

Village Board Meeting Minutes – January 15, 2024 at 5:30 PM – Rosendale Municipal Building

Kurt Caramanidis, Village President

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

AGENDA ITEM 1 – Call Village Board meeting to order – January 15, 2024 meeting was called to order at 5:02 PM by President Kurt Caramanidis and the following were present at this meeting:

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

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

Citizens: Jim Westphal

AGENDA ITEM 2 – Pledge of Allegiance

AGENDA ITEM 3 – Approve minutes of 12-18-23, as circulated – Motion was made by Trustees Degner/Giebel to approve the minutes from the 12-18-2023 meeting. Motion was carried by a 7-0-2 roll call.

AGENDA ITEM 4 – Public Comments – Nothing mentioned.

AGENDA ITEM 5 – Discuss residential development for Rosendale – Jim Westphal stated he had some ideas. Jim Westphal mentioned he knew of two homes for sale in the Village. He talked about some Village history and that people want to come to Rosendale. It was mentioned that people want to come to our school district and also of the location – being in the middle of bigger cities so people use Rosendale as the mid-point. Jim Westphal then handed out an article that was printed in the Ripon paper about some incentives. Jim Westphal also mentioned maybe a possible referendum for Village to throw money towards developers to develop homes/lots. He also mentioned maybe creating a TID district for the 8 acres where the Rosendale Primary School is currently standing. President Caramanidis thanked Jim Westphal for his concern & commentary. President Caramanidis asked about having an economic committee meeting. Trustee Degner mentioned that maybe Envision Greater would be interested in assisting. Trustee Crook stated it's great if we can make it work & mentioned that we should do some research to figure out in the next couple years. Trustee Degner stated to get Envision Greater involved, create TID/TIFF district and also said if you're not growing, you're dying. Trustee Giebel stated that the school made an investment and we are overdue. Trustee Yeager stated it is a great idea. She mentioned that construction is expensive right now and maybe single family, duplex or condo is the way to go. Trustee Madigan volunteers to head a Residential Development Committee. He stated they could have quarterly meetings. Trustee Madigan stated that the school is improving and the Village needs to too. He suggested a senior living development. It was mentioned that Trustees Madigan, Degner, Giebel along with President Caramanidis would be a part of the new Residential Development Committee. Public Works Director Dan Holdridge mentioned that the Village does have a Comprehensive Plan and that the Board would need to review the ordinance.

AGENDA ITEM 6 – Discuss waiving building permit fees for RBSD – President Caramanidis stated that the school Administrator Wayne Weber emailed him asking if the Village could wave the building permit fees for RBSD new construction. President Caramanidis said that after talking with Marty Johnson, our Building Inspector and permit issuer, the bill would be over \$20K. Unfortunately, the Village doesn't have that in their budget. Trustee Crook stated that that's a lot of money and would love to help but that isn't in our budget. The entire Village Board

agrees. Public Works Director Dan Holdridge stated that as of right now, the school has not presented any plan to the Village. He also stated that a zoning permit is needed for the new road, if that is still in the plan. He also asked if the Village should contact the school about the zoning permit. He mentioned the flood plan and road to Center Road. It was also mentioned that there was talk about the school wanting a one way South on Grant Street.

AGENDA ITEM 7 – Police Department Report – President Caramanidis mentioned that in the past meetings we used to do a police report. It was mentioned that we would like to continue doing so. Chief Liebenow spoke and mentioned they still have issues on the computers. It was mentioned that the new computers have come in, but waiting on the docking stations. He stated that the County IT will set them up asap. Chief Liebenow mentioned that he corrected the ordinances & fines w/TRACS and updated to where they should be. He also mentioned that went thru the evidence and cleaned out closed cases. It was mentioned that both squad vehicles had check engine lights on and those have been fixed.

AGENDA ITEM 8 – Discuss & approve, if necessary, an ordinance regarding Sexting – Chief Liebenow mentioned stopping at the school and Deputy Steve Kastenschmidt, the school resource officer, asked us to adopt an ordinance regarding sexting and would like to handle the cases at the Rosendale Municipal Court. It was mentioned that they would like to correct students' behavior on a Municipal level vs Circuit Court. It was also mentioned that an ordinance should be created/amended to cover the use of smoking devices. It was mentioned that they are not looking to punish students but to fix students. Trustee Degner highlighted some changes and suggestions that he discussed with Chief Liebenow prior to the meeting. Motion was made by Trustees Degner/Pflum to approve an Ordinance regarding Sexting with the amendments as presented. Motion was carried by a 7-0-0 roll call.

AGENDA ITEM 9 – Approve checks dated December 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 – Motion was made by Trustees Pflum/Degner to approve checks dated December 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023. Motion was carried by a 7-0-0 roll call.

AGENDA ITEM 10 – Next Village Board Meeting will be held on Monday, February 19, 2024 – 211 N. Grant St. at 5:30 pm

AGENDA ITEM 11 – Correspondence – Nothing mentioned.

AGENDA ITEM 12 – President's Report – President Caramanidis thanked Public Works Dan Holdridge & Jeremy Tabbert for all the snow plowing during the recent

AGENDA ITEM 13 – Recess the Open Session & convene in Closed Session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(i)(e) for the purpose of discussing matters that require a Closed Session – The Village Board excused Village employees and citizens from the Village Board meeting and convened in Closed Session.

AGENDA ITEM 14 – Adjourn Closed Session & reconvene in Open Session

AGENDA ITEM 15 – Adjourn the meeting