

Junction City Village Board Meeting

Junction City Village Hall, 972 Main Street, Junction City, WI 54443

Monday, APRIL 8, 2024 --- 7:00 p.m.

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Members

Present: President Peter Mallek, Trustees Alex Peden, Craig Vitort, John Spreda, Brad Wiernik

Also

Present: Mary Lee Schaefer, Bob Weinert and Bonnie Skalecke, Portage County Emergency Management; Rev. Timothy Roser, Nancy Steuck, Tony and Judy Moscinski, Ron and Jane Brock, Eddie Brittain, Pat Birkebak, Steve Martens, rep from Rosicky Land Surveying, LLC;

CALL TO ORDER/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE /ROLL CALL

President Peter Mallek called the meeting to order and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE VILLAGE BOARD

No one wished to address the Village Board at this time.

Consideration and Possible Action on the Following:

CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

--Regular Board meeting of March 11, 2024

Brad Wiernik **moved**, seconded by Craig Vitort to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of March 11, 2024.

Ayes all, nays none; motion carried.

ENGINEER UPDATE

President Peter Mallek reported that the Village was informed that we need to have the money funding our projects (2.35 million) up front in the bank before work can commence according to USDA regulations. The Village does not have enough collateral under General Obligation bonding to obtain funding from International Bank of Amherst. We have applied through Rural Water for financing under revenue bonding and have not heard from them otherwise the Village would need to bond for the financing through Quarles and Brady.

PRESENTATION BY BOB WEINERT PORTAGE CO. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – UPDATING THE COUNTY AND VILLAGE HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

President Peter Mallek introduced Bob Weinert and Bonnie Skalecke from the Portage County Emergency Management who are in charge of updating the Portage County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Our plan needs updating and area business holders and church leaders have been invited to tonight's meeting to hear about the plan. It's an update that's required under federal law and regular updates are necessary for the county and village to remain eligible for various grant programs funded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The mitigation plans include details on how county and village officials respond to tornadoes, floods, pandemics, mass casualty events and other catastrophes.

Mr. Weinert spoke telling the board and audience that by updating our plan we can reduce or eliminate a hazard by training or correcting a potential hazard. He provided an example of the trailer court with only one way in or out if a train derailment occurred on Court Avenue. The Village has sensitive areas at the wells, reservoir and WWTP. All our major functions need to have backup generators. Electricity and water are the most important resources to the Village in case of a catastrophe. He also suggested a warning siren as a source of communication for residents.

Pastor Roser stated that St. Paul's has a water source (a well) if needed and his contact for resources is Pastor Andy Weden at the Peace Campus Church in Stevens Point. They will be added to the Village's plan as resources.

Alex Peden **moved**, seconded by Craig Vitort to proceed with updating and participating in the Portage County All Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Ayes all, nays none; motion carried.

The commitment letter was signed at this time with Portage County Emergency Management.

APPROVAL OF CERTIFIED SURVEY MAP- RON BROCK

A representative from Rosicky Land Surveying, LLC was present with the proposed certified survey map of Ron Brock. Mr. Brock is selling a portion of land behind Pamaron subdivision to Levi Borntrager for storage units. President Mallek stated a portion of this land could be deemed wetlands and should be delineated through the DNR.

Craig Vitort **moved**, seconded by Alex Peden to approve the certified survey map of Mr. Brock that was presented at tonight's meeting.

Ayes all, nays none; motion carried.

APPROVAL OF ANNEXATION ORDINANCE ADOPTING PROPERTY FROM TOWN OF CARSON FOR DOLLAR GENERAL

John Spreda **moved**, seconded by Craig Vitort to approve the annexation ordinance adopting property from the Town of Carson for Dollar General.

Ayes all, nays none; motion carried.

REVIEW PROPOSED UPDATED CHANGES TO (CHAPTER 7) WATER UTILITY RATES AND RULES AND (CHAPTER 8) SEWER USE ORDINANCE & USER CHARGE SYSTEM

Craig Vitort **moved**, seconded by Brad Wiernik to approve the updated changes to both chapters 7 and 8 regarding mandatory hookup to utilities when available in the Village. Chapter 7 also includes the new updated PSC water rates effective 4/1/2024.

Ayes all, nays none; motion carried.

The clarification of mandatory hookup to our utilities was at the request of USDA.

APPROVAL OF LICENSE APPLICATIONS

No license applications.

OPEN BID PROPOSALS TO CUT PARKLAND HAY FOR 2024

Only one bid was received for the parkland hay cutting in 2024.

Brad Wiernik **moved**, seconded by Alex Peden to approve awarding the parkland hay cutting for 2024 to Bill Kiggins in the amount of \$300.00

Ayes all, nays none; motion carried.

REPORT OF THE PARK BOARD COMMITTEE

No recent meeting.

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE

No recent meeting.

BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATIONS

No building permit applications.

REPORT OF THE WATER/SEWER UTILITIES

Fred Metzler reported that the generator is up and running at the WWTP. He has an offer for the old one in the amount of \$6500.00 and another inquiry about it.

Craig Vitort **moved**, seconded by Alex Peden to sell the generator for at least \$6500.00 unless the other offer is higher.

Ayes all, nays none; motion carried.

John Spreda reported that water meters have been read and he's doing hydrant flushing in the month of April throughout the Village. The flushing could go into the first week of May depending on the weather.

President Peter Mallek congratulated John Spreda for being a nominee for WWTP Operator of the Year award at the recent Rural Water Conference held in Lacrosse, WI.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Nancy Steuck updated the board on dog licensing in the Village and the number of licenses sold to date in the Village. Still outstanding numbers need to be licensed.

Brad Wiernik **moved**, seconded by John Spreda to approve the Treasurer's report and place it on file.

Ayes all, nays none; motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

6 WHEELER DAMAGE TO NORTH LIMIT ROAD AND LODGE PARKING LOT

Many complaints are coming in about the damage to the parking lot at the lodge and North Limit Road by UTV-ATV's and bikes. The sheriff's department has been notified and if anyone can recognize any of the culprits pass the information along to the Village Board.

UTILITY PROJECT UPDATE

This item was covered under the Engineer's update, however, we are in the process of applying to the RR for permits to cross under their tracks with the sewer lining project.

SAFETY GRANT FROM LWMMI

The Village was awarded \$923.40 as a safety grant from LWMMI to purchase the lifter for manhole covers. The original grant was for \$500.00 but they had available funds to cover the entire cost.

2024 ROAD GRADING

The board agreed to have Kasners do the grading for 2024.

ELECTRONICS AND SMALL APPLIANCE RECYCLING EVENT ON MARCH 13

A reminder about the electronics and small appliance recycling event on March 13th is available to all residents.

Also if anyone has something that should be covered in the newsletter let us know soon as the water bills and newsletter will be sent out by the 18th of April.

CLERK'S REPORT

ELECTION RESULTS, SIGN OATHS OF OFFICE

The election held on April 2nd went very well. Both Craig and John were re-elected for a 2 year term and signed their oaths.

BOARD OF REVIEW, MAY 23RD 6-8 P.M.

A reminder that Board of Review is scheduled for May 23rd and the board members should review the training cd before the 23rd. Maybe we can view the training materials before our May 13th meeting.

COMMUNITY PICNIC UPDATE

There was no picnic meeting in April but will have one in May.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Craig Vitort **moved**, seconded by Alex Peden to pay the bills presented at tonight's meeting.

Ayes all, nays none; motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Brad Wiernik **moved**, seconded by John Spreda to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes all, nays none; motion carried. 8:20 p.m.