

**Village Board Meeting Minutes –August 21, 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 – August 21, 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, Jeremy Tabbert, Public Works & Gary Rose, Chief of Police

Citizens: Jerry Fairbank

AGENDA ITEM 2 – Pledge of Allegiance

AGENDA ITEM 3 – Approve minutes of 7-17-23, as circulated – Motion was made by Trustees Pflum/Giebel to approve the minutes from the 7-17-23 meeting. Motion was carried by a 6-0-1 roll call. Trustee Degner abstained.

AGENDA ITEM 4 – Public Comments – Nothing mentioned.

AGENDA ITEM 5 – Discuss & approve, if necessary, trick or treat date – It was mentioned that there were no complaints last year regarding trick or treat being on Saturday night before Halloween. It was decided to keep the trick or treat date the Saturday before Halloween. The trick or treat date for 2023 will be on Saturday, October 28, 2023.

AGENDA ITEM 6 – Approve a Temporary Class B License for the Laconia FFA Alumni Tractor Pull to be held on Sunday, September 17, 2023 at Taylor Park – Motion was made by Trustees Crook/Yeager to approve a Temporary Class B License for the Laconia FFA Alumni Tractor Pull to be held on Sunday, September 17, 2023 at Taylor Park. Motion was carried by a 7-0-0 roll call. It should be noted that there was a typo on the agenda regarding the day of the week. It was listed as Saturday, September 17, 2023 and the correct day is Sunday, September 17, 2023.

AGENDA ITEM 7 – Approve an Operator/Bartender License for Fred H. Potratz, 4745 Knapp St., Oshkosh – FFA Alumni Tractor Pull – Motion was made by Trustees Yeager/Madigan to approve the operator/bartender license for Fred H. Potratz for the Laconia FFA Tractor Pull that is being held on Sunday, September 17, 2023. Motion was carried by a 7-0-0 roll call.

AGENDA ITEM 8 – Discuss & approve, if necessary, elimination of curbside brush chipping & establishing a brush drop off site – President Caramanidis explained the recommendation. It was mentioned that there was a 2 week wait for the loader but the grapple bucket was available now if we approve the purchase of equipment. It was mentioned that the brush policy needs to be adjusted as the brush should not exceed 6 ft in length and not more than 4 – 6 inches in diameter. It was mentioned that an email will get sent out to the residents regarding the change. It was mentioned that we still need to discuss what to do, if anything, regarding storm damage. It was mentioned that the drop site would be at the Village garage. Trustee Madigan questioned about keeping the chipper. Jeremy Tabbert stated that we should keep it, we put money into it and we can see how things go. It was mentioned that there are still other trees in the Village, on Village property, that need to come down still. It was

mentioned that there needs to be signage at the new brush drop off site. It was mentioned that this is a BRUSH DROP OFF SITE and NOT A TREE DROP OFF SITE. It was mentioned that this will basically be the same policy as the curbside pickup, residents just need to transport their brush to the drop off location. It was mentioned that residents who don't have the means to transport their brush, maybe they have a neighbor or family member that could help them. Chief Rose asked if we have an ordinance regarding illegal dumping – not that residents start dumping off other items. It was reminded that a camera system was suggested to be installed to help monitor the drop site. It was mentioned that the wood chip bunker would work for the drop site. It was suggested to start with the drop site on September 18, 2023.

It was mentioned that there are ash trees on properties that homeowners need to remove. It was asked if the Village can enforce removal of the ash trees on homeowner's properties. President Caramanidis stated that is a separate issue and will be discussed at a later time.

Motion was made by Trustees Degner/Yeager to eliminate curbside brush chipping & establish a brush drop-off site beginning September 18, 2023. Motion was made by a 7-0-0 roll call.

**AGENDA ITEM 9 – Discuss & approve, if necessary, the purchase of a grapple bucket for John Deere 7330 tractor** – Jeremy Tabbert had mentioned that he has looked at the grapple that is needed and it costs \$3,300. Discussion continued into agenda item 10.

**AGENDA ITEM 10 – Discuss & approve, if necessary, the purchase of hydraulic valve system & skid loader conversion kit for John Deere 730 tractor** – It was mentioned that we need to purchase the hydraulic valve system and skid loader conversion kit in order for the grapple to work on the John Deere 7330 tractor. It was mentioned that the purchase of this equipment is a win-win for the Village for any future projects because we will have the equipment already. Trustee Degner questioned why this is coming to the Village Board from approval. It was mentioned that this was not a budgeted item. Trustees Pflum/Yeager approved agenda items # 9 and #10 together for the purchase of the grapple bucket, hydraulic valve system and skid loader conversion kit for the John Deere 7330 tractor. Motion was carried by a 7-0-0 roll call.

**AGENDA ITEM 11 – Discuss & approve, if necessary, the purchase of camera system at the brush drop-off site** – Tabled at this time.

**AGENDA ITEM 12 – Discuss & approve, if necessary, adjusting fines in ordinance violations** – Chief Rose stated he thought there might have been 7 ordinances originally that needed to be amended, but instead only 1. It was mentioned that the ordinance should state the fine amount plus any added court costs and surcharges. It was mentioned that the ordinance regarding noxious weeds needs to be amended to have the verbiage added to say plus court costs. Jeremy Tabbert asked if the fines can be higher than \$25. It was mentioned that once the added court costs are added to fine, it will be higher.

**AGENDA ITEM 13 – Approve checks dated July 1, 2023 through July 31, 2023** – Motion was made by Trustees Yeager/Madigan to approve checks dated July 1, 2023 through July 31, 2023. Motion was carried by a 7-0-0 roll call.

**AGENDA ITEM 14 – Next Village Board Meeting will be held on Monday, September 18, 2023 – 211 N. Grant St. at 6:00 pm**

AGENDA ITEM 15 – Correspondence – Nothing mentioned.

AGENDA ITEM 16 – President’s Report – President Caramanidis mentioned there is going to be a generous donation from Stuarts Landscaping. They are planning to donate large shade trees and bring in equipment to plant them. It was mentioned that Stuarts Landscaping will come and flag where they suggest the trees to be planted. It was mentioned that we need shade in the area of the softball diamond. It was mentioned that nothing will be done until the tree committee chair sees location and approves. President Caramanidis mentioned that someone had asked about the trees by the tractor pull track & school. Jeremy Tabbert stated they are box elder trees and have seen their time.

AGENDA ITEM 17 – Adjourn the meeting – Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

