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VILLAGE OF PEPIN BOARD MEETING

Village of Pepin Municipal Building

Monday, August 19th, 2024, at 7:00pm

MINUTES

1. **Call Meeting to Order-** Randy called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
2. **Roll Call-** Randy Kallstrom, Mike Michaud, Shannon Van Allen, Kelsey Gilmore (zoom), Vicki Kosok, Pat Sandstrom were all present. Toni Raethke was absent. Others present were Jon Seifert, Jeffrey Heit, and Julie Wheeler.
3. **Public Comments-** Sue VanAlstine (Pepin Peppies) gave an update to the board on the Pepin Day event that took place on the 10th of August. The event was a huge success, and they would like to host this event on an annual basis. Also, she wanted to thank all who contributed and volunteered at the event with a special shout out to some of the people they missed in the thank you publication sent to the Courier Wedge. Greater Insurance, JK Sterry & Sterry brothers' rehab, Minnesota/Wisconsin Realty, Chris Noel, Great River Road Rentals, Pepin Labyrinth Yoga studio, and Pepin Area School student Volunteers.

Sue Fedie spoke on behalf of Laura Days regarding Food Vendors. It was brought to her attention that all food Vendors need a permit from the village. She asked if the board could waive the fee for the vendors, as they have already paid a fee to the Laura days. This will need to be addressed at the next meeting on the 9th of September since it was not on the agenda.

Dan Fedie mentioned that the new door at the post office is a problem. You can't see if someone is on the other side without a window and it closes too quickly, it needs some adjustment. He's gotten hit a few times by the door.

Randy asked if anyone else has noticed if the 9:30 and Noon whistle has been going off or not? We may have to check on the cost to fix it. He also said that the campground was wondering about changing the golf cart ordinance to allow carts to be out after dark. The ordinance committee does have this ordinance on their agenda to look at.

4. **Clerk's Report-** Approval of 07.08.2024 meeting minutes. The minutes were provided in the packet, Pat made a **motion** to approve the 07.08.2024 meeting minutes. **Second** by Vicki. All ayes, motion approved.

5. **Treasurer's Report-** Approval of Treasurer's Report. The report was provided in the packet. Shannon made a **motion** to approve the treasurer's report as presented. **Second** by Pat. All ayes, motion approved.
6. **Police Report-** The report was provided in the packet. There were no questions for Jesse.
7. **Ambulance Report-**The report was provided in the packet, no one was present from the ambulance for questions.
8. **Fire Department Report-** Chief Dustin Gold was present and updated the board. The fire Dept. members have increased, they have 17 active members. Dustin gave the board equipment updates and a calls update. They have completed the annual STR fire inspections on time. They also had Vehicle Extrication training on the 17th. Eleven members volunteered at the Pepin Day event. Events coming up are the pancake breakfast over Laura Days and they are going to try to schedule a Wheel Rally event again.
9. **Attorney's Report-** Jon worked on the lease between the Pepin Sportsman's and the Village of Pepin, talked with the village president regarding ongoing issues, and reviewed ordinances. So, a quiet month.
10. **Zoning administrator's Report-** The report was provided in the packet. Jeff updated the board on last month's activity. Storage shed LUCR, new foundation, and a zoning issue.
11. **Harbor Commission-**Gravel needed on Piers. Discussion/Action- At the last Harbor Commission meeting Dennis and Dan expressed the need to maintain the piers. They need approximately two loads of gravel. After some discussion, Vicki made a **motion** to spend the money for two loads of gravel on the piers. **Second** by Mike. All ayes, motion approved.
12. **Update on DNR Small Community Tree Inventory and Operations Planning Grant.** Mike Michaud updated the board on the DNR tree inventory. The DNR has awarded contractors to start the inventory. The process may take from October to May or June to complete.
13. **Ordinance Committee-1)** Discussion/Action on proposed revisions to the sign ordinance, Chapter 151.060. Mike presented the board with the revisions to the sign ordinance. After some discussion, Mike made a **motion** to approve the changes to the sign ordinance, Ch.151.060. **Second** by Vicki. All ayes, motion approved.
2) Discussion/Action on proposed changes to Chapter 151.076 Land Use and Construction or Remodeling Permit, Application, and Fees. Again, Mike presented the board with the revisions to the Land Use Construction and Remodeling ordinance, Ch151.076. After some discussion, Mike made a **motion** to adopt the changes to Ch 151.076 as presented. **Second** by Pat. All ayes, motion approved.
14. **Pierce/Pepin High Speed Fiber Internet-**Discussion/Action on Broadband service agreement between Village of Pepin and SwiftCurrent, a subsidiary of Pierce Pepin

Electric. Randy gave a brief explanation on how we got to the point of fiber internet coming into the village of Pepin. Mike then went over the specific agreement presented between the Village and SwiftCurrent, pointing out that this is basically a service agreement between us and them. SwiftCurrent has agreed to the terms of this agreement, so now it's up to the board to agree. There is also an informational meeting for the public at 6:00pm on August 20th at the village municipal building. Mike made the **motion** to adopt the broadband service agreement between the Village of Pepin and SwiftCurrent Connect to provide high speed fiber optic cables for internet service to all residents, schools, and businesses in the village. **Second** by Pat. All ayes, motion approved.

15. **Sportsman's lease-** Discussion/Action on a proposed lease agreement between the Pepin Sportsman's Club, Inc. and the Village of Pepin for the parcel owned by the Sportsman's at the Boat Launch area. Jon updated the board on the lease agreement he drafted regarding the lot they own at the boat landing area. After some discussion, Vicki made a **motion** to approve the lease agreement as written. **Second** by Pat. All ayes, motion approved.
16. **Set Next Meeting Date-** The next Board meeting will be Sept. 9th at 7:00PM.
17. **Adjourn-** **Motion** to adjourn was made by Shannon. **Second** by Vicki, all ayes, meeting adjourned at 8:30PM.

Julie Wheeler, Clerk