Village Board Meeting Minutes – July 21, 2025 at 5:30 PM – Rosendale Municipal Building

Kurt Caramanidis, Village President

Trustees: Larry Crook, Jeremy Giebel, Kyle Goebel, Barb Hoch, Keegan Madigan, & Tammy Pflum

AGENDA ITEM 1 – **Call Village Board meeting to order** – July 21, 2025 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, Kyle Goebel, Barb Hoch, Keegan Madigan, & Tammy Pflum
Staff: Emily Wirkus, Clerk-Treasurer; Jeremy Tabbert, Public Works; Chief Tony Liebenow
Citizens: Charlie Becker, Jerry Fairbank, Lisa McArthur, Eric Otte, John Potter, Chad & Tammy VandeBerg, Jim Westphal

AGENDA ITEM 2 – **Pledge of Allegiance**

AGENDA ITEM 3 – **Public Comments** – Nothing mentioned.

AGENDA ITEM 3 – **Approve minutes of 6-16-25, as circulated** – Motion was made by Trustees Pflum/Hoch to approve the minutes from the 6-16-25 meeting. Motion was carried by a 6-0-1 roll call. Trustee Crook was not in attendance at the time of vote.

AGENDA ITEM 4 – **Public Comments** – Nothing mentioned.

AGENDA ITEM 5 – **Envision Greater of FDL update from Lisa McArthur** – Lisa McArthur introduced herself and handed out a flyer with the latest updates and upcoming events from Envision Greater of Fond du Lac. She mentioned being able to assist in researching for grants. President Caramanidis asked if there were any grants available for radios. Lisa mentioned she would look into it and to keep watch for her email updates.

AGENDA ITEM 6 –**Discuss & approve, if necessary, Developer's Agreement for the Spartan Subdivision** – President Caramanidis asked if there were any questions. Trustee Madigan stated he had spoke to other municipalities and stated we are in line with what other municipalities do. Trustee Goebel had no questions. Trustee Pflum stated the project itself is a great opportunity for the school, but still would like to see sidewalks. She also mentioned as being part of the Tree Committee, she would like to see trees planted in the front as there is a tree ordinance. Chad VandeBerg stated that the tree requirement would be mentioned in the covenant. Jim Westphal questioned if it still will be two per lot. It was mentioned that due to the lot size, maybe allow for one tree in the front and one tree in the back. Eric Otte from J.E. Arthur explained the sidewalk situation. He mentioned that the new street will have curb and gutter which then allows for sidewalks to be added if needed. It was mentioned that the existing streets do not have curb, gutter or storm sewer. There is no room for sidewalk in the public right-a-way. Trustee Pflum questioned the possibility of tiling. Eric Otte stated the storm sewer would be a challenge. He also stated they have a drainage plan that works. Trustee Crook had no questions. Trustee Hoch stated, if possible, on Finch Street, she would like to see sidewalks. She also asked if utilities would be buried. Trustee Giebel questioned the change in the exhibits and why not labeled. Trustee Giebel questioned the completion, lights, sanitary sewer, covenants, right-a-way on sewer line and a permanent easement. He also asked about the old well from school. Mentioned wells and the arsenic concern at the WW plant. He questioned page 4 – code of ordinance – and sidewalk wasn't mentioned. He asked if no sidewalk, can it be labeled as an exception? Trustee Giebel also asked when home construction is going to begin because it's not on the schedule. Eric Otte said that they were waiting for the approval of the developer's agreement before construction can begin. Trustee Madigan asked about painted lines in the road to "connect" to a current sidewalk. It was mentioned that Finch St could potentially have sidewalk on the east side of the road. Trustee Hoch questioned the tree ordinance and if it would need to be revised due to the small lot sizes. Eric Otte stated the there can be an approval to have contingencies in the developer's agreement. He said it could state that there could be one tree in the front and one in the back or 2 in front vs re-doing the tree ordinance that states two trees in the front.

