

Village Board Meeting Minutes – September 22, 2014 at 7:00 PM - Rosendale Municipal Building

Duane Ciske, Village President

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

AGENDA ITEM 1 - Call Village Board meeting to order - September 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: Public Works Director Dan Holdridge, Village Clerk Doris Tetzlaff and Deputy Clerk Emily Wirkus

Guests: Citizen Jerry Fairbank, Marcie Kunkle, Chuck Rusch, Emajean Westphal, & Jim Westphal

AGENDA ITEM 2– Approve minutes of 8-25-14 meeting, as circulated – Motion made by Trustees

Gruszynske/Quast to approve the August 25, 2014 minutes with a 6-0-1 roll call. Trustee Simon abstained because he was not present at the August meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 3 – Public Comments – Citizen Jim Westphal stated that he noticed the “Welcome to Rosendale” sign not on the agenda. President Ciske stated that is in the discussion of the Sign Committee and they have already met 2 times. Jim asked if the Village is going to save the signs. President Ciske stated that we plan on saving the signs and they are still being looked into. Jim stated that him and Chuck Rusch will refurbish the signs, if the Village pays for the materials, they will fix-refurbish and put finish on the signs. President Ciske stated that we are still waiting for logos so a sign can be done for people to look at and give an opinion.

It was asked when the “Welcome to Rosendale” signs were put up-it was mentioned maybe the late 80’s. Emajean stated that the signs have always been a community project and would like to keep the original signs.

Emajean also questioned what happened to the “Committee reports” section on the agenda. President Ciske explained that if the committee has something to say, they can still report on it.

Emajean then mentioned that there are 57 ash trees in the Village; many are on private property (excluding Donovan Circle). She asked for in the budget for next year, she suggests putting money aside each year for the trees-treatment and/or cutting the tree down. Emajean also mentioned that she and Trustee Quast attended a DNR meeting in Oshkosh last Thursday at the Paine Art Center. They learned about the treatment of Ash trees. She stated that there is someone who sells a product to inject into the trees to save good trees. She stated that we have many good trees and don’t want to cut those trees down. Emajean mentioned that Curtis Andrews, from Waukesha, sells the product. President Ciske stated that this would be a good idea for the Park Committee to discuss. Trustee Simon, chairman of the Park Committee, agrees to look into it. Emajean mentioned that if someone can be certified in treating the trees, it would be half the price to treat the trees vs. having someone come treat the trees for you. Emajean also suggested that the property owners should be contacted if they have an ash tree on their property worth saving.

AGENDA ITEM 4 – OK funds for MSA to prepare a developer’s agreement– President Ciske stated that this topic would be tabled based on the cost, and we would work on our own developer’s agreement.

AGENDA ITEM 5 – Purchase complete plow package for F550 Dump Truck – Public Works Director Dan Holdridge thought that the plow could be fixed. The cost from Modern Rentals to refurbish the plow would be \$5800. He cannot find a used plow at this time. The new plow can be put on a different truck if a new truck is purchased in

the future. Dan stated that the cylinders are broke, springs broke, and frame on truck is broke. There would be a lot of labor involved in the repairs. The current plow is 11 years old. He stated he would sell the old plow on craigslist. There was already \$6000 in budget already under the equipment replacement fund. Dan Holdridge presented a quote from Casper's Truck Equipment for the cost of a new plow with installation. Final cost totaled \$6387. Motion was made by Trustees Caramanidis/Simon to purchase new plow for the F550 dump truck with a 7-0-0 roll call.

AGENDA ITEM 6 – Bowmar Appraisal Inc. 2015 Assessor Contract – The contract was the same as 2014 contract and approved by Trustees Gruszynske/Quast with a 7-0-0 roll call.

AGENDA ITEM 7 – Wastewater Committee Report – Write Letter- Trustee Gruszynske stated the Wastewater treatment plant is in rough shape, for many years now, & it is now costing a lot to fix - it's predicted that there will be more repair in the future. A new plant would cost roughly \$9 million. We have a contract with Power Packaging until 2020. We had a meeting with MSA and they suggest formulating a letter to Power Packaging to see what their plans are. Question is that is it worth drafting a letter and sending or will they say we already have a contract.

Since the meeting President Ciske spoke with Jerry Webber. Power Packaging has hired a firm to review their Wastewater needs. It's suggested to keep the communication open. It was mentioned that construction takes approximately 3 years-from designing to construction. President Ciske wants what's best for the Village residents.

