

MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF WALDO
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OCTOBER 8, 2018

The meeting was held in compliance with the Open Meetings Law. President Gary Dekker called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Trustees present were Mike Hintz, Mark Spitz; with Chris Madgwick arriving at 6:20 p.m. due to work conflicts. Also present were representatives of the Waldo Fire Department, Rodney Schroeter (*The Review*), John VanEss, Hollie Wisniewski, Mark Dodge (Bertram Communications), Michelle Brecht and Bruce Neerhof. Resident Hollie Wisniewski led the Pledge to the Flag in sign language.

The Minutes of the September 10, 2018 meeting were approved with a motion by Mark Spitz and a second by Mike Hintz.

The Halloween observance in Waldo will be held Saturday, November 3rd this year. Trick or Treating will be 4:00-7:00 p.m. and the party at Memorial Hall will be held from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Katie Parrish and her daughter Molly will be the primary organizers for the party. The Waldo State Bank has several employees that will also be helping. Motion to approve the Halloween plans in Waldo: Mark Spitz. Seconded: Mike Hintz. Approved.

The annual Joint Powers Agreement was reviewed and approved after a motion by Mark Spitz and a second by Mike Hintz. (This agreement is the annual cooperation with the County wide "911" system.)

Mark Spitz shared information regarding a historical marker to commemorate George Pollard. He spoke with Wisconsin State Historical Society representative Richard Bernstein. When a Marker is registered with them, it is listed on a map and has some recognizable features. The purchase notification also gets posted by the Department of Transportation. The somewhat lengthy application takes up to 6 months to review. In our favor is that Mr. Pollard's easel and palette are already at the State Historical Society. There is little question as to a marker in his honor being approved of. The cost of a sign varies from \$640-\$5000. They can come with images as well as text. It is unfortunate that the tree on East First Street, made famous by his painting, was broken in the August storm. There is still a Pollard family art influence in Wisconsin with an art gallery in Kenosha, Wisconsin. George Pollard did a lot internationally and nationally. There may be some limitations for us to use public funds for the project. We will have to discuss it during the upcoming budget working meeting. There was no action on Trustee Spitz's report.

The Board was presented with a revised draft of the proposed Excel.net contract. Bruce Neerhof re-negotiated with the owner, Larry Weidig, as the Board had requested last month. They came to a compromise of \$325 per month tower rent for a 3 year contract. The free internet services were left unchanged from the previous contract. Mike Hintz requested the Board to consider the possibility of an alternative cell tower renter; Bertram Communications. He said that now is the time to consider such a possibility before we sign a contract for three years. Mark Dodge, a sales representative from Bertram, was recognized by the Chair and allowed to speak to the Board. He shared details about their company and services and answered questions from the Board. He asked to be able to present the Board with a competitive proposal. Unfortunately the two companies cannot share the water tower site. Their services are similar enough that there would be interference. Approval of the Excel.net contract died for lack of motion.

The Board was presented with a draft of the 2019 Budget Detail. They determined that they would meet on Thursday, October 11, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. for a working meeting.

There was only one rental application and it was approved after a motion by Chris Madgwick and a second by Mike Hintz. Luis Aguirre will rent the Village Hall on Saturday, November 17th for a family gathering.

The monthly vouchers were reviewed. Chris Madgwick made a motion to approve online payroll liabilities payments and checks #14049-14069 for a total of \$22,948.84. Seconded by Mark Spitz. Approved.

The Treasurer's report was approved after a motion by Mike Hintz and a second by Mark Spitz. It is included at the end of these Minutes.

Bruce Neerhof shared a Village Administrative Report. It included the following items:

- Update on Village Hall and Park projects. Resuming ADA compliant restrooms for Village Hall. Handrail ordered for Village Hall front step. Electrical quote updated for Pump station and Village Hall.
- Ferrell Gas Road Bond received
- Meeting with developer on potential residential development
- Reviewed building and site plans for new BP station. They are hoping for a State Building permit in November.

The Police Report was reviewed. Waldo had no citations, no warnings given, 1 vandalism complaint investigated, and 21 property checks for 10 hours and 53 miles.

Correspondence from the Clerk included *The Municipality* magazine for the Board members.

