Village of Coon Valley
Regular Village Board Meeting
Coon Valley Village Hall
108 Roosevelt Street
Coon Valley, Wisconsin
October 12, 2021

The office posted the agenda on October 8, 2021 at the Village Hall, Village Office and the Knutson Memorial Library posting box.

Karl Henrichsen called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL: Present were Roger Niedfeldt, Gary Keuser, Ray Williamson, Russ Cornford, Amy Stakston-Wiedemann and Karl Henrichsen. Others present: Renita Williamson-Clerk/Treasurer, John Langaard-Public Works Director, and Philip Welch-Police Chief.

Motion made by Roger Niedfeldt and seconded by Ray Williamson to approve the September 14, 2021 Regular Village Board minutes as typewritten. All ayes heard. Motion carried.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES:
John Langaard was recognized with a certificate and $100.00 for 25-years of service working for the Village of Coon Valley. Congratulations John!

OLD BUSINESS:
The 2021 utility/street projects update: Viking Street is closed from Old Mill Road to Court Street. The contractors are planning on working on all of Viking Street yet this year.

Valley View Estates Lane project update: The pavement was widened and was just finished.

FEMA hasn't approved the location changes for the shelter yet.

NEW BUSINESS:
Motion made by Roger Niedfeldt and seconded by Gary Keuser to approve the Accounts and Claims in the amount of $39,271.20. All ayes heard. Motion carried.

Wayne Kruizenga, Koon Kreek Feeds, is requesting approval to construct a fence on the Village of Coon Valley alley right-of-way behind his business to Anderson Street. He would build a 6-foot treated wood fence, 3 to 4-inches off the property line and go to the sidewalk off Anderson Street. Also add gravel and slant towards his property on the east side of the alley. Paul Taylor is the neighboring property to the west of the alley. He wouldn't have access to his shed at the edge of the alley if the fence was built. When Wayne was questioned on why the need for the fence, he said it mark the alley location for snow plowing and would stop the snow from going on the neighbor's property. Koon Kreek Feeds plows the alley and we have other alleys that people plow themselves. Dianne Taylor stated they may build a building in the

backyard and would need access from that alley. The Taylor's may also put a camper in the backyard and would need alley access. Motion made by Amy Stakston-Wiedemann and seconded by Russ Cornford to refer the Koon Kreek Feeds fence installation on Village alley right-of-way issue to the Streets, Alleys and Sidewalks Committee for further consideration. Karl Henrichsen abstained; all others ayes heard. Motion carried.

Motion made by Amy Stakston-Wiedemann and seconded by Karl Henrichsen to appoint Mary Wruck to fill Jon Lee's term of office. All ayes heard. Motion carried.

Amy Stakston-Wiedemann spoke with Karen Todd about the Halloween and Christmas parties for the Coon Valley and Area Youth Foundation. Motion made by Karl Henrichsen and seconded by Roger Niedfeldt to have the Halloween party with paying for the cleaning/sanitizing fee. All ayes heard. Motion carried.

Motion made by Karl Henrichsen and seconded by Russ Cornford to approve storing the Village food trailer in Roger Niedfeldt's building for the winter in the amount of $300.00. Roger Niedfeldt abstained; all others ayes heard. Motion carried.

John Langaard reported on the new Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources rule regarding dechlorination when flushing hydrants and overflowing the reservoir. Motion made by Russ Cornford and seconded by Ray Williamson to spend $1,000.00 on the 2.5-inch dechlorinating equipment and possibly split the cost with the Village of Chaseburg. All ayes heard. Motion carried.

Motion made by Russ Cornford and seconded by Ray Williamson to approve option #2 Per Dog Plan with the Driftless Humane Society Animal Care Provider Agreement for 2022. All ayes heard. Motion carried.

Motion made by Karl Henrichsen and seconded by Ray Williamson to approve the Temporary Class "B" License to sell fermented malt beverages on November 6, 2021 by Coon Creek Fire and Rescue. Russ Cornford and Roger Niedfeldt abstained; all others ayes heard. Motion carried.

Motion made by Ray Williamson and seconded by Roger Niedfeldt to approve Brian N. Janes Operator's License expiring June 30, 2022 after the Coon Valley Police Department's background check is completed. All ayes heard. Motion carried.

Motion made by Roger Niedfeldt and seconded by Ray Williamson to approve option #3 from River Bank for the Ford truck with the loan amount of $33,978.00 for 7-years at 1.9% interest. All ayes heard. Motion carried.

