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VILLAGE OF PEPIN BOARD MEETING

Village of Pepin Municipal Building
Tuesday October 15th, 2024, at 7:00pm

AGENDA -

1. **Call Meeting to Order**-Randy called the meeting to order at 7:00PM
2. **Roll Call**-Randy Kallstrom, Toni Raethke (zoom), Mike Michaud, Shannon Van Allen, Kelsey Gilmore(zoom), Vicki Kosok, and Pat Sandstrom were all present. Others present were Julie Wheeler, Tracy Rundquist, Jon Seifert, and Jeff Heit.
3. **Public Comments**-No public comments
4. **Clerk's Report**- Approval of September 9, 2024, meeting minutes. -Pat made a **motion** to approve the September 9th, 2024, minutes. **Second** by Vicki. All ayes, motion approved.
5. **Treasurer's Report**- Approval of Treasurer's Report. Shannon made a **motion** to approve the treasurer's report as presented. **Second** by Pat. All ayes, motion approved.
6. **Peppies**-Discussion/Action on request to close street for Trunk or Treat. Pat Sandstrom spoke on behalf of the Peppies, requesting that the block of 2nd St. in front of the Bank be closed from 5-7pm on October 31st for Trunk-or-Treat. **Motion** was made by Shannon to approve the request. **Second** by Vicki. All ayes, motion approved.
7. **Police Report**-The report was provided in the packet; Jesse was not available for questions. There was a noticeable increase in animal complaints and traffic stops.
8. **Ambulance Report**-The report was provided in the packet; No one was available for questions.
9. **Fire Department Report**- Chief Gold stated no changes in member numbers, still at 17 active members. No equipment updates to mention. Dusty went over last month's calls with the board. Recent events were the Laura days parade & pancake breakfast, a 5-member presentation at the elementary school, and the Wheel Rally. All of which were very successful. Upcoming events will be the Trunk or Treat with the Peppies Community Club.
10. **Attorney's Report**-This past month John had conferences with the village president regarding TIF matters, spoke with board members on zoning issues, personnel on staff matters, overall, a quiet month.

11. **Zoning administrator's Report**-Jeff Heit went over the report that was provided in the packet. 6 LUCR's issued, multiple phone calls and site visits with survey markers on the 300 block of Dunn St.
12. **TIF Committee**- Approval of the TIF committees' allocation of \$150,000.00 to the Boat Ramp project. Discussion/Action-Toni Raethke spoke as TIF chair. TIF has been pivotal in working with getting this boat ramp project done, so it does not cost the village taxpayers anything. The TIF committee met several months ago and agreed to allocate up to \$150,000.00 for the boat ramp project. The **motion** was made by Toni to go forward with the \$150,000.00 expenditure for the boat ramp from TID 3 to TID 7. **Second** by Pat. All ayes, motion approved.
13. **Assessor Contract**-Discussion/Action- Tracy went over the basics of the assessor agreement with the board. This is the village's 3-year contract that is drawn up every 3 years with the assessor. 2027 will also be a full assessment year so they are dividing the additional cost up between 2026 and 2027. A **motion** was made by Shannon to approve the assessor contract. **Second** by Vicki. All ayes, motion approved.
14. **Pember Payment Request 1**-Discussion/Action- The treasurer needs board approval to cut a check to Pember for the first payment request. A **motion** was made by Randy to approve payment of \$190,613.74 to Pember for the 1st payment request for the Boat Ramp. \$150,000.00 from TID funds and the remainder from the boat launch fund. **Second** by Mike. All ayes, motion approved.
15. **Public Comments**- Kevin Sandvick brought up an issue with a non-life threatening 911 call he had to make recently. He said it was about a five-minute process because 911 dispatch could not connect to Pepin services. They had to have him call Pepin County PD to get the ambulance dispatched. Dan Fedie also expressed concern over hearing about this issue and wanted to know what the village plans to do about it. The village will have the clerk check into this with Pepin County and Jesse to see what can be done about this in the future.
A SwiftCurrent representative was present for any questions anyone might have. She informed everyone that the building process is almost complete and then the fiber will be pushed through. Mike asked her about the East end of town along the Highway. She said they are hoping to push another build through on that end.
16. **Set Next Meeting Date**-As November 11th is Veterans Day, the next Board meeting will be on Tuesday November 12th at 7:00pm.
17. **Adjourn**-Shannon made a motion to adjourn. Second by Toni. All ayes, meeting adjourned.

Julie Wheeler, Clerk