**Junction City Village Board**

Junction City Village Hall, 1001 Main Street, Junction City, WI 54443

# Monday, JANUARY 9, 2023 --- 7:00 p.m.

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Members
Present: President Peter Mallek, Trustees, John Spreda, Craig Vitort and Brad Wiernik
Excused: Emil Pavelski
Also
Present: Nancy Steuck, Kyle Priest, DNR Water Supply Engineer; Fred Metzler, Alex Peden, Jason Gaboda, Tony and Judy Moscinski

## CALL TO ORDER/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE /ROLL CALL

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

Names were picked for ballot placement on the April ballot where there are three candidates running for the two trustee positons. Emil Pavelski, a veteran board member, declared his non-candidacy in December. First on the ballot will be Jason Gaboda, second the ballot will be
Bradley Wiernik followed in third place will be Alex Peden.

## PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE VILLAGE BOARD

Judy Moscinski asked about the rumors that our drinking water was not safe to drink because of PFAS. President Mallek stated that a DNR expert is here tonight to explain PFAS to residents.

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

**--Regular Board meeting of December 12, 2022**

Brad Wiernik **moved**, seconded by Craig Vitort to approve the regular board meeting minutes from the December 12, 2022 Village Board meeting.

Ayes all, nays none; motion carried.

## Consideration and Possible Action on the Following:

## ENGINEER'S UPDATE ON PROJECTS

**PFAS updates – KYLE PRIEST, DNR Water Supply Engineer – Drinking Water and Groundwater**

President Peter Mallek introduced Kyle Priest, DNR Water Supply Engineer who is working with the Village on PFAS. He reviewed a number of key points from a recent email he sent to the Village:

- Wisconsin DNR NR 809 PFAS Maximum Contaminant Level
  - In August 2022, DNR enacted changes to NR 809 to regulate PFOA and PFOS. The maximum contaminant level is 70 ppt for PFOA and PFOS combined.
  - A maximum contaminant level (MCL) is an enforceable standard that if a water supplier exceeds, there needs to be a corrective action (treatment, new well, etc.) to reduce the exposure of the contaminant to consumers. A MCL takes into account health concerns as well as the economic impact of implementing the regulation.
- Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) Recommended Groundwater Standards
  - The Wisconsin DHS has provided health based groundwater standard recommendations for 18 PFAS compounds, including PFOA and PFOS. PFOA and PFOS recommended levels are at 20 ppt. They also outline a process to determine the risk of exposure to a mixture of PFAS compounds through a Hazard Index. If a water supplier does not exceed a health advisory level for a specific contaminant, but still is over the hazard index for the combined contaminants, DHS determined that there is still the potential for health effects.
  - A health advisory level considers the health effects of a contaminant and is not enforceable. Currently DNR is requiring water suppliers exceeding the DHS health advisory levels or with a hazard index greater than 1 to public notice.
- EPA Health Advisories
  - On June 15, 2022 the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued new Health Advisory Levels (HALs) for four PFAS compounds, two of which are interim and two of which are final.
  - These EPA health advisories are non-regulatory and designed to describe levels of contaminants in drinking water below which adverse health effects are not expected to occur. They are intended to protect all people over a lifetime of exposure.
  - The updated interim HALs are PFOA = 0.004 ppt and PFOS = 0.02 ppt. The updated final HALs are GenX = 10 ppt and PFBS = 2,000 ppt.
- EPA MCL
  - EPA has indicated that they will be releasing a draft MCL for PFAS by the end of the year.

All municipal water systems in Wisconsin are required to sample for PFAS with the implementation of the NR 809 updates. This means that Junction City will sample for PFAS beginning in April 2023.

He stated the Village is not exceeding any limits now. In the testing done by the staffer of the Milwaukee Sentinel the test showed 0.69 parts per trillion which is even hard to test.

**Public hearing on USDA –RD project grant application**

President Mallek stated the public hearing is scheduled for February.

**SOUTH WOOD COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER DIRECTOR MADISON RAFTER**

Megan on the staff of the South Wood County Animal Shelter was present to answer questions in the Village. The Director Madison Rafter may be joining her soon here in Junction City. She answered a number of questions about rescues and the quarantine policy of the shelter.

**APPROVAL OF LICENSE APPLICATIONS**

No license applications.

**PROPOSALS FOR BANK AND LODGE REPAIRS**

The two proposals were reviewed and found not to be comparable to each other. More information is needed on the proposal. John and Brad will meet with both contractors to obtain more information.

**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 provided an update by showing slides of their invention to try and catch and contain the fat that is coming into WWTP. The board stated they may need to patent their product.

Reviewed quotes on probes that would automate their system.

The latest reading of meters on Friday showed two major leaks. An outside facet and hose were never disconnected and froze generating a $1,000.00 plus bill. The property owner will be billed for the water but the sewer bill will be adjusted since the water runoff was outside of the house and not down the sewer. The other property has a leaky toilet.

**UNPAID WATER/SEWER BILLS**

The latest unpaid water and sewer balance has come down to about $2500.00 from the $35,000 at the end of the year. The Low Income Household Water Assistance Program has

helped a number of residents in the last couple of weeks with assistance in paying their bills. Two payments are pending awaiting more information from the residents.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Nancy Steuck reviewed her report with the board.

Craig Vitort **moved**, seconded by John to approve the Treasurer's report.

Ayes all, nays none; motion carried.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**sale of Village owned Main Street lot**

Only one potential buyer for half of the lot has put his money down, still waiting on the other buyer's check before the paperwork can be completed.

**possible relocation of Tyler Avenue re: Wayne Transport**

President Peter Mallek referred to material in the board packet from Jess Siemers, the general manager, for Wayne Transports showing the proposed layout of expansion of their facilities including the possible relocation of Tyler Avenue.

**use of utility drop box at former US Bank building**

The drop box at the former US Bank is now available for dropping of utility payments.

**limited use of sand/salt for resident's property**

Sand/salt is available for residents in the Village and not for businesses' parking lots. This item will be addressed in the next newsletter going out with the water and sewer bills.

**illegal movement/placement of snow on roadways**

President Mallek has been made aware of property owners pushing snow out of their driveways and across the road onto someone else's property. This practice is illegal under State Statutes, County and Village ordinances and can be subject to penalties and fines including the cost of removal of the snow.

**CLERK'S REPORT**

**---2023 elections**

The Village will have the opportunity to use our new Badger Books in the February 21 primary and the municipal election on April 4, 2023.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

No announcements.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**

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

Ayes all, nays none; motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Brad Wiernik **moved,** seconded by Craig Vitort to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes all, nays none; motion carried. 8:50 p.m.