

Village Board Meeting Minutes – February 19, 2024 at 5:30 PM – Rosendale Municipal Building

Kurt Caramanidis, Village President

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

AGENDA ITEM 1 – Call Village Board meeting to order – February 19, 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, Dan Degner, Keegan Madigan, Tammy Pflum & Tricia Yeager

Staff: Tony Liebenow, Chief of Police; Jeremy Tabbert, Public Works Director & Emily Wirkus, Clerk-Treasurer

Citizens: Mike Bonlender, Jerry Fairbank, Bill & Jessica Van Ornum

AGENDA ITEM 2 – Pledge of Allegiance

AGENDA ITEM 3 – Approve minutes of 1-22-24, as circulated – Trustee Pflum pointed out a couple typos. They were noted and corrected. Motion was made by Trustees Degner/Pflum to approve the minutes from the 1-22-24 meeting with the corrections. Motion was carried by a 6-0-1 roll call. Trustee Giebel was absent from meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 4 – Public Comments – Nothing mentioned.

AGENDA ITEM 5 – Discuss & approve, if necessary, funding for the Taylor Park basketball court – Kevin Engel from the LYBC handed the Board members a spreadsheet regarding the projected cost for the basketball court project and explained. Public Works Director Jeremy Tabbert mentioned using a skid steer to remove old basketball court and not disturb what's under the current basketball court. He also mentioned possibly tiling. President Caramanidis stated we may have a place to put all the old concrete. Kevin Engel thinks they will need 4 pickleball nets. Trustee Madigan questioned the fencing. It was asked if the Village would consider putting \$20,000 towards the project? It was asked, for something to think about, how to make the pickleball net/equipment accessible for renting/checking out? Public Works Director Jeremy Tabbert stated he would like to be involved with the project. Trustee Madigan mentioned how the terrace at the softball diamonds are named after a family/donor and asked about maybe other families would be interested in donating to the basketball project like they did the softball diamond? President Caramanidis mentioned that names will be placed on the Friends of Rosendale sign in the concession stand. Kevin Engel mentioned possibly naming the 4 sections of the court. He also mentioned the need for shade trees. President Caramanidis mentioned we recently received donated trees from Stuarts that were planted by the softball field and the basketball court.

President Caramanidis recommends putting towards \$20,000 for the basketball project to be pulled from the ARPA funds. Trustee Yeager questioned how long this project would take. PW Director Jeremy Tabbert thought maybe a week for tear out and Kevin Engel thought maybe a month for project to be completed. Trustee Yeager thanked Kevin Engel and the LYBC for doing this. Kevin Engel went around and shook the Village Boards hands thanking them as well.

Motion was made by Trustees Degner/Madigan to approve spending \$20,000 in ARPA funds to be put toward the Taylor Park Basketball Project. Motion was carried by a 6-0-1 roll call. Trustee Giebel was absent from the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 6 – Discuss & approve, if necessary, our Zoning Administrator – President Caramanidis mentioned Trustee Madigan expressing interest in the past. Public Works Director Jeremy Tabbert mentioned he would assist where ever. Tabbert also stated he thinks Trustee Madigan would be great as he also lives in the community. It was mentioned that we will look into training opportunities and discuss pay. It was mentioned that there may be info at the wastewater plant in regards to Zoning. Motion was made by Trustees Pflum/Degner to appoint Trustee Keegan Madigan as Zoning Administrator. Motion carried by a 5-0-2 roll call. Trustee Madigan abstained and Trustee Giebel was absent from meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 7 – Discuss & approve, if necessary, appointing the members of the Residential Development Committee – There was mention at the last Village Board meeting in regards to creating a Residential Development Committee. Trustees Madigan, Degner, Giebel and President Caramanidis all mentioned they would be interested in joining the committee. Motion was made by Trustees Degner/Yeager to appoint the above listed Trustees as the Residential Development Committee members. Motion carried by a 6-0-1 roll call. Trustee Giebel was absent from meeting.

It was mentioned that there will be a Residential Committee meeting on Wednesday, February 21, 2024 at 6:30 pm.

