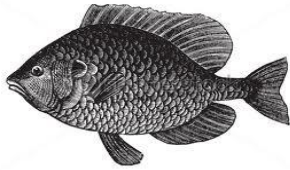


# REGULAR MEETING BOARD MINUTES

Wednesday – May 10, 2023

@ Immediately following the 5:30 p.m. Reorganizational  
Meeting.

7421 Main Street West, Webster, WI



**VILLAGE OF WEBSTER**

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- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – Village President, Bill Summer called the meeting to order at 5:50 p.m.
- II. **ROLL CALL** – Village President, Bill Summer; and Trustees, Ed Dedman; Kelsey Gustafson; Aaron Sears; Tim Maloney and Charlie Weis. Others: Clerk/Treasurer, Deb Doriott-Kuhnly; Police Chief, Stephenie Wedin; Greg Marsten - Burnett County Sentinel; Russ Burford; Harriet Rice and Matt Stuart. Absent: Public Works Director, Jay Heyer.
- III. **PUBLIC NOTICE OF AGENDA, DELETIONS/CORRECTIONS/APPROVAL** – Motion made by Trustee, Maloney to approve the agenda as presented; seconded by Trustee, Weis. **Motion carried 6-0.**
- IV. **VISITOR RECOGNITION** – President, Summer gave the floor to Russ Burford. Russ stated he was at last month’s meeting where he referenced the Village’s 5-year Capital Improvement Plan. He is still confused; especially listing the Smith Pines and Main Street projects only as medium priorities. He said he reviewed all the meeting minutes and didn’t see where that was ever changed. Trustee, Weis explained that this was answered when MSA informed the board that the Village didn’t qualify for the funding. Weis further explained that the funding and capital improvement plan was for the replacing old water mains project not Smith Pines nor Main Street extensions. The change in project priorities came from what would qualify for the federal funding. Russ again said the capital improvement plan doesn’t reflect that. Kuhnly interjected that the plan was simply documentation to increase the grant scoring for the water main replacements project. Russ said the introduction does not say that. He struggles with that and also the numbers (costs of \$225,000) provided by MSA for expanding water, sewer and street construction in Smith Pines. He questioned how many lots the Village would get for \$225,000. Weis agrees that the number is very low and thinks these numbers are water main replacement on Trout. Kuhnly pointed out that Dave Rasmussen, from MSA, explained at the last meeting that those figures were “placeholders’ to submit the CDBG Block Grant application for the water main replacements. President, Summer then read that portion of the meeting minutes. Maloney explained that the capital improvement plan was adopted *specifically* for the CDBG grant to replace old water mains and since we didn’t get the grant, the capital improvement plan that was submitted with the grant application is null and void. Russ then asked the rationale of expanding Smith Pines. Weis stated there is a housing shortage in Burnett County. It has always been the plan to expand Smith Pines. And extend Main Street to join up with Smith Pines. It’s the direction the board has always been going in to expand residential. Sears said to also loop the water so not dead-ended. Russ said he has heard that, but it has taken 17 years to sell 9 lots and it doesn’t seem like there is a demand for lots out there. Summer spoke of his experience as Chamber President and he received alot of calls from people; especially those of retirement age and beyond, that were looking to give up their lake homes and not wanting to move back to the cities and wanted to know what the Village had to offer. He also spoke of how he and others (on the village board) serve on Burnett County committees and the biggest challenge is housing. Smith Pines could be for multi-resident types such as senior living housing and availability of housing lots. Weis said he could get Dick Hartmann to show the numbers that prove there is a great need for residential housing in Burnett

County. Russ asked isn't the board asking, via taxes or TID, for (current) village residents to subsidize the ability for people who live on the lake to move into town. Summer said the board has not discussed a new TID yet, this is still early in the discussion stage. Russ again stated it took 17 years to sell 9 lots. Maloney said 6 of those 9 have been sold in the last 2 years and Summer pointed out a lot of change over 17 years (in the economy and events.) Russ said he just doesn't see how this makes financial sense for the village outlaying the money, somehow, and maybe selling the lots. The last TID is still negative. Maloney agreed but said at some point the Village needs to expand and invest in the community. Russ asked wouldn't the board figure out how to get the money 1<sup>st</sup>. Summer said, 1<sup>st</sup> need an idea/plan and then look for the money – at this point, this (expanding Smith Pines) is an idea that is in its infancy. Discussion took place on the benefits of living the village. Russ again brought up how it took 17 years to sell the previous lots. A lot has changed, in the world, in those years. Gustafson pointed out that the village and chamber are now getting calls on availability of lots. Prior to that no one had any interest, no houses were selling. Summer said developers have also contacted the village. There is now a great need. Summer said as the plans progress, there will be resident input.

The floor was then given to Harriet Rice. Harriet gave an update on Gandy Dancer Days. This year will be the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. She asked if there is anything the Village would like to commemorate this, Harriet thought maybe some t-shirts. She asked Chief, Wedin about if the Bike Rodeo will take place. Chief said she wants to have it but doesn't know if she will have the staff. The committee is meeting on 21<sup>st</sup>. She is looking for someone to write clues for the hunt for the golden spike. Suggestion was made to talk to previous winner about doing this.