Motion was made by Trustees Madigan/Crook to approve the developer's agreement with the contingencies regarding the trees and sidewalk connecting lines. Motion was made by a 5-2-0 roll call. Trustees Giebel & Pflum voted no.

AGENDA ITEM 7 – **Discuss & approve, if necessary, Animal Acceptance & Maintenance Control contract with the FDL Humane Society** – A copy of the contract was passed to the Board. It was mentioned that due to not having an area at the Wastewater Plant to keep dogs or cats if a stray is found, we need to have a backup plan in place. It was mentioned that this contract is only for the Village of Rosendale (not Town of Rosendale) and pre-approval is needed by the Village Clerk to confirm animal was found in the Village limits. It was mentioned that the Village will still continue to assist in locating the owner if a dog or cat is found as we have in the past. Motion was made by Trustees Goebel/Hoch to approve the Animal Acceptance & Maintenance Control contract with the FDL Humane Society. Motion was carried by a 7-0-0 roll call.

AGENDA ITEM 8 – **Discuss & approve, if necessary, operators license for Terrell J Wulff, W10227 Triple Kay Rd, Rosendale – Dollar General** – Motion was made by Trustees Madigan/Goebel to approve the operator's license for Terrell J. Wulff for Dollar General. Motion was carried by a 7-0-0 roll call.

AGENDA ITEM 9 – **Discuss & approve, if necessary, operators license for Logan Kinyon, W10514 Pierstorff Rd, Eldorado – Men's Softball** – Clerk Emily Wirkus mentioned she had not received the application yet for Logan Kinyon. Motion was made by Trustees Pflum/Goebel to approve the operators license for Logan Kinyon pending the return of the application. Motion was carried by a 6-0-1 roll call. Trustee Madigan abstained.

AGENDA ITEM 10 – **Wastewater Operator's Report** – Public Works Director Jeremy Tabbert stated everything is going well.

AGENDA ITEM 11 – **Police Department Report** – Chief Liebenow stated everything is going good. He mentioned there have been GPS issues in the squads. It was mentioned about getting quotes for the radios as the department will need them sooner than anticipated – possibly early next year. It was mentioned that hopefully there will be grants available and Chief Liebenow will be reaching out to other PDs to see if there is anyone else interested in doing a bulk order with the possibility of a cheaper rate. Lisa McArthur, from Envision Greater, said she will keep her feelers out for any grants. Trustee Madigan mentioned that Dave McCoy, Fire Chief, received some "old" radios from Winnebago County that were compatible. He suggested reaching out to Winnebago County as well. Trustee Madigan also asked about the logo on the new squad and if that was going on soon. Chief Liebenow stated he called Ripon two times inquiring. President Caramanidis asked about updates on our new Officer Ryan Schneider. Chief Liebenow stated he worked three times this month. It was mentioned that Officer Schultz will be leaving for the Academy on August 18, 2025. Chief Liebenow also mentioned we have another new officer starting soon.

AGENDA ITEM 12 – **Committee Updates:**

a. Park Committee
b. Police Committee
c. Streets & Sidewalks Committee – President Caramanidis mentioned there needs to be a street & sidewalk committee meeting
d. Tree Committee
e. Wastewater Committee

AGENDA ITEM 13 – **Approve checks dated June 1, 2025 through June 30, 2025** – Motion was made by Trustees Crook/Goebel to approve checks dated June 1, 2025 through June 30, 2025. Motion was carried by a 7-0-0 roll call.

AGENDA ITEM 14 – **Next Village Board Meeting will be held on Monday, August 18, 2025 – 211 N. Grant St. at 5:30 pm**

AGENDA ITEM 15 – **Correspondence** – Nothing mentioned.

AGENDA ITEM 16– **President's Report** – Nothing mentioned.

AGENDA ITEM 16 – **Adjourn the meeting** – Meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm.