

Junction City Village Board Meeting

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

Monday, March 11, 2024 --- 7:00 p.m.

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Members

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

Also

Present: Fred Metzler, Mike and Tiffany Lepinski, Mary Lee Schaefer, Allen Polum, Judy Moscinski, Nancy Steuck, Steve Martens, Pat Birkebak, Jason Gaboda, Jackie Mabon, Brian Casey and Jeffrey Mlsna, Stevens Point School District; Gene Groshek Rep. Donna Rozar, Thomas Weinfurter, Village of Milladore

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

Judy Moscinski informed the board that the annual rummage date for the Village will be Saturday, June 8th from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Steve Martens stated that Google map has Business Street listed and Midland Street and he'd like it corrected. It was suggested to contact Google maps directly.

Gene Groshek was present to see what the Village thought about his suggestion to close the sidewalks on the south side of the street where there is no boulevard to put snow on. Questions were raised about EMS and fire calls getting to the properties if sidewalks weren't cleared or where would garbage and recycling be placed for pickup? No compromise was reached. Complaints about loose garbage being put into garbage cans that blows all over the neighborhoods was received. Garbage is supposed to be placed in bags and tied before placing in garbage cans. The April newsletter will have a reminder about placing garbage in bags first before placing the garbage in the garbage bins.

Consideration and Possible Action on the Following:

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

--Regular Board meeting of February 12, 2024

Brad Wiernik **moved**, seconded by Alex Peden to approve and place on file the minutes of the regular board meeting of February 12, 2024.

Ayes all, nays none; motion carried.

ENGINEER UPDATE

CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING RPR SERVICES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION CONTRACT OF THREE USDA FUNDED SEWER PROJECTS

CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING RPR SERVICES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION CONTRACT FOR TWO USDA FUNDED WATER PROJECTS

PROPOSALS FOR PROVIDING INSPECTION SERVICES FOR WATER TOWER RECONDITIONING

President Peter Mallek informed the Board that formal contracts have not been forwarded to the Village as of today. We may hold a virtual meeting to approve the construction contracts at some point.

President Mallek explained that CBS Squared doesn't want to take on any liability if John Sprea took on any of the resident observer work for the upcoming projects. USDA feels the same way on the resident observer qualifications and liability.

PRESENTATION B Y STEVENS POINT SCHOOL DISTRICT PERSONNEL ABOUT THE APRIL SCHOOL REFERENDUM

Jackie Mabon, Brian Casey and Jeffrey Mlsna spoke explaining the need for the approval of the referendum on April 2nd. The financial needs are due to a number of factors: outdated funding formula, lack of state funding, increasing needs and rising costs. The top priorities include retaining high-quality teachers and staff, offering behavior and mental health supports, providing a range of academic programs, funding our 10-year facility maintenance plan, maintain technology and infrastructure and re-establishing a healthy fund balance. The proposed solution would be for the voters to approve a recurring operational referendum that would allow the district to exceed its revenue limit on a recurring basis. The revenue limit would be increased by 8.7 million for the 2024-25 school year. The limit would increase another 5.25 million (for a total of \$14 million) for the 2025-26 school year and then the increase of \$14 million per year would remain in place for the 2026-27 school year and beyond.

After their presentations questions were answered.

DONNA ROSAR, INCUMBENT ASSEMBLY CANDIDATE

Donna Rosar introduced herself and gave the group information on her political background. The Village of Junction City has been moved into the 86 Assembly district with the recent approval of the redistricting boundaries.

REVIEW AND UPDATE CHAPTER 14, PUBLIC NUISANCES TO BAN ROOSTERS

Craig Vitort **moved**, seconded by John Sprea to approve the amendment to Chapter 14 to ban roosters in the Village limits as stated in the ordinance.

Ayes all, nays none; motion carried.

REVIEW UPDATED CHANGES TO THE TRAFFIC ORDINANCE (CHAPTER 3)

Brad Wiernik **moved**, seconded by Alex Peden to approve the updated changes to Chapter 3 regarding speed limit changes on Chapley Avenue and North Limit Road and stop signs on Brock Avenue.

Ayes all, nays none, motion carried.

KERBERROSE SC CONTRACT FOR SINGLE AUDIT SERVICES

Brad Wiernik **moved**, seconded by John Sprea to approve the contract with Kerberose SC to complete a single audit for the Village if more than \$750,000.00 is spent on our projects in 2024.

Ayes all, nays none; motion carried.

AUTHORIZATION TO PURSUE EMINENT DOMAIN OPTION FOR PROPERTY THAT ABUTS WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

President Peter Mallek explained how space is needed at the WWTP for the expansion /renovation project. In order to proceed with the design aspect the Village needs to acquire additional land to the north of the current plant. President Mallek has been in contact with both the Dye and Pavelski property owners explaining the need for land and the project expansion. The property owners are now reluctant to discuss the purchase of their land with the Village. On the advice of our village attorney a letter is drafted to request the land purchase negotiations or the village will acquire the land through eminent domain powers.

