldner agrees with Trustees Stigler and Yeager.

Trustee Crook stated if we are allowing the ATV/UTV's to ride then we should allow the snowmobilers.

President Caramanidis stated we will re-draft the Snowmobile Ordinance for the next meeting allowing residents to get to the trail. It was reminded that if we do have problems, we can pull the ordinance again and not allow snowmobiles in the Village.

Richard Rozek mentioned that he maintains the trails and checks the signage. He agrees he wouldn't want people to rip thru yards and is concerned about the safety of kids and pets in yards.

Pat Conlon mentioned that all the clubs & contact information are listed on the map.

Rodney Newlin mentioned having signs made with the 10-mph limit posted and maybe post on existing signs.

President Caramanidis did mention that we would be emailing the Village residents the rules, speed, etc.

Nicole Desten mentioned that they are the family that lives a block away from the trail and trailered their snowmobiles to the trail by Willow Creek Road. They would like the Village to consider allowing residents in the Village to get to the trail without having to use a trailer.

It was mentioned that landowner issues and speed issues are generally not snowmobile club members.

President Caramanidis thanked everyone from coming to the meeting and having an open discussion.

**AGENDA ITEM 10 – Discuss Village sidewalks** – Public Works Director Dan Holdridge passed out copies of the sidewalk ordinance. He stated that the Chairperson governs that ordinance. President Caramanidis mentioned

that the sidewalks are in bad shape. It was mentioned that in the past the Village has done grinding free of charge as the Board, at the time, did not want to bill the homeowners. It was asked now, due to the increase in cost, would we rather bill the homeowner for sidewalk repair or have taxes increase as the bills increase or should we do a cost share approach between the Village and the homeowner?

Trustee Stigler thinks that it is tough for the Village to absorb full cost and thinks a 50/50 cost share would be ok.

Trustee Yeager is unsure at this time and would like more time to think about this. She stated not every sidewalk needs to get fixed, it could be just sidewalk pieces here and there.

President Caramanidis asked Public Works Director Dan Holdridge the cost of grinding & replacing. Trustee Yeager asked about doing an assessment in May and getting a sign up to see who all needs sidewalk repair.

Wade Tourdot mentioned that he used to be in the concrete business. He mentioned that in the winter sometimes municipalities would put notice out for a bid for concrete projects and a contractor would come in a few times a year to do sections. It was mentioned that residents could also find their own contractor too.

Trustee Pflum asked for more info and was curious what was spent in the past for sidewalk repair.

Trustee Hoch stated she walks the Village a lot. She mentioned that grinding would fix a lot of the sidewalk problems and agrees with Wade Tourdot's comments.

Trustee Feldner stated he would also like more information. He questioned who pays for the sidewalk that goes to the park. He does agree with the shared 50/50 approach in regards to billing for repairs.

Trustee Crook agrees with the 50/50 shared approach regarding billing.

President Caramanidis stated no decisions will be made tonight. This is just a discussion and will review in future meetings.

Public Works Director Dan Holdridge asked the Village Board to walk the sidewalks when they can and look for trip hazards.

Richard Rozek questioned the trees that push up the sidewalks. Public Works Director Dan Holdridge mentioned the steps that could be taken and if it continues, the tree would have to come down.

**AGENDA ITEM 11 – Discuss & approve, if necessary, engineering for the Taylor Park project** – Public Works Director Dan Holdridge stated he met with an engineer today. He stated the engineer would help design the project and also have a picture made to be shared with the public. It was mentioned that this needs to happen before the snow flies to stay on task. It was mentioned that the cost for the engineer to design the project is approximately \$3500. Motion was made by Trustees Yeager/Stigler to spend from donation money and reserve fund money no more than \$3500 for the engineering of the Taylor Park project. Motion was carried by a 7-0-0 roll call.

**AGENDA ITEM 12 – Discuss & approve, if necessary, GPS units on all Village vehicles** – Tabled due to Trustees Yeager & Stigler being absent for the remainder of the meeting to attend the school board meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 13– **Approve checks dated October 1, 2021 through October 31, 2021** – Motion was made by Trustees Pflum/Hoch to approve checks dated October 1, 2021 through October 31, 2021. Motion was carried by a 5-0-2 roll call. Trustees Stigler & Yeager had left Village board meeting to attend the school board meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 14 – **Next meeting: Monday, December 20, 2021 at 6:00 PM – 211 N. Grant**

AGENDA ITEM 15– **Correspondence** – Village Clerk Emily Wirkus asked the remaining Village Board members if they would be interested in having a Village Christmas party in January 2022. She said she would check into Generation Lanes dates of availability for January.

AGENDA ITEM 16 – **President’s Report** – President Caramanidis had nothing to add. He thanked everyone for coming.

AGENDA ITEM 17 – **Adjourn the meeting** – Meeting was adjourned at 7:06 PM.