Motion made by Roger Niedfeldt and seconded by Karl Henrichsen to approve a bridge loan at River Bank in the amount of 1.5 million dollars to finance 2021 utility projects. Roll call vote: Russ Cornford-aye, Gary Keuser-aye, Amy Stakston-Wiedemann-aye, Roger Niedfeldt-aye, Ray Williamson-aye and Karl Henrichsen-aye. Motion carried.

Motion made by Karl Henrichsen and seconded by Ray Williamson to approve the 2022 Budget for Coon Creek Fire Commission in the amount of $43,564.74. Roger Niedfeldt and Russ Cornford abstained; all others ayes heard. Motion carried.

Motion made by Ray Williamson and seconded by Roger Niedfeldt to approve the 2021-2031 Vernon County Supervisory redistricting map. All ayes heard. Motion carried.

The Village Residential Building Inspector Vincent Schmitz, Schmitz Inspections, LLC is retiring his business December 31, 2021.

Motion made by Russ Cornford and seconded by Roger Niedfeldt to bid out residential and commercial building inspections. All ayes heard. Motion carried.

Motion made by Russ Cornford and seconded by Ray Williamson to trade-in the Gehl skid loader with Portland Implement for a tracked Gehl loader for a one-time fee of $9,171.00. All ayes heard. Motion carried.

The letter from Mary Schmidt was read regarding the second request to install a drainage system behind her house and other homes on the 100 block of Central Ave. It was discussed that the Village would be working on and improving private property that is not allowed.

Megan Duffy from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources phoned and said the Village would have to hire an engineer to get grades to take the creek bank area down to original grade from FEMA mapping. At this point we can't remove anything beyond the August 7, 2021 flooding silt. Then FEMA would have to approve the changes. It could cost $7,000 to $8,000 to do this process. This was not discussed during the meeting by the park. The Wisconsin Department of Transportation will be removing the trees by the bridge. Oldenburg's office will be contacted.

The League Mutual Insurance has help with Human Resources and Pre-Loss Legal Services in partnership with Stafford Rosenbaum Attorneys at no cost to municipalities.

The League of Wisconsin Municipalities Mutual Insurance has 2021 Parks and Recreation Grants with a minimum payment of $500.00.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Ordinances, Bylaws, and Planning-Amy Stakston-Wiedemann: Nothing

Personnel-Amy Stakston-Wiedemann: Will have a meeting next week to work on the budget.

Public Property-Russ Cornford: Nothing

Budgeting and Finance-Roger Niedfeldt: Nothing

Street, Alleys and Sidewalks-Gary Keuser: Met with Wayne from Koon Kreek Feeds regarding the alley. Thank you to Julie Nelson for putting the picture in the newsletter explaining to remove vegetation from between the sidewalk sections.

Water, Sewer and Lights-Ray Williamson: Nothing

Youth Foundation-Amy Stakston-Wiedemann: Spoke with Karen Todd about having a meeting.

Park and Recreation Board-Roger Niedfeldt: Had a meeting a week ago and have a proposed budget for the Board. Vince Hundt volunteered and removed flood silt with his machine at the ball field. The Coon Valley and Area Baseball Association is hiring Marty Leum from Dirt Monkey to finish the flood cleanup at the ball field.

Library Board-Roger Niedfeldt: They have their proposed budget done.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:
President- Karl Henrichsen: Work on the 2022 budget is a priority now.

Coon Creek Fire Commission-Karl Henrichsen: The fire truck may get delivered in November. They have their approved 2022 budget.

Public Works Director-John Langaard: They will be flushing hydrants next Tuesday overnight. They have the sand/salt pile for winter and it is covered with a tarp.

Police Chief-Philip Welch: The Department did more traffic enforcement. They had firearms training in September. The squad vehicle had the recall repairs fixed at Sleepy Hollow.

Clerk/Treasurer-Renita Williamson: The copy machine broke down and they are waiting for parts to come in. The laser printer was causing issues also. Civic software was updated and it caused issues that had to be fixed. We received the new election voting machine. Julie Nelson and myself will have training on the new voting machine October 19.

Joint Sharing-Karl Henrichsen: Nothing

Motion made by Roger Niedfeldt and seconded by Ray Williamson to adjourn the Village Board meeting at 8:16 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Renita Williamson
Clerk/Treasurer