

Village Board Meeting Minutes – April 15, 2024 at 5:30 PM – Rosendale Municipal Building

Kurt Caramanidis, Village President

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

AGENDA ITEM 1 – Call Village Board meeting to order – April 15, 2024 meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by President Kurt Caramanidis and the following were present at this meeting:

Trustees: Larry Crook, Jeremy Giebel, Keegan Madigan, Tammy Pflum, Tricia Yeager (and newly appointed Barb Hoch)

Staff: Emily Wirkus, Clerk-Treasurer; Jeremy Tabbert, Public Works;

Citizens: Rickard & Betty Mortenson

AGENDA ITEM 2 – Pledge of Allegiance

AGENDA ITEM 3 – Approve minutes of 3-18-24, as circulated – Motion was made by Trustees Pflum/Yeager to approve the minutes from the 3-18-2024 meeting. Motion was carried by a 5-0-2 roll call. Trustees Hoch & Madigan abstained.

AGENDA ITEM 4 – Public Comments – Nothing mentioned.

AGENDA ITEM 5 – Approve the appointment of a Village Trustee – Village President Kurt Caramanidis mentioned how Trustee Dan Degner had moved out of the Village. Village President Caramanidis appointed Barb Hoch to fill the vacancy. All Board in favor of the appointment.

AGENDA ITEM 6 – Discuss & approve 2024-2025 Committee list – Motion was made by Trustees Madigan/Yeager to approve the 2024-2025 Committee List. Motion was carried by a 7-0-0 roll call.

AGENDA ITEM 7 – Discuss Tree Committee Update – Trustee Yeager mentioned there was a Tree Committee meeting recently and they discussed the Tree Cost Share Program. It was suggested that the Village offer the Tree Cost Share Program every other year. Trustee Yeager also mentioned Arbor Day and that date was TBD for recognizing it at RI. There will not be a tree planted at this time at RI due to the construction, but the students will instead receive a sapling to plant for Arbor Day. Trustee Giebel had asked how many residents ordered trees from Ren's with the special offer last season. Trustee Yeager was unaware as she was told there were no orders, but Trustee Giebel stated he placed an order. It was mentioned that when planting trees in the near future to possibly stay away from maples as there is a new tree disease going around attacking maple trees. It was suggested to plant oak trees.

President Caramanidis mentioned the land by the wastewater plant and how that Public Works Director Jeremy Tabbert had an idea to maybe plant a tree nursery? It was suggested that we could offer a good price to residents for trees. President Caramanidis asked if anyone had any thoughts? Trustee Madigan asked if Jeremy Tabbert would be manning the tree nursery and mentioned the CRP. Trustees Yeager, Pflum, Giebel, Crook stated they all like the idea for the residents. It was mentioned that this was just an idea at this time.

AGENDA ITEM 8 – Discuss & approve, if necessary, enacting a speed limit on Center Road – Trustee Madigan mentioned that with the construction and new driveway for the school to be coming out on to Center Road – there needs to be a speed limit sign. Currently there is no sign posted. Have to check to see if the speed limit is 30 mph or 35 mph.

AGENDA ITEM 9 – Discuss & approve, if necessary, Basketball Court project updates, tracking costs & removal of trees at Taylor Park – Trustee Yeager mentioned the white cedars that are by the existing basketball court and how they are making a mess on the court. It was suggested to remove them during the new court construction as they are towards the end of life. Public Works Director Jeremy Tabbert mentioned that removing those trees will also help with the drainage. He also mentioned that under the existing court does not have the best base and it should be dug out and tiled. It was also mentioned that the old courts are sitting on top soil. He mentioned digging test holes around the court to see what was under it. It was mentioned that Dave & Mike Rabe gave estimate of excavating, tiling, etc. of \$35K.

It was mentioned that if not enough money to move forward, worst case is having to put the hoops back up (because they were already taken down in March by the Club) and continue to raise money for another year. President Caramanidis mentioned possibly putting more Village money towards the project. Trustee Crook stated he has an issue with the Village donating almost half the cost of the project if there were not enough funds raised and the Village only donating \$40K towards a much larger project that is currently in the works. Trustee Yeager explained her thoughts and stated we are moving too fast. It was mentioned that the Club does not have enough money raised at this time. It was mentioned that they are the ones making the money off the court and not the Village. Trustee Pflum stated she would rather spend the money on the pavilion project. Trustee Crook asked if they could wait until fall so, they can continue to raise the money for the basketball court project. Public Works Director mentioned how there is no communication happening again and this is Village property. Trustee Yeager asked if an email can be sent with communication updates.

AGENDA ITEM 10 – Discuss & approve, if necessary, Temporary Class B License for the 9U & 10U Small Town Tournament to be held at Taylor Park May 18, 2024 & May 19, 2024 – Motion was made by Trustees Pflum/Giebel to approve the Temporary Class B license for the 9U & 10U Small Town Tournament that will be held at Taylor Park in Rosendale May 18, 2024 & May 19, 2024. Motion was carried by a 7-0-0 roll call.

AGENDA ITEM 11 – Discuss & approve, if necessary, operator’s license for Ashley A. Weidman, N5579 Metovale, Rd., Brandon – Spartan 9U & 10U Pride Tourney – Motion was made by Trustees Crook/Madigan to approve the operator’s license for Ashley Weidman for the 9U & 10U Tournament. Motion was carried by a 7-0-0 roll call.

AGENDA ITEM 12 – Police Department Report – Nothing mentioned as Chief Liebenow was absent from meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 13 – Wastewater Operator’s Report – Public Works Director Jeremy Tabbert stated everything is going good as of 3 am today. He mentioned there was an alert that occurred, sensor issues and computer not reading correctly. No violation occurred. He also mentioned that we are a part of the Chloride Reduction Program and we are about due for water softener home inspections again. It was mentioned that MSA highly encourages a mutual party to go thru the homes to make sure the water softeners are in compliance.

AGENDA ITEM 14 – Approve checks dated March 1, 2024 through March 31, 2024 – Motion was made by Trustees Crook/Madigan to approve checks dated March 1, 2024 through March 31, 2024. Motion was carried by a 7-0-0 roll call.

AGENDA ITEM 15 – Next Village Board Meeting will be held on Monday, May 20, 2024 – 211 N. Grant St. at 5:30 pm & Board of Review: Monday, May 20, 2024 from 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

AGENDA ITEM 16 – Correspondence – Nothing mentioned.

AGENDA ITEM 17 – President’s Report – Nothing mentioned.

AGENDA ITEM 18 – Adjourn the meeting – Meeting was adjourned at 6:19 pm.