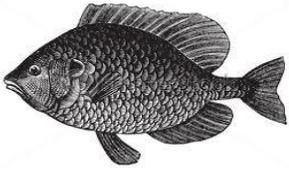


REGULAR MEETING BOARD MINUTES

Wednesday – February 13, 2019 @ 6:00 p.m.
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VILLAGE OF WEBSTER

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – In the absence of Village President, Jeff Roberts; Village Trustee, Maloney called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

- II. **ROLL CALL** – Village President, Jeff Roberts; Trustees: Sarah Casady; Kelsey Gustafson; Tim Maloney; Darrell Sears; Greg Widiker and Charlie Weis. Others present: Mark Krause, Wagner Surveying; Kris Peterson; Greg Olson; Karen Howe, Bill Summer, Heidi Hanson; Nancy and Dave Moe; Ron and Cheryl Gray; Webster Police Chief, Stephenie Wedin; Public Works Director, Jay Heyer; Clerk/Treasurer, Debra Doriott-Kuhnly; Becky Strabel -Inter County Leader Newspaper and Jonathon Richie – Burnett County Sentinel Newspaper. Absent: Village President, Jeff Roberts.

- III. **PUBLIC NOTICE OF AGENDA, DELETIONS/CORRECTIONS** – The Village did not receive the Burnett County Newsletter so it will not be covered under Communications.

- IV. **VISITOR RECOGNITION** – In the absence of Village President, Roberts; Village Trustee, Maloney gave the floor to Mark Krause, Wagner Surveying. An updated CSM and Easement for Wayne’s Foods Plus was given to the Board. Mark was looking to get these approved but Trustee, Maloney informed him that the agenda only stated update not approval. A special board meeting will need to take place before the closing of Wayne’s property sale. Trustee, Weis confirmed the Village would still have enough room to access water main. Mark reiterated that Village Attorney, Adam Benson, has the Village’s best interest in mind with Easement language. Trustee, Widiker confirmed that Public Works Director, Jay Heyer, is okay with the documents. The only question Heyer had was who would be responsible for maintaining that street. The Board felt that since it will still be considered a Village street, the Village would retain responsibility. Trustee, Weis asked about a Liability rider being included.

Trustee, Maloney informed the visitors that the board would not be voting at tonight’s meeting on the use of ATV/UTV’s on Gandy Dancer Trail. He then gave the floor to Kris Peterson and Greg Olson-NW Regional Coordinator for WATVA. Kris said their goal is to open the Gandy Dancer Trail for ATV/UTV use from Polk County to Highway 77 in Burnett County. Kris provided statistics from Jackson County’s Economic Impact Study on ATV/UTV users. Kris said he has received 300 emails from residents and business owners in support. To address concerns Trustee, Weis had previously shared with Kris, he said they would provide a fence by the skate park and could put calcium chloride on the trail to combat the dust. The ATV Association would cover the cost. Greg Olson then spoke of the positive economic impact and stated a lot of riders don’t like to drive on blacktop. Kris stated that the Village of Siren and Siren’s Lions Club is on board. Ron Gray, President of Turf and Tundra ATV Club, was also in attendance. Kris is asking for the Village of Webster’s support. Trustee, Maloney reiterated that The County is ultimately in charge.

Trustee, Maloney then gave the floor to Heidi Hanson who is representing Friends of the Gandy Dancer. Heidi said they will be addressing the board with a team approach and asked Karen Howe to go first.

Karen owns a business in Siren, 100 feet from the trail, and a home 60 feet from the trail. She stated she has nothing against ATVs but is against losing the only dedicated bike trail in Burnett County. She said shared trails for bicycles, walking and ATV does not work due to safety, trail surface, dust and noise. As a home owner she is concerned with the dust and noise and the negative impact to her home resale value. Nancy Moe said ATV groups have hundreds of miles of trails but there is only one for hikers, walkers and bike riders. She feels it is not possible to have a shared trail. She continued with sharing thoughts, feelings, and benefits on the good quality of life here in Northwest Wisconsin; beautiful, rural nature and the current trail use is part of this. Nancy also spoke of Northwest Passage helping kids heal through the use of nature and they use the trail often. Heidi Hanson then provided information and statistics, by Wisconsin Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan, citing a high conflicting rating of motorized and non-motorized on multiuse trails. She said she was at the meeting to promote the trail as it is right now. She provided a map showing the high number of people using the trail for physical and mental health. She said Natural Resources Magazine did an article specifically on Northwest Passage and the health benefits. Heidi also said safety is also of concern and cited data, from the DNR, on 2017 ATV fatalities, non-helmet use, use of alcohol and non-safety course of ATV riders. She provided information on the current positive economic impact the trail has on the area. She also quoted projected additional participates of non-motorized activities on trails, for years 2020-2040; of 172, 000 – 370,000. There are 34 events scheduled this year on the Gandy Dancer Trail and these would not take place with motorized used. Bill Summer shared his standpoint of a village resident and that of a business owner. Bill handed out a document, from the DNR to Polk County, addressing issues the DNR has with their plans on opening ATV/UTV use on their trails. A couple issues were the need for environmental and cultural impact studies; not paid by the County, and impact of current users and communities. He spoke of the increased bikes and bike passes he has sold at his business. He stated that Kris Peterson's number of passes sold was substantially lower than actual number sold. Bill is also concerned for the 70 people served by the Aging and Disability Resource Center who have received adult trikes and use the trail in Polk and Burnett Counties. He concluded that changing the trail would adversely impact his business.

