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VILLAGE OF PEPIN BOARD MEETING

Village of Pepin Municipal Building

Monday, December 12, 2022, at 7:00pm

MINUTES -

1. **Call Meeting to Order-** President Randy Kallstrom called the meeting to order at 7pm.
2. **Roll Call-** Randy Kallstrom, Shannon Van Allen, Vicki Kosok, Mike Michaud, Pat Sandstrom and Carrie Arens present. Toni Raethke absent.
Others present- Tracy Rundquist, Jon Seifert, Mike Schultz
3. **Public Comments –** None.
4. **Clerk's Report-** Approval of meeting minutes from November 14, 2022. **Motion** to approve by Pat, **second** by Pat. All ayes, motion passed.
5. **Treasurer's Report-** Approval of Treasurer's Report. **Motion** to approve by Shannon, **second** by Pat. All ayes, motion passed.
6. **Fishing Contest-** The Pepin Lion's Club have done a lot of good things for the village. Randy would like the board to waive the parking fees for the day of their fishing contest in February. **Motion** to approve by Carrie, **second** by Shannon. All ayes, motion passed.
7. **January Caucus-** Discussion on caucus methods and whether to offer zoom again this year as there have been issues in the past. Other municipalities do not offer the ability to nominate and vote electronically. Maureen Manore, Frankfort clerk has offered to come to our caucus if we still do not have a clerk in place, just to make sure that we are following all correct procedures. The board would like to accept that offer. A **motion** was made by Randy to offer zoom, for viewing only, with no voting or nominations on January 9th at 6pm. **Second** by Pat. The legal notice for caucus will state that there is no nomination or voting via zoom.
8. **Police Report-** November was quiet, a reminder from the chief to shovel sidewalks and not to throw snow into the street. The emergency services had a food shelf drive last weekend; it went very well.
9. **Ambulance Report-** Ambulance treasurer report in board packet. No officer present.
10. **Fire Department Report-** Dustin Gold is the new fire chief. Randy and the Village Board thanks Ted, Paul and Chuck for their many years of service on the fire department. Jesse updated the board that they now have 11 members on the department and two outstanding applications. They still need more as there are not members around during the day when people are at work.

11. **Zoning Administrator's Report-** Roy is on vacation, his report is in the packet.
12. **Attorney's Report –** Fairly quiet month, some zoning administration as well as short term rental license enforcement. Jon spent some time with board members on the review of the harbor lease.
13. **Finance Committee Report-** The ambulance call hours dollar amount changed from \$5 an hour, down to \$3; the finance committee made recommendations as to the reallocation of the additional money in expenses. They recommend \$500 to assessor per the 3-year contract we have, \$3000 to an ambulance fund to be able to start saving for the replacement ambulance for 2030, and an additional \$10, 000 for the streets outlay. This would cover either blacktop or machinery if the sweeper needs replacing. **Motion** to approve the amended budget by Shannon, **second** by Pat. As a member of the ambulance Carrie abstained. The rest of the board were all ayes and the motion passed.
14. **Public Comments-** Larry Stahl wanted to know when the Fishing University show was airing. It is late December and early January. Steve Westman asked if there had been any progress on hiring a new clerk, the answer was no. He also wanted to comment that to waive fees for a local club was a good thing, but we should consider that if other clubs asked that most local people do have a pass anyway and that people from out of town should pay. Jesse said that if the Fire Department run a summer contest, they could sell a permit with the ticket and still bring the funds in for the boat launch.
15. **Set Next Meeting Date-** January 9th at 7pm
16. **Adjourn- Motion** by Shannon, **second** by Vicki. All ayes, motion passed.
Meeting adjourned at 7.34pm.

Tracy Rundquist, Treasurer