Bill Summer introduced Matt Stuart. Matt said he is excited to serve as Village Trustee. Clerk, Kuhnly will swear Stuart in, at the Village office, tomorrow.

V. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion was made by Trustee, Weis to approve the April 12, 2023 Public Hearing Meeting Minutes; seconded by Trustee, Dedman. **Motion carried 6-0.** Motion was made by Trustee, Dedman to approve the April 12, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes; seconded by Trustee, Sears. **Motion carried 6-0.**

VI. **APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS & RECEIPTS: April 11, 2023 – May 8, 2023** vouchers in the amount of: **\$67,120.93** as follows:

- a. General Fund - \$49,609.54
- b. Water Fund - \$3,843.81
- c. Sewer Fund - \$3,507.71
- d. Capital Fund - \$999.71
- e. Library Fund - \$9,160.16

Approval of receipts were also presented for: **April 11, 2023 – May 8, 2023** in the amount of **\$62,706.10.** Motion was made by Trustee, Dedman; seconded by Trustee, Weis to approve vouchers in the amount of: **\$67,120.93** and receipts in the amount of **\$62,706.10.** **Motion carried 6-0.**

VII. **COMMUNICATIONS:** Burnett County Newsletter and a Thank You Card from the High School was included in the board member's packet.

**VIII. PERSONNEL – Chairman, Ed Dedman:** Chairman, Dedman informed the board that Police Officer, Mark Thoms has resigned. His last date worked was May 8<sup>th</sup>. A Personnel Committee Meeting will be scheduled for next week to discuss a replacement.

Chairman, Dedman stated the topic has been raised on hiring a part-time clerk so there is back-up to perform key duties if the current clerk is unavailable. Summer reminded the board that the current clerk will be working from home on Fridays and has a heavy workload. The parttime clerk would work in the office on Fridays. He would like to approve the hiring so can start the hiring process. This will also be discussed at the upcoming Personnel Committee Meeting.

**X. PUBLIC UTILITY – Chairman, Aaron Sears:** Nothing New to Report.

**IX. FINANCE – Chairman, TBD:** Nothing New to Report.

**XI. PUBLIC PROPERTY – Chairman, Tim Maloney:** Chairman, Maloney stated there is a village owned lot, located just south of the old Co-op, that Charlie Weis is interested in purchasing. The parcel # is 07-191-2-39-16-08-5 15-032- 011301. Weis said the purpose of him asking to buy this property is he owns a lot behind the old Co-op, and it is land locked. Weis will ask Heyer if the property is critical to the Village due to the drainage ditch. If that is the case, perhaps the lot can be split. He is willing to pay fair market value. This will be tabled until the next meeting.

**XII. STREETS – Chairman, Kelsey Gustafson:** Chairman, Gustafson said the village received the requested proposal for ditch mowing. This was included in the board member packet. Motion made by Trustee, Maloney to approve Sleepy Hollow Mowing proposal, in the amount of \$6605.00, for mowing the ditches and Treatment Ponds; seconded by Trustee, Dedman. The proposal is for the 2023 mowing season only.  
**Motion carried 6-0.**

**XIII. JUDICIAL – Chairman, Bill Sumner:** May Police Department schedule was provided. Chief, Wedin read the total monthly calls for service – total of calls was 64.

The Webster Ace Hardware Land Use Permit was discussed. The owner wants to take down an old building and build a new, larger garage with an enclosed loading area. After much discussion, the decision was made that an Application for Conditional Zoning Variance and Public Hearing, including notifying adjoining neighbors, would need to take place before a decision could be made on approving the Land Use Permit. Although this property is already being used for commercial purposes, it is still officially zoned R1-Residential.

**XIV. DEVELOPMENT & ANNEXATION – Chairman, Charlie Weis:** Chairman, Weis provided an update on the Burnett County Comprehensive Plan. He stated that the committee is about halfway done. They have found out that there are many townships and some villages that have not updated their Comprehensive Plan. They are working on making sure all (Burnett County Municipalities) are adhering to their plans, on a consistent basis, and reviewing/updating every 10 years. Dedman asked if the Village of Webster should wait to update ours until the County's is done. Weis said yes.

**XV. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE – Harriet Rice** provided an update on Gandy Dancer Days earlier in the meeting.

XVI. WEBSTER RURAL FIRE ASSOCIATION MEETING UPDATE – Trustee, Tim Maloney: Nothing New to Report.

XVII. ANNOUNCEMENTS & FUTURE MEETINGS:

- May 12, 2023 \*Open Book
- May 15, 2023 \*Personnel Committee Meeting
- June 5, 2023 \*Board of Review
- June 14, 2023 \*Regular Board Meeting

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT. Motion was made by Trustee, Weis; seconded by Trustee, Sears to adjourn the meeting at 7:04 p.m. **Motion carried 6-0.**

Respectfully submitted,  
*Debra Doriott-Kuhnly*

Clerk-Treasurer

May 10, 2023

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

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Village President, Bill Summer

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Trustee, Ed Dedman

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Trustee, Aaron Sears

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Trustee, Matt Stuart

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Trustee, Charlie Weis

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Clerk-Treasurer