Lots of variables to consider-to build, not to build, to build small, to build big. It was reminded that we do have a contract with Power Packaging until 2020 to provide them services.

Citizen Jerry Fairbank questioned wondering what if Power Packaging shuts down. It was also mentioned that there is currently a lot of corrosion happening at a rapid rate at the Wastewater plant. The supports broke, pipes have burst, holes blowing, and no air flow. Dan mentioned that the next issue would probably be the clarifiers shutting down. It was mentioned that most plants have 2, we have 1. We just spent \$20,000 to fix now as a "band-aid". If there is a failure, the DNR can fine if not approved. It was reminded that our plant is very small and very old. The mention of building a new plant was first brought up in 2012. We want to do the most cost effective thing. We want to work with Power Packaging. Trustee Gruszynske stated that we all have the best interest in mind because we all are Village residents. It was mentioned that the original design that was made is still good. Trustee Gruszynske mentioned that the Wastewater committee meeting is open to the public.

AGENDA ITEM 8 – Discussion of Christmas Decorations – Citizen Emajeane Westphal spoke in regards to the purchasing and installing of the lighted Christmas decorations. She stated that she was not at the last Village board meeting. She stated that she called AI from Alliant and explained to AI how she wanted 4 lighted Christmas decorations hung in the Village on the existing light poles. Emajeane suggested a lighted decoration on all 4 corners in the Village. The LED Christmas decoration would cost approximately \$500 each. She stated that AI, from Alliant, told her that the Village can have waterproof outlets, electrical boxes, for the lighted Christmas decorations installed on the existing light pole. The poles that already have an outlet need to be brought up to code. The Village would be responsible for that being done.

Public Works Director Dan Holdridge explained that he had also talked to AI, from Alliant, in regards to the installation of the waterproof outlets on the light poles. A letter from Alliant was presented at the last Village board meeting in August stating how we do have 4 poles capable of having outlets installed. The Village would be responsible for the proper installation and bringing any existing outlet up to code. Leasa Electric gave an approximate estimate of \$300

per pole to hook up electrical. Trustee Caramanidis mentioned that maybe area businesses would donate, giving an example that Oshkosh Business Associations usually fund for their decorations.

Electrical would cost approximately \$1200 to install on the poles. The 2 existing poles that have outlets need to be brought up to code. The Village needs to talk to more businesses for donations for the Christmas decorations and the installation. The cost would be approximately \$3200 for the 4 lighted decorations and the installation of electrical outlets on the poles.

It was mentioned that in the mean time, while money is being raised, the Village should go ahead and get the electrical outlets installed so that the lighted Christmas decorations can be put up already this holiday season. Trustee Crook suggested that the Village support the installation of electrical if the lights can be donated. President Ciske reminded everyone that this is only a discussion, but we can come to an understanding that we will do it. Trustee Gruszynske asked what line item in the Budget we are taking the money from. Trustee Gruszynske stated that we are not taking the money out from the wastewater budget. Money always comes out of the streets budget, and we had already lost money for streets project because the existing fire siren had failed, we had to purchase a new siren. President Ciske said he will pay for the electrical for now until money is raised. Trustee Quast said she would go around to businesses and to the people who signed the petition asking for donations.

AGENDA ITEM 9 – Approve list of paid checks from August 1, 2014 through August 31, 2014 – Trustee Crook questioned the Alliant bill. It was explained what accounts were included. Trustee Quast questioned the Homan bill, Mr. Rooter bill, & TV & Seal project bill. Bills were explained and approved. Motion made by Trustees Redmann/Gruszynske with a 7-0-0 roll call to approve all paid checks from August 1, 2014 through August 21, 2014.

AGENDA ITEM 10 – Next meeting date: October 27, 2014 at 7:00 PM – Rosendale Municipal Building, 211 N. Grant St.

AGENDA ITEM 11 – Correspondence – Trustee Quast went to the Lakeside Municipal Court Meeting. Notes and paperwork were given to Emily Wirkus to give to Chief Verdine.

AGENDA ITEM 12 - President's Report – Nothing mentioned.

AGENDA ITEM 13 – Any other business pertinent to efficient village operation – Nothing mentioned.

AGENDA ITEM 14 –Adjourn the meeting- All business was concluded, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.