

Village Board Meeting Minutes – July 19, 2021 at 6:00 PM – Rosendale Municipal Building

Kurt Caramanidis, Village President

Trustees: Larry Crook, Chuck Feldner, Barb Hoch, Tammy Pflum, Julie Stigler & Tricia Yeager

AGENDA ITEM 1 – Call Village Board meeting to order – July 19, 2021 meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Village President Kurt Caramanidis and the following were present at this meeting:

Trustees: Larry Crook, Chuck Feldner, Barb Hoch, Tammy Pflum, Julie Stigler & Tricia Yeager

Staff: Emily Wirkus, Clerk-Treasurer

Citizens: Jerry Fairbank, Wade Bender, Starla Hiemstra and Mike Montey

AGENDA ITEM 2 – Pledge of Allegiance

AGENDA ITEM 3 – Approve minutes of 6-28-21, as circulated – Motion was made by Trustees Yeager/Crook to approve the minutes from the 6-28-21 meeting. Motion was carried by a 5-0-2 roll call. Village President Caramanidis and Trustee Stigler were abstained.

AGENDA ITEM 4 – Discuss and approve, if necessary, walkway for the Blessing Barn at the Blind Beautician– President Caramanidis explained the Blessing Barn at the Blind Beautician. It was explained that it's basically a donation box for non-perishable items for people in need or in a pinch. Village Clerk Wirkus mentioned that it is similar operation to the way the Little Library works that is in front of Bluemkes Hardware store where you leave a book and take a book. The Blessing Barn could be used for people in a pinch and they could leave a non-perishable item and take one out for use. The Blessing Barn would be placed on the property of the Blind Beautician. It was explained that since there is no parking on HWY 26 she would have the Blessing Barn on her property with access from Taylor Park Street. Bobbie Hiemstra, the owner of the Blind Beautician is looking to having pavers put on the ground for a path over the lawn from the Blessing Box to Taylor Park Street. It was mentioned that the pavers would be set in the ground so no interference during mowing. It was mentioned that Zillges usually has irregular shaped close-out sales and pea gravel. A suggestion was made that the Village would purchase the pavers and the salon owner would install. Motion was made by Trustees Yeager/Crook to approve spending up to \$200 for a path to the Blessing Barn. Motion was carried by a 7-0-0 roll call.

AGENDA ITEM 5 – Discuss and approve, if necessary, sign for Taylor Park – President Caramanidis looked at the quote and suggested getting another quote. He explained he would like the sign to be placed on HWY 26 and Taylor Park Street – the entrance to the Taylor Park ball diamonds. He decided to table at this time.

AGENDA ITEM 6 – Tree Committee Update – Trustee Yeager gave the tree committee update. She mentioned moving forward that the Tree Committee will be separate from the Park Committee per the rules she read from Tree City USA. Trustee Yeager stated she has the application to become part of Tree City USA again. That application is due in December and the earliest it can be submitted is October. It was mentioned that the trees need its own budget. It was mentioned that there is a separate line item in the budget for trees. It was then mentioned that the Beautification Committee would be a sub-committee from the Parks Committee. Trustee Stigler mentioned that we have volunteers now since we have momentum with people. It was mentioned that they would like the trees in the ground this year – planting in the fall.

President Caramanidis mentioned the Adopt a Tree Program.

Trustee Yeager is the Chair of the Tree Committee.

President Caramanidis mentioned there should be a Park Committee meeting in the next couple of weeks. He mentioned the Beautification Committee would be with the Parks Committee and then they would present any ideas/suggestions to the Board.

AGENDA ITEM 7 – Discuss possible ATV route – President Caramanidis was given all the responses from the ATV survey that was sent out to the Village residents. He mentioned that by the responses, it was pretty much split. He mentioned that he would like to connect the townships with the Village via Rose-Eld Road. Citizen Wade Bender asked if he would be able to ride his 4-wheeler to Rose-Eld Road from Fern Drive. Trustee Feldner mentioned all the other communities who allow 4-wheelers and ATVs. It was mentioned that the Village would have to draft an ordinance for the Village Board meeting in August.

President Caramanidis asked each of the Board members thoughts. Trustee Pflum says open up all Village streets until there is a problem. Trustee Yeager stated she is on the fence at this time and is undecided, but would like to be able to take a side by side to the compost pile. Trustee Stigler stated she is also on the fence at this time. She stated because she lives on Willow Creek Road and there is an entrance off Rose-Eld Road nearby. She is worried about the traffic, speed and kids who live in area. President Caramanidis mentioned talking with our Village Attorney as he is from the Waupun area and they currently allow ATVs. Citizen Starla Hiemstra stated that a 4-wheeler is as loud as a motorcycle. Trustee Crook says he is in favor of opening all Village Streets. He also questioned licensing. It was mentioned that the ATVs need to be registered and drivers need to have a license to drive. Trustee Hoch is concerned about the speed and asked about curfew. Citizen Jerry Fairbank stated he learned how expensive ATVs are and wondering if they have to have proof of insurance. It was mentioned that the ordinance should have language in it as to the driver/owner having full responsibility should there be an incident and that the Village is not responsible. It was mentioned that the State does not allow ATVs on State highways – but can cross the highways. It was mentioned that the curfew for riding ATVs in the Village 5:00 am – 11:00 pm.

It was also asked if the Village has a noise ordinance. It was mentioned that the Village does not currently have a noise ordinance. President Caramanidis stated that is something to check into.

AGENDA ITEM 8 – Approve checks dated June 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021 – Trustee Pflum asked Public Works Director Dan Holdridge if there was any update on the chipper parts/repair. He stated he is hoping for update next week. Motion was made by Trustees Crook/Feldner to approve checks dated May 1, 2021 through May 31, 2021. Motion was carried by a 5-0-0 roll call. Village President Caramanidis and Trustee Stigler were absent.

AGENDA ITEM 9– Next Village Board Meeting will be held on Monday, August 16, 2021 – 211 N. Grant St. at 6:00 pm – It was mentioned that because when the agendas and minutes for next meeting don't get mailed out until end of week and Board members sometimes don't receive the mailing until the Monday of the Board meeting, can the packet of info be emailed instead? Everyone agreed that only email was best.

AGENDA ITEM 10 – Correspondence – Clerk Emily Wirkus mentioned the passing of John Hoyt (John John) and there is going to be "Toast to John John" at 6:00 pm Friday, July 23, 2021 on the old John John's corner. She stated anyone can come, do a toast, then if they wanted to continue to hang out people can head over to Taylor Park for the Men's Softball Tournament.

AGENDA ITEM 11 – President’s Report – President Caramanidis mentioned wanting to do some park improvements with the ARPA funds. He also mentioned possibly putting a donation jar at the concession stand in Taylor Park for future park improvements.

AGENDA ITEM 12 – Adjourn the meeting – Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

