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VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday January 13, 2020

1. & 2. 7:05 pm. President Bill Wroblewski called the meeting to order and roll call was taken as follows:

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| William Wroblewski (President) | Carrie Arens | Damon Ellison |
| Rob Buntz | Mike Michaud | Paul Riesgraf (Absent) |
| Dave Brassfield (Absent) | Jon Seifert | Maggie Schruth |
| Missy Murray | | |

3. **Future Items:** 1) Bill W. Questioned why there are different billing dates with Sewer/water vs what the village has. Missy informed him that we have it the right way. We run on a quarterly basis. Example: if we read in January the bill will be due in February. 2) Mike Michaud discussed the Boulevard Tree ordinance from 1884. He would like the ordinance committee to review it and update the ordinance. Mike 1st the motion and Rob 2nd the motion to turn it over to the ordinance committee. The vote was 4 to 1. Rob B., Carrie A., Bill W., and Mike M. approved and Damon E. was opposed.
4. **Open Items:** 1) Rob B. stated that the Finance committee did not discuss the Admin Exempt status at their last finance meeting. Bill said to have it discussed by the February Village Board Meeting. 2) Mike M. asked Maggie to make the December Meeting minutes clearer. Rob B. wants a section changed along with a suggestion made by Dave B. (who is absent). The sections to be updated were, the PACC report, the Harbor Commission, and the Finance Committee report; Carried.
5. **Clerk report:** Motion to accept the December 2019 Village Board Meeting Minutes 1st by Mike M. and 2nd by Rob B. All in favor; Carried.
6. **Treasurer's report:** Discussion was held by Bill to ask Missy to work on the "Budget" portion of the report and make it have more context. A motion to accept the treasurers report 1st by Carrie A. and 2nd by Damon E. All in favor; Carried.
7. **Police Report:** The board reviewed the logs. Any questions should go to Jesse V.
8. **Attorney Report:** Jon S. stated that we postponed the Public Hearing meeting that was scheduled for today for the Vacation of Elm Street to be moved to a half hour before the February board meeting.
9. **Streets: Discuss Vacation of Elm Street:** -This is rescheduled to 6:30 pm before the regular scheduled Village Board meeting in February.
10. **Finance Committee report: A) 2020 Water Improvement Project-** 1) Rob discussed that we are not taking the Safe Drinking water option that was a 20-year loan. The USDA option is a 40-year term at 1.625%. Discussion was held if we went out to bid yet. The answer was no. The motion was made to accept the USDA package. Rob 1st it and Damon 2nd the motion. All were in favor and none opposed. 2) **Easement off Boyd for Sewer/Water-** Bill W. stated that the project needs the Village's approval off of main street to extend to East properties. Rob made a motion to initiate negotiations & pursue the next step. Rob 1st the motion and Carrie A. 2nd the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

B) Consolidation of loans- We are working on the consolidation paperwork that Brian Reilly needs. Hoping to have most of the paperwork done in about a week or so. Rob stated that we would like to have it taken care of before the February Village Board Meeting.

11. **Premier Resort Area Status-** Rob and Bill discussed the status of this in our area and its at a standstill. Bill mentioned to email Warren Petryk from the Village email to get this going and stay supportive about this premier resort status.
12. **Caucus Date-** There are three seats up for reelection. Paul Riesgraf, Dave Brassfield & Damon Ellison. Paul will not be running for reelection, but Damon & Dave will. The board set the Caucus date to be January 20th, at 7:00pm.
13. **February Meeting-** The board set the Village Board meeting for February 10th at 7:00pm. Bill W. nominated Damon Ellison to fill in as Village President while Bill is on vacation. Bill 1st the motion and 2nd by Carrie. All in favor; Carried.
14. **Approve Vouchers:** Rob questioned the lottery settlement. Missy stated that with taxes we get lottery settlement. The state pays the general account and we must transfer to tax account. Damon 1st, Rob 2nd the motion to approve the vouchers.
15. **Committees: Village procedures, Minutes, Agenda; Review of Board position regarding trustee attending.**
16. **Public Comments:** Mary Meixner asked if we could pay off the USDA 40-year loan early with no penalties, when we take this package. The Board answered yes, we could.

Steve Westman asked who runs the Harbor Commission meetings. The board answered that is Damon. Steve had asked in regard to the CedarCorp grant that had applied for the Pepin Marina, being that Rob B. isn't on that board how did it get brought to Dennis attention. Rob mentioned he saw something in the paper and let Dennis Bennis know about it. Then Steve asked who takes care of the Public launch ramp. The Village leases that boat launch from the Pepin Sportsmen's club.

Bill Wroblewski stated that we will be going into Closed Session now.
17. **Closed Session (8:30pm-9:22pm) Rob B. 1st the motion and Mike M. 2nd the closed session.**
18. **Out of closed session- Back into Open Session-9:23pm.**
19. **Adjourn-** No other action was taken by the Village Board. A motion was made by Damon E. 1st and 2nd was motion made by Rob B. to adjourn the meeting; carried, meeting adjourned. All in favor, none opposed.

Maggie Schruth-Clerk