As Chamber of Commerce President, Bill Summer asked the board for permission to rent the Community Center for playing Ping Pong. Currently they play at the Library but the group has expanded and have ran out of room. Trustee, Maloney asked Bill to put together more information, numbers and schedules and then come back to the board.

- V. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion was made by Trustee, Weis to approve the January 9, 2019 Caucus Meeting Minutes; seconded by Trustee, Casady. **Motion carried 6-0.** Motion was made by Trustee, Widiker to approve the January 9, 2019 Regular Board Meeting Minutes; seconded by Trustee, Sears. **Motion carried 6-0.** Motion was made by Trustee, Casady to approve the January 29, 2019 Personnel Meeting Minutes; seconded by Trustee, Gustafson. **Motion carried 6-0.**

- VI. **APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS & RECEIPTS:** January 8, 2019 – February 11, 2019 vouchers in the amount of: **\$298,429.58** as follows:
- a. General Fund - \$260,937.97
 - b. Water Fund - \$5,237.25
 - c. Sewer Fund - \$4,814.39
 - d. Library Fund - \$8,956.00

Trustee, Maloney asked that in the future, the Fair Board come to the board meeting to formally request their annual funds and provide plans for fair activities. Approval of receipts were also presented for:

January 8, 2019 – February 11, 2019 in the amount of **\$371,021.54**. Motion was made by Trustee, Weis; seconded by Trustee, Sears to approve vouchers in the amount of: **\$298,429.58** and receipts in the amount of **\$371,021.54**. Trustee, Weis confirmed that North Memorial invoice is for half year installment. **Motion carried 6-0.**

- VII. COMMUNICATIONS:** The Burnett County Newsletter was not received. Maloney confirmed board members saw the thank you card from Ray Hammerschmidt's family.
- VIII. PERSONNEL – Chair, Sarah Casady:** Nothing new to report.
- IX. PUBLIC UTILITY – Chairman, Darrel Sears:** Public Works Director, Jay Heyer is requesting a Public Utility Committee Meeting to discuss sludge removal at the ponds. Heyer would like the Engineering Companies and Property Owners, who may accept the sludge, to attend. The initial estimates came in around \$200,000 and Heyer is hoping to get this done this year. Trustee, Widiker asked Heyer to check with other villages on what they paid for the sludge removal. Meeting is set Tuesday, March 19th at 4:00 p.m.
- X. FINANCE – Chairman, Greg Widiker:** Nothing new to report.
- XI. PUBLIC PROPERTY – Chairman, Tim Maloney:** Chairman, Maloney reported the Library will, again, make an additional payment of \$5000 towards the loan principal. Leaving the balance around \$110, 000.
- XII. STREETS – Chairman, Kelsey Gustafson:** Chairman, Gustafson has received requests to install "Slow Down Children Present" signs on Pike. The cost would be \$25 each and requesting 4 signs. Motion made by Trustee, Maloney to purchase the 4 signs; seconded by Trustee, Weis. **Motion carried 6-0.**
- Chairman, Gustafson informed the board that the Village received \$5,623 from Grant Money for the Bass Avenue project.
- Trustee, Maloney gave the Public Works Department praise for the great job they have been doing on snow removal.
- Chairman, Gustafson let the board know that the grader broke down yesterday. Gustafson will be bringing it to Ashland, tomorrow, to get it repaired.
- XIII. JUDICIAL – Chairman, Charlie Weis:** Chairman, Weis wanted to acknowledge Officer, Zajac for going above and beyond the call of duty. Last night Wayne's Foods closed early due to the weather and Officer, Zajac made sure the employees got home safe. The Police Department schedule was handed out. Chief, Wedin read the calls of service for the month – 24 truancies. Trustee, Weis asked if the sexual assault will be a felony charge. Chief, Wedin said it is still under investigation and would be a felony adult if it goes through. Weis asked to keep him posted. Trustee, Widiker asked about the welfare check.
- XIV. DEVELOPMENT & ANNEXATION – Village President, Jeff Roberts:** Nothing new on agenda.

XV. **WEBSTER RURAL FIRE ASSOCIATION MEETING UPDATE – Trustee, Tim Maloney:** The Fire Department will be attending training, in 3 weeks, in Rice Lake. They will be forming a committee to look into purchasing a new truck.

XVI. **ANNOUNCEMENTS & FUTURE MEETINGS:**

- **March 13, 2019 *Regular Board Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.**
- **March 19, 2019 *Public Utilities Committee Meeting @ 4:00 p.m.**
- **March 19, 2019 *Judicial Committee Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.**

XVII. **ADJOURNMENT.** Motion was made by Trustee, Widiker; seconded by Trustee, Gustafson to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m. **Motion carried 6-0.**

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Doriott-Kuhnly

Debra Doriott-Kuhnly, Clerk-Treasurer

February 13, 2019

***These minutes are subject to approval at next month's Regular Meeting.

Village President, Jeff Roberts

Trustee, Sarah Casady

Trustee, Kelsey Gustafson

Trustee, Tim Maloney

Trustee, Darrell Sears

Trustee, Charlie Weis

Trustee, Greg Widiker

Attest: _____
Clerk-Treasurer