

Public Hearing & Village Board Meeting Minutes – November 14, 2022 at 6:00 PM – Rosendale Municipal Building

Kurt Caramanidis, Village President

Trustees: Larry Crook, Chuck Feldner, Jeremy Giebel, Keegan Madigan, Tammy Pflum & Tricia Yeager

Public Hearing regarding intent to Levy special assessments for sidewalk repair

1. Call Public Hearing to order – Public hearing was called to order at 6:00 pm.
2. Persons wishing to speak in support or against Levying sidewalk repair special assessments – Ron Hansen asked why there wasn't a notice sent out prior because he had slabs that needed replacing & he was planning on replacing and he stated that Dan Holdridge said he needed a contractor to do the replacing. President Caramanidis explained that this happened fast. He stated there were some trips that occurred in the Village and the company that the Village contacted was available that week to do the repairs for a discounted price. It was mentioned that the decision had to be made asap or the repairs would have to wait until 2023. President Caramanidis stated that moving forward, the Village will send notices as this was a spur of the moment decision due to the great price and availability. Ron Hansen stated that notices would have been nice to have. Kyle Pucker stated his sidewalks all were ground down because of the trees. He stated that his sidewalks will eventually crack. He further mentioned that he could have done this all for free as he is a licensed contractor. Dee Miller stated that there is a tree on her property that is causing damage to sidewalk. She thought that tree was supposed to come down. It was mentioned that the sidewalk in question was not ground down. She stated she mentioned it to Dan Holdridge a year ago and again to Clerk Emily Wirkus. Clerk Wirkus stated she did mention that to Dan Holdridge when Dee Miller reported it and it was mentioned that Dan was aware there was a problem with the tree/sidewalk area. Clerk Wirkus stated she thought Dan mentioned that it was "on his list". No other public comments were made at this time.
3. Adjourn the public hearing – Public hearing adjourned at 6:09 pm.

Budget Public Hearing

1. Call Public Hearing to order
2. Persons wishing to speak in support or against the Proposed 2023 Budget & Levy Limit – Jerry Fairbank asked how much of an increase per household. It was mentioned that it could be approximately \$15-\$20 per household. President Caramanidis reminded everyone about the new ambulance service contract that the Village agreed to with Ripon Guardian Ambulance Service. He stated that the Village needs to have an ambulance service. Jerry Fairbank asked if our fire department could change to an ambulance service vs sending our money to another business for service. President Caramanidis stated that our fire department personnel and 1st Responders are all volunteers. He also stated that it would be very costly to start up an ambulance service and staff it 24/7.
3. Adjourn the public hearing – Public hearing adjourned at 6:15 pm.

AGENDA ITEM 1 – Call Village Board meeting to order – November 14, 2022 meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by President Kurt Caramanidis and the following were present at this meeting:

Trustees: Larry Crook, Chuck Feldner, Jeremy Giebel, Keegan Madigan & Tricia Yeager

Staff: Emily Wirkus, Clerk-Treasurer

Citizens: Jerry Fairbank, Ron Hansen, Dee Miller, Kyle Pucker

AGENDA ITEM 2 – Pledge of Allegiance

AGENDA ITEM 3 – Approve minutes of 10-17-22, as circulated – Motion was made by Trustees Yeager/Crook to approve the minutes from the 10-17-22 meeting. Motion was carried by a 6-0-1 roll call. Trustee Pflum was absent from the meeting

AGENDA ITEM 4 – Public Comments – Nothing mentioned.

AGENDA ITEM 5 – Approve final resolution declaring intent to levy special assessment for sidewalk repair – President Caramanidis stated they would like to approve the Final Resolution Declaring Intent to Levy Special Assessments Under Municipal Police power pursuant to section 66.0703, Wisconsin Statutes. It was mentioned that the Village will split the cost of the repairs 50/50 with the property owner. It was mentioned that the property owner has up to 90 days to pay or their portion of the sidewalk repair will be added to their 2023 tax roll as a special assessment. President Caramanidis further mentioned that moving forward, the Village will notify the property owner of any possible repairs in the future. The property owner then will have a certain amount of time to provide a licensed contractor to do the repairs and/or get pre-approval from Dan Holdridge to make any necessary repairs. Motion was made by Trustees Feldner/Yeager to have the Village and the property owner split the cost of the sidewalk repairs 50/50. It was further motioned that the property owner will have 90 days to make payment or the cost will be added to the property owner's 2023 tax bill. Motion was carried by a 6-0-1 roll call. Trustee Pflum was absent from the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 6 – Discuss & approve the 2023 Budget – President Caramanidis asked if anyone had any questions regarding the proposed 2023 Budget. Trustee Yeager asked if there was \$2000 in the budget for Tree Committee as one of the requirements to be part of Tree City USA requires \$2000 budget. It was mentioned that there is money in the budget for trees/community forestry. Motion was made by Trustees Madigan/Yeager. Motion was carried by a 6-0-1 roll call. Trustee Pflum was absent from the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 7 – Approve the 2023 Levy Limit – President Caramanidis stated that there will be an increase in the levy limit from 2021 to 2022. The Levy Limit amount is \$256,566. President Caramanidis asked if there were any questions. No further questions were asked. Motion was made by Trustees Yeager/Crook to approve the 2023 Levy Limit of \$256,566. Motion was carried by a 6-0-1 roll call. Trustee Pflum was absent from the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 8 – Discuss & approve, if necessary, purchasing of treasury bonds – President Caramanidis explained that the banks are basically paying nothing for interest and would like to go to the Treasury to buy some short-term bonds for 4%. He stated the bonds can be purchased for 60 days/90 days/1 year. President Caramanidis stated that the money used to buy the bonds would be money from current unused at the moment funds and then cashed out at the end of the term to be replaced in the reserve funds. Trustee Yeager stated she thinks this is a good idea and Trustee Feldner agreed as well. Motion was made by Trustees Yeager/Giebel to purchase treasury bonds to earn a higher interest rate. Motion was carried by a 6-0-1 roll call. Trustee Pflum was absent from the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 9 – Approve checks dated October 1, 2022 through October 31, 2022 – Motion was made by Trustees Yeager/Giebel to approve checks dated October 1, 2022 through October 31, 2022. Motion was carried by a 6-0-1 roll call. Trustee Pflum was absent from the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 10 – Next Village Board Meeting will be held on Monday, December 19, 2022 – 211 N. Grant St. at 6:00 pm

AGENDA ITEM 11 – Correspondence – Nothing mentioned.

AGENDA ITEM 12 – President’s Report – President Caramanidis thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 13 – Adjourn the meeting – Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

