

Junction City Village Board Meeting

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

Monday, February 12, 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: Nancy Steuck, Mary Lee Schaefer, Fred Metzler, John Pariseau, Nick Silloway, Peggy and Ray Rentz, Jason Gaboda, Tony and Judy Moscinski, Allen Polum, Melissa Vitort, Nathan Check, Pat Birkebak, Eddie Brittain, Gene Groshek

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

Jason Gaboda presented his petition regarding the rooster crowing from his neighbor's property. President Mallek asked how the proposed fencing agreed to by the Gabodas is coming along? Jason stated it is not and will not happen. The question was posed: Does Jason really want to solve his complaint problem or just complaining?

Craig Vitort recommended that the Village consider banning roosters in residential areas. The ordinance can be prepared for the March meeting.

A complaint/petition was filed by Nick Silloway on his neighbor Jason Gaboda's loud truck muffler system under the Village noise ordinance.

John Spreda recommended that Jason's truck be tested because it's so loud. President Mallek will send a request to the Sheriff's Department to check out this complaint.

Please note: No motions can be made unless they are generated from agenda items, otherwise, it is only a recommendation for a future meeting.

Consideration and Possible Action on the Following:

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

--Regular Board meeting of January 8, 2024

John Spreda **moved**, seconded by Craig Vitort to approve the January 8, 2024 minutes.

Ayes all, nays none; motion carried.

ENGINEER UPDATE

No update from the Engineer.

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING CSM (Extraterritorial Jurisdiction) Dollar General out lot

John Spreda **moved**, seconded by Brad Wiernik to approve resolution accepting the CSM under (Extraterritorial Jurisdiction) for the Dollar General out lot.

Ayes all, nays none; motion carried.

MAIN STREET/CRP SNOW PLOWING PROCEDURE-NATHAN CHECK

Nathan Check, Portage County Highway Commissioner was present to discuss his decision to have the snow removed from curb to curb in the Village of Junction City. Complaints have been received about snow plows clearing snow off of Main Street/CRP and covering sidewalks repeatedly after the sidewalks have been shoveled. There is no place to put the snow because either there is no boulevard or the boulevard is so narrow that there is no room to put the snow from the street.

Craig Vitort suggested that he will look into obtaining quotes for clearing snow on sidewalks from local companies.

REVIEW AND UPDATE OF TRAFFIC ORDINANCE

A stop sign is being suggested for Brock Avenue heading northbound before entering the intersection thereof with E Third Street. Also decrease speed limits on the following streets Chapley Avenue between Main Street and North Limit Road, Brock Avenue between E First Street and E Third Street and E First Street between Brock Avenue and Tyler Avenue to 15 miles per hour. The Traffic Ordinance will be updated for the March meeting for approval.

Craig Vitort **moved**, seconded by Alex Peden to approve the recommended changes to the Traffic Ordinance for the March meeting.

Ayes all, nays none; motion carried.

APPROVAL OF LICENSE APPLICATIONS

No license applications.

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

--Resolution - Use of streets and alleys for USDA project

Alex Peden **moved**, seconded by Craig Vitort to approve the resolution –Use of streets and alleys for the USDA project.

Ayes all, nays none; motion carried.

--Cross Connection Inspection Report

No update.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Brad Wiernik **moved**, seconded by Craig Vitort to approve the Treasurer's Report and place it on file.

Ayes all, nays none; motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

--Garbage complaints

Many complaints have been received about garbage not being picked up since the new year started. Many locations have been missed many weeks in a row. Waste Management is called and they come back out and pick it up but forget again the next week.

--Copier quotes

The Village is obtaining quotes for a copier for the new Village Hall. We have been looking at used vs. new at the moment unless we can find a free one where someone is upgrading their machine.

--Easements to Utilities from Village

These easements may not be necessary, we are working with our title attorney for the USDA grants.

--Public Service Commission Water Rate Increase effective 4-1-2024

The simplified 8% rate increase was recommended last fall and approved by the PSC and will become effective April 1, 2024. It did not require a public hearing. This is our first increase since June of 2018. Ideally according to our accountant it should be done yearly.

--ADA compliant door opener system for new Village Hall

President Mallek is trying to secure funding for an ADA compliant door opener system for the new Village Hall.

--Rail Safety Inspection

See email in packet from Tim Flynn

CLERK'S REPORT

Election on February 20, 2024

Just a reminder that we have an election on February 20th using our new equipment: the Express Vote and DS 200 Tabulator.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Mallek announced that the delivery of mail is later in the morning since the 1st of January and the pickup of mail is at 9 a.m. daily instead of 4:15 p.m. daily.

President Mallek expressed our appreciation to Melissa Vitort for taking the meeting minutes in the absence of the Village Clerk.

COMMUNITY PICNIC UPDATE

The picnic committee is looking for someone to co-ordinate the softball tournament. Let anyone on the committee know of a possible candidate.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Brad Wiernik **moved**, seconded by Alex Peden 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 9:14 p.m.