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## VILLAGE OF PEPIN BOARD MEETING

Village of Pepin Municipal Building

**Monday November 20th, 2023, at 7:00pm**

### MINUTES -

1. **Call Meeting to Order-** Randy called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.
2. **Roll Call-**Randy Kallstrom, Pat Sandstrom, Vicki Kosok, Carrie Arens, Shannon VanAllen, Toni Raethke (via zoom) and Mike Michaud were all present. Others present were Jon Seifert and Tracy Rundquist.
3. **Public Comments-**A request was made that the village keep the marina drive open this winter at all access points for delivery drivers, recreational users, etc. for safety reasons. The question was about what was going on with the railroad property by the marina. The railroad has recently demolished the buildings down there, but currently we are unaware of any plans, if any.
4. **Clerk's Report-** Approval of 11.06.2023 meeting minutes. Vicki made a **motion** to approve the clerk's report. **Second** by Mike to approve the 11.06 minutes. All Ayes, motion approved.
5. **Treasurer's Report-** Approval of Treasurer's Report. Carrie made a **motion** to accept the treasurer's report. **Second** by Toni. All Ayes, motion approved.
6. **Sportsman's Landing-Memorial Donation-**Mel Schoeder spoke on behalf of herself and her brother Kris Schlosser. Mel explained that her father Ron Schlosser believed in the commerce that came in form the sportsman's landing. It not only created business for Pepin, but for the motel and campground that Ron owned. So, in memory of Ron, she and her brother would like to donate \$5,000.00 annually to the sportsman's landing for the next five years. She presented the first check to the village at the meeting.
7. **Police Report-**Monthly update. The police report was presented in the board packet. Jesse spoke briefly on the speed zone signs, expressing that the new one seems to be working well. He also gave reminders with the winter season approaching, to shovel your sidewalks and slow down when driving on the roads. As the assistant EMR director, Jesse said they have gained one new person in Stockholm.
8. **Ambulance Report-**Monthly update. The ambulance report was presented in the packet. No representative present.
9. **Fire Department Report-**Monthly update. Dustin Gold updated the Board on Membership, calls, Tree trimming and building maintenance. They recently had their election on officers. No changes, all officers remained the same. Fire Department

training nights will be changing from Thursdays to Wednesdays. On December 2<sup>nd</sup> they will be conducting a food drive along with the Ambulance and Police Dept. and the Ambulance will be hosting an open house to allow the public to see the new ambulance rig.

10. **Attorney's Report**-Monthly update. This month Jon worked with the county treasurer and a surveyor and communicated with property owners at the end of Fourth street to clean up some legal descriptions regarding unclear access and title issues. Other than that, it was a quiet month.
11. **Zoning Administrator's Report**-Monthly update. The zoning report was presented in the packet. Roy went over Permits issued, upcoming projects and upcoming tasks and Hiawatha Broadband (HBC).
12. **Pepin Lions Club**-The Pepin Lion's club requested free parking for their ice fishing contest the first weekend in February. Randy made a **motion** to approve free parking for the ice fishing contest February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, & 4<sup>th</sup>. **Second** by Mike. All Ayes, motion approved.
13. **Approval of Attorney retainer increase**-Discussion/Action- Jon presented the board with a formal request to increase the annual retainer for the Village of Pepin from \$10,000.00 to \$12,000.00 a year. After some discussion Mike made a **motion** to approve the \$2000.00 increase. **Second** by Toni. All Ayes, motion approved.
14. **Weber Inspections 2024 Contract**- Discussion/Action-The annual Weber Inspection contract was presented to the board for approval. Vicki made a **motion** to approve the contract. **Second** by Carrie. All Ayes, motion approved.
15. **2024 Budget Approval**-Discussion/Action- The 2024 Budget was presented to the board for approval. A **motion** was made by Shannon to approve the Proposed budget for 2024. **Second** by Toni. 6 Ayes, Carrie abstained. Motion approved.
16. **Public Comments**-The question was asked again, when is the new boat ramp going to be put in. After being told that it would not be put in this year due to the contractor running out of time, the discussion became heated. In that heated discussion another question was asked regarding signs placed by the marina owner restricting access to the beach and pier. This issue would have to be resolved through the Streets Committee and Harbor Commission.
17. **Set Next meeting date**. The next meeting will be on December 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM.
18. **Adjourn**-**Motion** was made by Randy to adjourn. **Second** by Toni. All Ayes, meeting adjourned.

Julie Wheeler-Village Clerk