AGENDA ITEM 8 – Discuss & approve, if necessary, installing temporary signage at the intersection of Grant & W Division requiring northbound traffic to only make right turn during specified hours during the new construction – Chief Liebenow stated that the school district is requesting a temporary sign for when they begin construction at Laconia High School. To keep the flow of traffic moving before and after school they would like a “Right Turn Only” sign posted at the corner of S. Grant Street and W. Division Street. It was suggested to have the time posted on sign as well to read between 7:00 am and 4:00 pm, with being a little more enforcement targeted before and after school (when there is higher traffic). It was mentioned that either Chief Liebenow or Public Works Director Jeremy Tabbert will contact the County to see if a sign can be made. It was also suggested to hang sign on the same post below the already existing stop sign on that corner. Motion was made by Trustees Degner/Yeager to install a temporary “Right Turn Only” sign at the corner of S. Grant Street and W. Division Street. Motion was carried by a 6-0-1 roll call. Trustee Giebel was absent from meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 9 – Discuss & approve, if necessary, contract with MCO for the wastewater plant – President Caramanidis stated that we have not received a quote from MCO at this time. He stated due to not having a quote in hand at this time, does he have the permission to approve a specific dollar amount if the quote comes in within the next couple days. He mentioned that the wastewater plant does need a certified operator to run. Chief Liebenow suggested reaching out to neighboring communities to see if they would be of assistance. It was mentioned that the licensed operator would need to perform the required lab work, fill out and file appropriate paperwork with the DNR, etc. Citizen Fairbank questioned what’s going on and why do we need MCO. It was explained that because Dan Holdridge has resigned, we need to have a licensed operator to run the wastewater plant. Chief Liebenow also explained why there needs to be a licensed operator. President Caramanidis stated he will call a special meeting if needed. Motion was made by Trustees Degner/Pflum to allow President Caramanidis to negotiate a contract up to \$65,000 a year and if amount is higher a special meeting will be called. Motion was carried by a 6-0-1 roll call. Trustee Giebel was absent from meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 10 – Police Department Report – Chief Liebenow stated that our docking stations for the new squad computers came and have been installed but the hotspots thru Verizon are not working properly. He mentioned the officers recently did some pursuit training, he updated incorrect bond amounts, still cleaning up the

evidence room, took broken radios to Matteson's. Chief Liebenow reminded the Board that the radios will eventually need to be updated per the FDL County and is hoping the County will get a deal and pass the savings on to the municipalities. He also mentioned that our 2014 Explorer is currently at 64,000 miles on the odometer and 400K idol hours and suggested planning for ordering a new squad as they take a long time to come in. Trustee Yeager questioned having a truck vs SUV. Chief Liebenow said having an SUV is ideal for traffic patrol (Eco-boost not hybrid). President Caramanidis gave Chief Liebenow permission to plan for a new SUV and to start getting pricing.

Chief Liebenow also mentioned having a couple Conceal Carry Classes in April with the profit going towards the new radios. He also mentioned having a gun raffle for the PD around Christmas time.

AGENDA ITEM 11-- Approve checks dated January 1, 2024 through January 31, 2024 – Motion was made by Trustees Pflum/Degner to approve checks dated January 1, 2024 through January 31, 2024. Motion was carried by a 6-0-1 roll call. Trustee Giebel was absent from meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 12 – Next Village Board Meeting will be held on Monday, March 18, 2024 – 211 N. Grant St. at 5:30 pm

AGENDA ITEM 13 – Correspondence – Nothing mentioned.

AGENDA ITEM 14 – President's Report – President Caramanidis said Chief Liebenow is doing an excellent job. He mentioned Public Works Director Jeremy Tabbert taking him on a tour around town and stated that Jeremy is excited with his new position. President Caramanidis stated he likes to see team work and appreciates the hard work and enthusiasm. Trustee Yeager agreed and said they are doing great and thanked Jeremy Tabbert for stepping up. She also thanked Chief Liebenow for all the work he has done so far.

AGENDA ITEM 10 – Adjourn the meeting – Meeting was adjourned at 6:49 pm.

