

VILLAGE OF SOLDIERS GROVE, CRAWFORD COUNTY, WISCONSIN

Minutes of a Regular Board Meeting held March 7, 2024.

Meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Roll Call: Present: Jerry Miller, Harrison Heilman, Steve George, Brett Pettit, and Vicki Campbell. Not Present: Howard Arndt.

Public Input: Diane Coleman brought her dog in for the board to see. Her dog was attacked in their yard by another dog that was running loose. Complained that animal control had not been in contact with them or given them a report. Heilman stated he will follow up with animal control and Crawford County, Coleman just wanted answers. Heilman also brought up the burn pile and that he seen someone from Viroqua dumping, Mike and Jeannette told Heilman that was the person hired to cut trees down on South Street.

Delta 3: Bart gave a packet for the WWTF Phase 1 project. Recommends the Village go with MZ Construction Inc for \$179,000.00. This will increase sewer rates \$2.00 a month.

Motion by Campbell, second by Pettit to approve MZ Construction for the WWTF Phase 1 Project. All present aye, motion carried.

Baker Creek Streambank Project; Bart recommended Mike Lepke Excavating to do the work for \$52,500.00 with an alternative contract, where the contractor will buy the topsoil back from Village for \$12,100.00 leaving the balance of \$40,400.00.

Motion by Pettit, second by Heilman to approve Mike Lepke Excavating for the Streambank Project at \$52,500 with Alternative A1. All present aye, motion carried.

Highway 131 Sewer Extension: Bart explained there are no grants for the Village for this project as it is an extension. Estimated costs will be \$377,500, which would increase everyone's sewer bill by six dollars. Campbell stated the Village should hold a public hearing to get the public's opinions on the subject first before voting on. Public Hearing is scheduled for April 4th at 6pm.

Fire department: Would like to do a food stand at the Village Clean Up Day on April 13th. Fire members will be donating all food for the stand. Chicken Q on April 20th from 2-5 pm. \$10 per plate at the American Legion Post 220. Training: will do burning on Baker Creek, the hillside by the slough, and triangle on County C. Had a mutual aid call in Gays for an apartment fire, fire on Norwegian Hollow Road. Added another new member. Facebook is updated daily with the fire dangers.

Public Works: Cut trees down on South Street, working on getting it cleaned up more. Been picking up all the old mulch around the trees, so will be able to start fresh this spring with new mulch. Been cleaning up the burn pile, will be getting a boom truck to clean up limbs around the park. Spring Clean Up is April 13th, 7 am to 3pm.

Motion by Campbell, second by Heilman to approve Operators License for Dan Nelson. All present aye, motion carried.

Motion by George, second by Heilman to approve minutes of the February 8th meeting. All present aye, motion carried.

Motion by Campbell, second by Pettit to approve bills General \$12,474.95, Fire \$645.01, Sewer \$4,055.84, Water \$604.29, and Library \$6,390.21. All present aye, motion carried.

Motion by Heilman, second by Pettit to adjourn to closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(e), to deliberate legal counsel. All present aye, motion carried.

Motion by Campbell, second by George to reconvene to open session, pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(2). All present aye, motion carried.

Motion by George, second by Pettit to adjourn meeting at 7:20 pm. All present aye, motion carried.

Kaitlynn R Ott