Reports and Updates from the Board included the following:

- President Dekker shared that he had recently attended a League of Municipality meeting; and was unfortunately not highly impressed.
- President Dekker then read a written statement that has been publicly posted; the text follows below:
"On behalf of the Village of Waldo Board of Trustees and the Village residents, I want to thank our community for going above and beyond the call of duty after the August 28, 2018 storms. It is impossible to recognize everyone who assisted area residents in the aftermath of storms that hit Sheboygan County. Neighbors, families and friends were all coming to assist those in need both in Waldo, Cascade and the surrounding area. Although Waldo sustained a lot of tree damage, no one was injured and no major property damage was incurred. The Fire Department did a fabulous job of opening up the roads that were blocked.

Along with that help, I would like to recognize Travis Thomas of All American HVAC for providing generators, chainsaws and covering manpower wages. The generators helped those with medical needs in particular. I would also like to recognize JD Trucking. They accepted brush and debris after the storm and footed the bill to have it hauled away and ground up.

The Board and I would like to thank ALL who helped here and throughout the County for their generous efforts. ...That's why we love to live here. Sincerely, Gary Dekker"

Public Comment included the following:

- John VanEss shared a concern for better lighting in the back of the Village Hall. Now that there's parking back there, there should be some safety lighting.
- Jason Parrish, WFD Chief, introduced a Length of Service Program that they would like to offer their members. Brandon Berth (WFD President) and Michelle Strauss from the Horton Group were also available to explain the program. In order to offer this benefit to their members, the Village would need to be their "Sponsor". It is a program that encourages both enrollment and retention for members. The cost for the Village would be, at the most, \$875 per year (\$500 Service Fee and \$15 per member). The more active a member is, the more points they would earn toward the "award". The WFD will determine the point system and the tracking of the points. The State matches what the WFD would put into the account. At age 60 a member would be entitled to draw on their account if they have served 15 years. This proposal will be discussed at the working budget meeting and will be on the November agenda.

Mike Hintz then made a motion to "go into closed session under the following Wisconsin State Statutes (Wis Stats 19.85(1)(e) & (c)) for competitive or bargaining reasons; deliberating of or negotiating for purchase of public properties, or conduct of specific public business" and "for employee compensation and evaluation". Roll call seconds were unanimous. Approved. It was mentioned that there would be no public comment on their discussions after coming out of closed session. Adjourned to closed session at 7:30 p.m. The meeting guests all excused themselves so the Board stayed in the Village Hall for the closed session.

A motion to adjourn the closed session was made by Mike Hintz and roll call seconds were unanimous. Adjourned at 7:50 p.m. **THE TREASURER'S REPORT IS INCLUDED ON THE NEXT PAGE.**

**VILLAGE
TREASURER'S
REPORT**

MEETING OF OCTOBER 8, 2018

Account Balances	
Project Fund	\$108,395.57
General Fund	\$35,878.93
Recreation Fund	\$8,408.55
Cemetery Fund	\$8,008.37
Mill Pond Dam	\$1,508.50
Debit	\$1,000.00

General Fund last year= \$43,874.36

INCOME & EXPENSES til DECEMBER	
Pending income(see below)	\$61,650.50
current balance (see above)	<u>\$35,878.93</u>
Anticipated cash flow total	\$97,529.43
Cost of running Village estimate	-\$32,000.00
loan payment in October	TONIGHT
due to Utilities in December	-\$37,382.31
Subtract restricted Cty sales tax	<u>-\$10,483.00</u>
Est. available in General Fund 12/31	\$17,664.12

UPCOMING REVENUE	
Oct 5 Transportation Aid	RECEIVED
2nd half sales tax revenue for roads	RECEIVED
Nov 20 Shared Revenue	<u>\$61,650.50</u>

PROJECTS FUND TRANSFERS PENDING	
Grill & Chimney work at Park	<u>\$4,195.00</u>
Total pending	\$4,195.00
Est. Project Fund balance 12/31/18	\$104,000.00

DEBIT ACCOUNT	DETAIL
Kvindlog's	\$7.33
mosquito repellent	
Best Buy	\$469.98
fridge for Mem. Hall	
Walmart	\$8.05
broom /cleaning	
Office Supply.com	\$309.30
printer, inks	
Fleet Farm	\$9.98
wasp spray	
TOTAL	\$804.64

