

Village Board Meeting Minutes – May 18, 2015 at 7:00 PM – Rosendale Municipal Building

Duane Ciske, Village President

Trustees: Kurt Caramanidis, Elizabeth Crook, John Gruszynske, Rennae Quast, Randy Redmann & Mark Simon

AGENDA ITEM 1 – Call Village Board meeting to order – May 18, 2015 meeting was called to order at the above time and place by President Duane Ciske and the following were present at this meeting:

Trustees: Kurt Caramanidis, Elizabeth Crook, John Gruszynske, Rennae Quast, Randy Redmann & Mark Simon

Staff: Kevin Verdine, Chief of Police; & Emily Wirkus, Clerk-Treasurer

Citizens: Jerry Fairbank, Emajean Westphal, & Jim Westphal

It should be noted that the agenda posted, but has been corrected online, had the date of March 2, 2015.

AGENDA ITEM 2 – Approve minutes of 4-27-15 meeting, as circulated – Motion made by Caramanidis with a second by Quast to approve the April 27, 2015 minutes with a 7-0-0 roll call.

AGENDA ITEM 3 – Public Comments – Jim Westphal would like to “bug” the Board about the Ash tree issue. It was mentioned that the treatment appears to be a short term treatment vs. a long term treatment. It was mentioned that maybe the money saved can be used to replace the Ash trees vs. “saving” the trees. It was also mentioned that the Ash trees would have to be treated forever; it’s not just a onetime treatment. Jim Westphal mentioned that there are currently 5 trees that are owned by the Village planted up at Rebecca Westphal’s property. There are also 4 trees currently on Rebecca Westphal’s property that are currently owned by Rebecca Westphal, that she would make a “great deal” with the Village if they choose to purchase them.

Trustee Quast mentioned as an FYI that the emerald ash bore is already on Hwy 23 across from the river, so it is moving closer to Rosendale.

Emajean Westphal stated that she would like the Tree Committee to be formed again. President Ciske stated that the Tree Committee is part of the Parks Committee and if there were any concerns on trees or any meeting needed, anyone from that committee could tell the Chair person of the committee and the concerns and meetings can be addressed. President Ciske reminded that if anyone is on a specific committee, anyone can bring it to the Chair person’s attention of what needs to be discussed and/or addressed. The committee would then bring what was discussed to the Board for discussion/approval/denial.

Emajean Westphal mentioned that her, Jim Westphal and Rennae Quast have gone to tree seminars on their own time. She also mentioned that there was no Arbor Day Celebration yet. President Ciske mentioned that anyone could have brought it to the attention of the Parks Chair person that they would like to have an Arbor Day Celebration. Trustee Quast stated she was misunderstood and thought that since Dan Holdridge was doing training on trees and reports that he was in charge of Arbor Day. Emajean Westphal stated if the Tree Committee was formed again, the meetings would be orderly and run smoothly and Rennae would report back to the Board. Trustee Simon and Trustee Caramanidis, both members of the Parks Committee; Trustee Simon being Chairman, said that they don’t have a problem with holding a Parks Committee meeting to discuss trees and other tree related issues.

President Ciske explained that the 2015-2016 Committee List has already been approved (at the April 27, 2015 Board Meeting). Trustee Crook asked if a Tree Committee was on the agenda for the next Board Meeting is it still "legal" to add committee. It was mentioned that the Board can vote next meeting as to whether or not to add a separate Tree Committee or to keep in included within the Parks Committee.

Emajean Westphal stated that she would like to remind/invite everyone to Peony Sunday on June 7, 2015. She mentioned that the Village currently has 2 Historical Markers-both on Hwy 26 for Sisson's Peony Gardens. She stated that there will be 2 more Historical Markers placed on Hwy 23-for the Rosendale Historical Society Grange Hall. There will be a dedication for the Grange Hall in the near future. Emajean also stated that she would like the Village Board to become familiar with the Peony Garden and the Museum because she said if for some reason the Historical Society "folds", the Village is responsible for the upkeep of the Historical Society property that are Historical Markers. Village Clerk Emily Wirkus mentioned that there is an ad for Peony Sunday on the Village website and on the website calendar.

Jim Westphal asked about the refurbishing of the Welcome to Rosendale signs. He would like to start on one.

Emajean Westphal mentioned that she has information on treating Ash trees for anyone who is interested.

AGENDA ITEM 4 – Approve or deny liquor license application: Alexandra A. Wegner, N6001 Brandon Rd, Brandon; Employer: Bluemkes Food Mart– Motion made by Redmann with a second by Caramanidis to approve the liquor license application for Alexandra A. Wegner for Bluemkes Food Mart. Motion carried a 6-0-1 roll call. Trustee Crook abstained from the vote.

AGENDA ITEM 5 – Tractor Pull Agreement – President Ciske mentioned that both the Rosendale Lions Club and the Laconia FFA have a copy of the agreement. We are just waiting to hear back from them as to whether or not they are in agreement/disagreement with the Tractor Pull Agreement.

AGENDA ITEM 6 – Approve list of paid checks from April 1, 2015 through April 30, 2015 – Motion was made to approve the list of paid checks from April 1, 2015 through April 30, 2015 by Gruszynske with a second by Caramanidis carried by a 7-0-0 roll call.

AGENDA ITEM 7 – Next meeting: June 22, 2015 at 7:00 PM – Rosendale Municipal Building, 211 N. Grant St

AGENDA ITEM 8 – Correspondence – Nothing mentioned.

AGENDA ITEM 9 – President's report – Nothing mentioned.

AGENDA ITEM 10 – Any other business pertinent to efficient village operation – Nothing mentioned.

AGENDA ITEM 11 – Recess the Open Session and convene in Closed Session pursuant to Wisconsin § 19.85(l)(e) for the purpose of conducting specified public business when reasons require a closed session – Open session was adjourned at 7:30 PM. President Ciske advised the Board of the status of the Rosendale Municipal Court.

AGENDA ITEM 12 – Adjourn the Closed Session and reconvene in Open Session for Closed Session vote if pertinent – Close session was adjourned at 7:49 PM.

AGENDA ITEM 13 – Adjourn the meeting - Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.