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VILLAGE OF PEPIN BOARD MEETING

Village of Pepin Municipal Building
Monday March 10th, 2025, at 7:00pm

MINUTES -

1. **Call Meeting to Order**-Randy called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.
2. **Roll Call**-Randy Kallstrom, Mike Michaud, Toni Raethke, Shannon Van Allen, Vicki Kosok, And Pat Sandstrom were all present. Kelsey Gilmore was absent. Others present were Julie Wheeler, Jeff Heit, and Jesse Van Alstine.
3. **Public Comments**- The clerk gave the board a copy of an email Ron McCarthy asked her to give the board regarding his RV.
4. **Clerk's Report-(A)** Approval of February 10, 2025, meeting minutes. **Motion** was made by Pat to approve February 10th, 2025, minutes. **Second** by Toni. All ayes, motion approved.

(B) New variance request application form-Discussion/Action to approve. **Motion** was made by Toni to approve the variance request application. **Second** by Pat. All ayes, motion approved.

(C) Discussion/Action on closing the village hall for the week of July 14th through the 18th for Clerk/Treasurer training. **Motion** was made by Shannon to approve closing the village hall from July 14th through the 18th for clerk/treasurer training. **Second** by Vicki, all ayes, motion approved.
5. **Treasurer's Report**- Approval of Treasurer's Report. **Motion** was made by Shannon to approve the treasurer's report as presented. **Second** by Pat. All ayes, motion approved.
6. **Pierce/Pepin**- SwiftCurrent connect update. Scott Freier started by saying that those people who have drops already, (drops meaning from the main line at the street to the home) should be getting hooked up by April 1st. Then as soon as the frost is out of the ground, they will start making drops again to people's homes. Pepin county rural areas will probably be about another six weeks. The floor was open for any questions, and Randy talked with Scott briefly about restoration of the staging area.
7. **Pepin Peppies**- Discussion /Action on granting permission to use 207 Lake St. to host Pepin Days on August 15th. **Motion** was made by Toni to grant the Pepin Peppie's use of 207 Lake St. to host Pepin Days on August 15th and 16th. **Second** by Vicki. All ayes, motion approved.
8. **Police Report**-The report was provided in the packet. Jesse had one update to report. The McCarthy RV was finally moved a week or a week and a half after the last board meeting. The board will be waiting to talk with Jon regarding the fines.
9. **Ambulance Report**-Ambulance report was provided in the packet. No one was present for questions.

10. **Fire Department Report-** Thomas Pawlak reported for the fire department. The Fire Department is still waiting for orders from DSPS. They are also waiting for an update on a part needed to fix the in-house cascade system. The rescue truck has not been put on the auction block yet, as the rescue has a cascade system that can be utilized until they get the part to fix the in-house system. They are working with the Lund fire department to set up a meeting to create a new contract for mutual aid between departments. They are also looking to get together with Pepin ambulance service to set up a contract regarding having them on standby for structure fires. Driver/Operator training and new member Fire 1 courses are in the works.
11. **Attorney's Report-**No report, Jon is on vacation.
12. **Zoning Administrator's Report-**Nothing to report for February.
13. **Utilities Committee** - Hydro Corp existing Service Agreement. Discussion/Action on Addendum to expand the scope of work for cross connection checks. The cost would go from \$780.00 per year for 25 inspections to \$1716.00 per year for 55 inspections. Mike Michaud presented the addendum and reasons for the change to the previous contract. Mike made the **motion** to approve the addendum with Hydro Corp. **Second** by Toni. All ayes, motion approved.
14. **Public Comments-** Steve Westman stated that the sportsman's club would like to have a meeting with the boat landing committee to talk about a sign for the boat launch. Dan Fedie asked if there had been any correspondence with the consulting company HNTB that was working on the crossing by the pickle factory. He expressed concern over safety with spring approaching and more activity will start at that crossing. The answer was no, we did not have any more correspondence with them. HNTB were supposed to reach out in early January. This will need to be discussed at the next streets committee meeting.
15. **Set next meeting date & Reorganizational meeting date-**The next board meeting will be Monday April 14th at 7:00pm. The reorganizational meeting will be on Monday April 28th at 7:00pm.
16. **Closed Session-** **Motion** was made by Toni to go into closed session Per §§ 19.85 (1) (c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. **Second** by Pat. All ayes, the meeting went into closed session. **Motion** was made by Shannon to close closed session. **Second** by Toni. All ayes, session was closed.
17. **Reconvene to open session-** Discussion/Action on closed session. **Motion** was made by Toni to reconvene into open session. **Second** by Pat. All ayes, meeting reconvened. A discussion of the Water and Wastewater Utility plant operator posting was had regarding Mike's potential retirement from the plant. A **motion** was made by Pat to move forward with posting the Chief Operator position for the Water and Wastewater Utility plant. **Second** by Vicki. All ayes, motion approved.
18. **Adjourn** – **Motion** was made by Shannon to adjourn. **Second** by Toni. All ayes, meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.

Julie Wheeler-Clerk