

Village Board Meeting Minutes – May 20, 2024 at 5:30 PM – Rosendale Municipal Building

Kurt Caramanidis, Village President

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

AGENDA ITEM 1 – Call Village Board meeting to order – May 20, 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, Barb Hoch, Tammy Pflum & Tricia Yeager

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

Citizens: Jerry Fairbank, Jim & Emajean Westphal

AGENDA ITEM 2 – Pledge of Allegiance

AGENDA ITEM 3 – Approve minutes of 4-15-24, as circulated – Motion was made by Trustees Pflum/Crook to approve the minutes from the 2-19-24 meeting with the corrections. Motion was carried by a 7-0-0 roll call.

AGENDA ITEM 4 – Public Comments – Nothing mentioned.

AGENDA ITEM 5 – Discuss & approve, if necessary, moving forward with any basketball updates – President Caramanidis mentioned that the trees have been cut down and that Mike Rabe hasn't turned in contract yet. Public Works Director Jeremy Tabbert brought up schedule and being changed after a discussion was had on Thursday night and then received a call from Kurt Friday morning. Trustee Crook asked if we know the cost of the project. Trustee Pflum asked if we had a contract. President Caramanidis stated we will have a contract by Tuesday. President Caramanidis also mentioned we have a park contingency fund if project goes over budget. Trustee Yeager asked if anything has been started. It was mentioned that it rained today so nothing has been started. Trustee Yeager also asked about designating a person who can be the communicator. President Caramanidis stated that he and Public Works Director Jeremy Tabbert have been communicating and will still communicate. Trustee Pflum asked if any more donations came in. It was mentioned that a few more donations have come in but not enough to cover costs at this time. She asked if we should have the money before the project moves forward. Trustee Yeager asked if there was a project schedule. President Caramanidis stated this is a 2-part deal – excavating & building. The building should take one day. It was mentioned this will be completed summer 2024.

AGENDA ITEM 6 – Discuss & approve, if necessary, playground equipment donation for Taylor Park from RBSD – President Caramanidis mentioned that we got an offer to have the Rosendale Intermediate School playground equipment. It was asked how difficult it would be to move. After looking at the photos of the equipment, Trustee Crook is unsure if it fits the "style". Chief Liebenow mentioned that in Iron Ridge they spent \$75K for equipment and mentioned there might be a photo on their website to look at. Trustee Hoch stated that if we are building a new pavilion, this equipment at the Intermediate School isn't what she was picturing. Trustee Giebel stated he thinks that equipment is the same age as the equipment at the Primary School. It was mentioned that there is cement holding the equipment in at the Intermediate School and it will be hard to get out of the ground and reset. Trustee Yeager stated it sounds like a lot of work. Trustee Madigan stated he saw kids playing on it recently. Jerry Fairbank stated that if it's good equipment, it could be cut at concrete level and reassembled. Jeremy Tabbert

stated he would have to look at the equipment in person. Trustee Pflum questioned liability and if a company installs, they would be liable.

AGENDA ITEM 7 – Discuss & approve, if necessary, moving forward with the bidding process for the pavilion project – Trustee Crook said in talking with Tom Schwartz, it would save money if bid out separately. It was mentioned that when putting out the bid ad, it should be mentioned that we don't necessarily need to accept the lowest bid. Trustee Yeager mentioned she knows the verbiage and will help Larry Crook and Jim Westphal with the proper wording for the bid. Trustee Crook was hoping that in the next week or so the bid would get out. Jim Westphal mentioned the architect and needing payment. President Caramanidis stated it has been already approved. Jim Westphal asked if the Village would cover inspection cost from Marty Johnson. It was mentioned that Marty Johnson bills the owners of the properties that need inspections. Motion was made by Trustees Yeager/Hoch to move forward with the itemized bidding. Motion was carried by a 6-0-1 roll call. Trustee Crook abstained.

AGENDA ITEM 8 – Discuss amending the pet ordinance regarding viscous dogs – President Caramanidis mentioned the recent dog incidents in the Village. Chief Liebenow stated that in Iron Ridge, they have an ordinance that if a dog bites two times, the dog must be put down and they need to show proof. It was mentioned that we have to look at the current wording of our ordinance regarding pets. Chief Liebenow stated that our ordinance is outdated. Clerk Emily Wirkus made copies of the current ordinance for everyone. Trustee Madigan stated he is in favor of "2 strikes you out". Chief Liebenow stated it should be 2 bites you out. He also stated he will bring a copy of the Iron Ridge ordinance for the Board to look at and we can look into amending our existing ordinance

AGENDA ITEM 9 – Police Department Report – Chief Liebenow mentioned that there were two 4K tours recently at the PD. He also mentioned that he had hired two new officers and that JJ is doing field training. He mentioned that Dani is done the end of this month and she will be working in Ripon full-time. He mentioned that JJ took a job in Sheboygan and they don't allow new hires to work elsewhere during field training. Chief Liebenow also mentioned that the Explorer has no brakes today. The department finally has new hot spots in the squads and a new printer for squad, old printer is still under warranty. Chief Liebenow mentioned that a 1st Amendment person made a visit to the building recently. He mentioned that so everyone is on the same page, video recording is allowed in the public area, ex: lobby and community room. No recording allowed in offices, conference room or in the PD.

AGENDA ITEM 10 – Wastewater Operator's Report – Public Works Director Jeremy Tabbert stated that everything is going pretty smooth at the wastewater plant. It was mentioned that we are on the radar with the DNR for the arsenic levels, the chlorides are high. It was mentioned we are in the Chloride Reduction Plan with the water softeners. Jim Westphal asked if the DNR tests private wells. Jeremy Tabbert said that the arsenic turned up in our sludge.

AGENDA ITEM 11– Approve checks dated April 1, 2024 through April 30, 2024 – Motion was made by Trustees Crook/Pflum to approve checks dated January 1, 2024 through January 31, 2024. Motion was carried by a 6-0-1 roll call. Trustee Madigan was absent from the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 12 – Next Village Board Meeting will be held on Monday, June 17, 2024 – 211 N. Grant St. at 5:30 pm

AGENDA ITEM 13 – Correspondence – Nothing mentioned.

AGENDA ITEM 14 – President’s Report – President Caramanidis said to keep Lisa Kleinmaus, our Election inspector, and her family in their prayers as her daughter was involved in the fatal motorcycle accident.

AGENDA ITEM 15 – Adjourn the meeting – Meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.

