

MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF WALDO
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MARCH 12, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 and was in compliance with the Open Meetings Law. Trustees Jerry Hammarlund and Mike Hintz were absent due to work conflicts. Present were President Gary Dekker and Trustees Chris Madgwick and Mark Spitz. Also present were Tom & Lee Anne Gilson, Bruce Neerhof, John & Karen VanEss, John Port, Rodney Schroeter (*The Review*) and Michelle Brecht. After the pledge to the Flag the Minutes from February 12, 2018 were reviewed. Michelle pointed out a couple edits from the emailed version that the Board had received immediately after the meeting. Motion to approve the Minutes from 2-12-2018 as presented: Mark Spitz. Seconded: Chris Madgwick. Approved.

Residents Tom and Lee Anne Gilson were introduced . Tom and Lee Anne have lived at 133 West First Street since 1989. They shared concerns regarding the abandoned property next door to them at 125 West First Street. This property is a small lot with an older trailer. The owner, Kathleen Johnson, passed away in the fall of 2016. Since then the property went into foreclosure and to a sheriff's sale (with no bidders). A real estate company outside of Wisconsin has bought it and put a large sale price on it. The property has cats and rodents under the trailer skirting and is not being kept up. They were told that the lawn was going to be maintained, but that hasn't happened. Tom has been doing the mowing. The property continues to deteriorate. The presence of a trailer is not allowed by our Code. It was allowed by a variance about 1997. Tom and Lee Anne asked the Board to investigate how this eyesore can be taken care of. Mark Spitz made a motion to have Bruce Neerhof investigate options for the Village to take in regards to this property. He would like him to learn the history, speak to the Real Estate Company about their intentions and possibly speak to our lawyer and report back to the Board next month. Seconded: Chris Madgwick. Approved.

The Mill Pond Dam is due for an inspection. This is DNR requirement every 10 years. Bruce contacted Ayres and Associates for a proposal. This company has been contracted by the Village before for Mill Pond Dam needs. Most recently they did the Dam Failure Analysis in 2014. Bruce shared that their proposal is reasonable. The Board had previewed the proposal electronically prior to the meeting. Motion to approve the Ayres and Associates dam inspection proposal: Chris Madgwick. Seconded: Mark Spitz. Approved.

Kvindlog's has hired a new employee named Abigail Fritsch. She has completed the "Wisconsin Responsible Beverage Seller Training" and has submitted an Operator License application. She has a clear record and payment has been received. Mark made a motion to approve a license for Kvindlog's new employee (Abigail Fritsch). Chris seconded. Approved.

The facility rental applications were reviewed and approved after a motion by Mark Spitz and a second by Chris Madgwick. Dione Tripp, non-resident, has rented the Memorial Hall for an October 20, 2018 (son's wedding). Roland Brandt, resident, has rented the Village Hall for his 80th birthday party on April 7, 2018.

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed and approved after a motion by Mark Spitz and a second by Chris Madgwick. It will be included at the end of these Minutes.

The Vouchers were reviewed . Mark Spitz made a motion to approve vouchers from February 14-March 13, 2018 numbered 13762-13796 with online payroll liabilities payments for a total of \$16,308.40. Seconded by Chris Madgwick. Approved.

Bruce Neerhof shared an Administrative report. His emphasis has been on organizing the upcoming projects. He should have some firm reports/plans next month. If we spread the projects out until 2020 and keep each of them under the \$25,000 threshold, he can be the Project Manager. They are all basically maintenance projects to be done in three phases. Phase 1 has two separate "under \$25,000" projects. One is to begin to make the Village Hall ADA compliant with a front ramp and new entry doors this summer. The other 2018 summer project is to rebuild the Park chimney and do an electrical upgrade. Phase 2 will include the parking area next to the Village Hall on Harmon Street. Phase 3 will include Village Hall bathroom remodeling. In addition to working on these projects, Bruce met with our Village Insurance Assessor for scheduled property reviews.