Craig Vitort **moved**, seconded by Brad Wiernik to approve the proposed letters to be sent before eminent domain procedures are commenced.

Ayes all, nays none; motion carried.

APPROVAL OF LICENSE APPLICATIONS

No license applications.

REQUEST PROPOSALS TO CUT PARKLAND HAY FOR 2024

As requested the park land hay will be put out on bids for 2024. Bids will be accepted and opened at the April 8th meeting.

Alex Peden **moved**, seconded by Craig Vitort to approve the proposal to bid the park land hay cutting for 2024.

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

Brad Wiernik **moved**, seconded by Craig Vitort to approve the building permit application of Ralph Trzinski for construction of a new home at 1224 East Third Street. Estimated cost is \$359,000.00.

Ayes all, nays none; motion carried.

John Spreda **moved**, seconded by Brad Wiernik to approve the building permit application of Norman Helmuth to construct 2 decks (front and back) at the property of 1109 Main Street.

Ayes all, nays none; motion carried.

This permit will be issued upon the village receiving payment for the building permit fee.

REPORT OF THE WATER/SEWER UTILITIES

Fred Metzler reported that the generator hookup is scheduled for March 19th weather permitting.

John Spreda reported that well #6 is being tested for nitrates in order to bring it on line in the near future.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Craig Vitort **moved**, seconded by Alex Peden to approve the Treasurer's report and place it on file.

Ayes all, nays none; motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

SALE OF 60KW ONAN GENERATOR

President Mallek reported when the new generator is installed at the WWTP the current generator could be advertised and sold along with a couple of the high lift motors. We'll be looking at advertising them on the Wisconsin Surplus site.

DOLLAR GENERAL ANNEXATION

The DOA has until March 26th to approve the annexation petition from Krzykowski's from the Town of Carson to the Village of Junction City for Dollar General. If the approval comes in by March 26th would

the board be available to approve the annexation petition that evening as requested by Point of Beginning instead of waiting until our April board meeting? The board agreed to hold a meeting on the 26th to approve the annexation.

PORTAGE COUNTY TOWNS ASSOCIATION MEETING

The notice for the Portage County Towns Association meeting will be held on March 25th at the Jensen Center in Amherst. Registration is required.

SECOND STREET RECONSTRUCTION WORK AND SEAL COATING

The Board discussed the seal coating of streets and the reconstruction of Second Street in front of Kennedy School. The work would need to be done during the summer when school is out. The board agreed to have specs drawn up for the street for consideration before committing to have the work done.

WELL 6 OPTIONS TO BE BROUGHT BACK ON LINE –WATER QUALITY INVESTIGATIONS

President Mallek referred to the DNR letter dated April 4th which is in the board packet regarding the nitrate monitoring requirements, the enhanced disinfection requirements, the sampling requirements, the chemical feed equipment approval requirements, the pump base repair requirements and the startup inspections. The list is long from the DNR, however, Water Quality Investigations (Andrew Jacque) replied with the following suggestions.

- re-establish chlorine feed at the well
- weekly monitoring of nitrate
- full suite of SDWA analyticals
- repair crack in well casing
- recommended flushing of Well 6 to waste while idle (optional)

The Village should initiate getting this work performed ASAP.

For meeting CT requirements, the Village has the following options, each of which includes re-establishing chlorine feed at the well:

- Option 1: Re-establishing the sampling station on Chapley Ave at the entrance to the Village. This is the simplest approach and would allow the well to go online once SDWA analytical results are received (about 30 day turnaround time for results).
- Option 2: Replacing Option 1 with a new sampling tap at the park pavilion located at E 3rd St and Case Ave, and new water main along E 3rd St. The switch from option 1 to Option 2 could happen at a later date.
- Option 3: Adding two 4-foot diameter by 6-foot tall tanks with baffles at the well (about 1,000 gallons) to use as a chlorine contact tank for virus control and adding UV treatment for giardia control. The cost for this work would be offset by not having to lay parallel main along E 3rd Ave. The UV unit costs about \$5,000 and fiberglass tanks cost about \$5,000 each. With piping and installation, the cost could be \$45,000 to \$55,000.

These options are open for board consideration at a future meeting.

CLERK'S REPORT

Just a reminder that we have an election on April 2nd and we'll have 5 election officials working.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

John Spreda **moved**, seconded by Brad Wiernik to approve and pay the bills submitted at tonight's meeting.

Ayes all, nays none; motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Brad Wiernik **moved**, seconded by Alex Peden to adjourn the meeting. 9:36 p.m.

Ayes all, nays none; motion carried.