

## Village Board Meeting Minutes – February 27, 2023 at 6:00 PM – Rosendale Municipal Building

Kurt Caramanidis, Village President

Trustees: Larry Crook, Chuck Feldner, Jeremy Giebel, Keegan Madigan, Tammy Pflum & Tricia Yeager

AGENDA ITEM 1 – Call Village Board meeting to order – February 27, 2023 meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by President Kurt Caramanidis and the following were present at this meeting:

Trustees: Larry Crook, Chuck Feldner, Jeremy Giebel, Keegan Madigan, Tammy Pflum & Tricia Yeager

Staff: Emily Wirkus, Clerk-Treasurer & Dan Holdridge, Public Works Director

Citizens: Jerry Fairbank, Brandon Howell

### AGENDA ITEM 2 – Pledge of Allegiance

President Caramanidis introduced our newly hired Police Officer Brandon Howell. Officer Howell gave a brief introduction about himself and stated he was happy to be working for the Rosendale Police Department. Everyone welcomed Officer Howell as well.

AGENDA ITEM 3 – Approve minutes of 1-16-23, as circulated – Trustee Giebel mentioned an error in agenda item #3 in the minutes regarding the motion roll call. It should be 5-0-2. Motion was made by Trustees Pflum/Yeager to approve the minutes from the 1-16-23 meeting with the correction in agenda item #3. Motion was carried by a 6-0-1 roll call. Trustee Madigan abstained.

AGENDA ITEM 4 – Public Comments – Nothing mentioned.

AGENDA ITEM 5 – Discuss and approve, if necessary, Chicken Ordinance – President Caramanidis mentioned the chickens and that we are still working on the ordinance. Public Works Director and Zoning Officer Dan Holdridge mentioned that there is a police ordinance that states no chickens in the Village so it was suggested to make sure to update/repeal/correct the ordinances that mention chickens not being allowed so that the ordinances don't conflict. The question was asked if the new chicken ordinance will be a stand-alone ordinance or if it will be added in an existing ordinance. President Caramanidis asked the Board members their thoughts. Trustee Madigan thought we should strike out "chickens" in the police ordinance and make the new chicken ordinance a stand alone ordinance. Trustee Yeager thought it should be added in with the ordinance referencing all animals. Trustee Giebel stated to strike out "chickens" in the police ordinance and add this chicken ordinance to the end of the animal ordinance. Trustee Feldner agreed with Trustee Giebel. Trustee Crook has no preference. President Caramanidis stated to add the chicken ordinance where it will fit and strike out "chickens" in the police ordinance. Public Works Director Dan Holdridge mentioned that he found an ordinance from 1924 that was never repealed involving animals running at large. Motion was made by Trustees Crook/Giebel and carried by a 7-0-0 roll call to approve adding the chicken ordinance to where it fits appropriately.

AGENDA ITEM 6 - Discuss and approve, if necessary, tractor maintenance repairs – Public Works Director Dan Holdridge handed out a Ballweg estimate for the repairs for the Village tractor. He explained the problem they had in the winter with the big cold spell and that the tractor died on Center Road during plowing. It was determined it was a coolant leak. Public Works Director Dan Holdridge further explained that if we don't fix the current issues, this will lead to bigger issues. It was mentioned that 10% of the labor listed on the estimate will

come off as well as a few other item listed on estimate. President Caramanidis questioned if they will accept a credit card for payment so that we can earn points. President Caramanidis said that our tractor is our prized asset and we need to take care of it.

President Caramanidis thanked Dan Holdridge and Greg Robertson for all their hard work this winter with all the snow removal all hours of the day and night. He said "great job".

Motion was made by Trustees Yeager/Crook to make the repairs to the tractor. Motion was carried by a 7-0-0 roll call.

AGENDA ITEM 7 – Approve checks dated January 1, 2023 through January 31, 2023 – Motion was made by Trustees Crook/Giebel to approve checks dated January 1, 2023 through January 31, 2023. Motion was carried by a 7-0-0 roll call.

AGENDA ITEM 8 – Next Village Board Meeting will be held on Monday, March 20, 2023 – 211 N. Grant St. at 6:00 pm

AGENDA ITEM 9 – Correspondence – Nothing mentioned.

AGENDA ITEM 10 – President's Report – President Caramanidis mentioned the possibility of banners at the softball diamond for during the Laconia softball games and/or Laconia Little League games. President Caramanidis asked the Board members and they were not against the idea.

President Caramanidis mentioned that many moons ago – William Taylor Park was donated by a gentleman named William Taylor. He mentioned that we also have a street called Taylor Park Street. It was mentioned that Taylor Park Street is not a residential street, nobody lives on that street. It was also mentioned that it was brought to his attention that there was a vote years ago to rename the street in memory of the Halfman name as the Halfman family has been a huge supporter of our parks, programs, schools, Village functions. It was mentioned that a street name can be change, but would have to follow the procedures to filing the name change with FDL County as they will need to update for emergency purposes. Trustee Yeager asked if both names could be honored on street name – meaning Taylor & Halfman. If we can find the minutes from when this initial discussion took place, we will place on the agenda for next meeting for further discussion and approval if necessary.

President Caramanidis mentioned that he is still working on getting quotes for the possible new pavilion at Taylor Park.

President Caramanidis also mentioned that he has been in communications with the DNR in regards to possibly stocking fish in the pond at Taylor Park. He was excited to announce that the Village was placed on the list for the fish stocking program with the State for 2025 in hopes to get approximately 250 trout per year moving forward, as they are available. We will find out more in November 2023.

AGENDA ITEM 11 – Recess the Open Session & convene in Closed Session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(i)(e) for the purpose of discussing matters that require a Closed Session – Discussion with Public Works Director Dan Holdridge in regards to future retirement and planning for the future.

AGENDA ITEM 12 – **Adjourn Closed Session & reconvene in Open Session** – Nothing mentioned in closed session needs approval at this time.

AGENDA ITEM 13 – **Adjourn the meeting** – Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