The Police Report was reviewed. A concern was voiced that there didn't seem to be a police presence at the brat fry. There were also concerns about the congested parking along Hwy 28 during the brat fry. It was a well attended event ; even the side streets were full of parked cars. Mark asked President Gary if he would speak with Jason about police presence at such a function. Motion to accept the Police report: Chris Madgwick. Seconded: Mark Spitz. Approved.

The current Police Contract will automatically renew unless either party chooses to change something. The Board was asked if they are concerned with any changes at this time. They are not. Motion to automatically renew: Chris Madgwick. Seconded: Mark Spitz. Approved.

Gary asked if there would be any objection to putting Item # 14 at the end of the meeting. There was not.

Correspondence included new copies of the *Municipality* magazine. There was also a notice of a "Town Hall" meeting to be held in the Village Hall on March 27th with our Congressman Glenn Grothman fielding questions from 1:00-2:00 p.m.

He asked for updates or reports from the Board. Mark Spitz asked if the "no parking" signs had all been returned along Hwy 28; in particular in front of the Bank, by Waldo Service Garage and by Kvindlog's. Bruce said that he had pursued the Bank sign but hadn't realized the concern about the other two. He would note it and address this.

During Public Comment, Rodney Schroeter asked about the previous dam inspection report that labeled our dam a "significant risk" and that it would cost a lot of money to change the labeling. "Has anything been done about that?". The answer is no. The significant risk was that three houses are estimated to get one inch of flooding in their basements if the dam were to completely fail. It didn't bear enough concern to invest more funds. John Port shared that an auxiliary spillway is one area an improvement could be made.

Chris Madgwick then made a motion "to go into closed session under the following State Statutes (WIS STATS 19.85(1)(c)&(f))&(e)" to consider employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of a public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, or to preliminarily consider specific personnel problems that, if discussed in public, would likely have a substantial adverse affect on the reputation of those involved." Roll Call seconded by Mark Spitz and Gary Dekker. Adjourned to closed session in the clerk's office at 6:53. At 7:20 the three returned and Mark made a motion to come out of closed session. Roll Call seconded by Chris Madgwick and Gary Dekker. At this point the attendance included Gary Dekker, Chris Madgwick, Mark Spitz, Bruce Neerhof, John & Karen VanEss, John Port and Michelle Brecht. Chris asked Michelle if they could make a general motion regarding their decision reached in closed session. It was a bit confusing and this motion was a bit of a fumble. The issue will be more clearly dealt with in the April meeting. Staff compensations were discussed in closed session. Chris made a motion to approve the decision to

offer the staff compensation adjustments. Mark seconded. Approved. (The intent was to inform the staff of their discussions before publicly voicing their specific decisions. The clerk apologizes for the parliamentary error. No compensation adjustments will be made until properly acted on in a future meeting.) Motion to adjourn: Mark. Seconded: Chris. Adjourned 7:30 p.m.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR MARCH

VILLAGE GENERAL ACCOUNT

Account Balances

on March 7th

Project Fund	\$144,689.18	
General Fund	\$131,234.03	<u>on March 13th after vouchers</u>
Recreation Fund	\$8,396.24	
Cemetery Fund	\$7,114.72	
Mill Pond Dam	\$1,505.68	
Debit	\$1,000.00	<u>after tonight's vouchers</u>

DEPOSITS IN FEBRUARY

facility rentals	\$200.00
burn permits	\$10.00
from "due from Utility" account	\$6,032.61
Building Permits	\$75.00
Temporary Liquor licenses	\$10.00
2016 delinquent utility payment from County	\$1,427.37
dog licenses	\$128.00
Interest on 02/28/2018	\$49.17
TOTAL	<u>\$7,932.15</u>

Significant anticipated income through January

Due from Utilities tonight	\$2,622.59
April Transportation Aid 2nd of 4 payments	\$2,527.27

Upcoming Significant Outlay

April meeting Clean Water Loan portion	\$50,426.25
Oct. meeting Clean Water Loan portion	\$7,789.91