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**VILLAGE OF WEBSTER**

# REGULAR MEETING BOARD MINUTES

Wednesday – December 13, 2023

@ 6:00 P.M.

7421 Main Street West, Webster, WI

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** –Village President, Bill Summer called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- II. **ROLL CALL** –Village President, Bill Summer; Trustees, Ed Dedman; Kelsey Gustafson; Aaron Sears; Matt Stuart (arrived at 6:06 p.m.); Tim Maloney and Charlie Weis. Others: Public Works Operator, Dean Phernetton; Clerk/Treasurer, Deb Doriott-Kuhnly; Police Chief, Stephenie Wedin; Burnett County Sentinel Editor, Greg Marsten; Mike Sperry and Russ Burford. Absent: Director of Public Works, Jay Heyer.
- III. **PUBLIC NOTICE OF AGENDA, DELETIONS/CORRECTIONS/APPROVAL** – Motion made by Trustee, Dedman to approve the agenda as presented – with correction to year for future meetings date; seconded by Trustee, Gustafson. **Motion carried 6-0. (Stuart arrived at 6:08 p.m.)**
- IV. **VISITOR RECOGNITION** – President, Summer gave to floor to Mike Sperry. Mike explained that he has been billed for sewer, at the house he moved into Smith Pines, but it has not been hooked up. He was watering the lawn to grow grass. Summer explained that in the future he can get a separate watering meter. Motion made by President, Summer to forgive/credit the sewer charge for the last quarter bill; seconded by Trustee, Sears. **Motion carried 6-0.**

Next, Russ Burford again asked the board if they have taken any action on removing the illegal sign located on Lakeland Av N/Oak St. President, Summer again explained current situation with ZBA and legal counsel. Russ confirmed the permit was revoked and the owner notified. The board explained it is currently not a sign. After discussion, Summer and Stuart said legal counsel told us the board can leave frame/structure as is for now. Russ said he is objecting to the structure that was built for a sign. Objection heard and Summer said the board is in the process of trying to fix the situation.

Nate Ehalt was not in attendance.

- V. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion was made by Trustee, Dedman to approve the November 8, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes; seconded by Trustee, Sears. **Motion carried 7-0.** Motion was made by Trustee, Maloney to approve the November 16, 2023 Personnel Committee Meeting Minutes; seconded by Trustee, Weis. **Motion carried 7-0.** Motion was made by Trustee, Dedman to approve the November 27, 2023 Budget Public Hearing Meeting Minutes; seconded by Trustee, Gustafson. **Motion carried 7-0.** Motion was made by Trustee, Dedman to approve the November 27, 2023 Full Board Judicial Committee Meeting Minutes; seconded by Trustee, Maloney. **Motion carried 7-0.**
- VI. **APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS & RECEIPTS:** November 7, 2023 – December 11, 2023 vouchers in the amount of \$133,536.88 and receipts in the amount of \$168,978.72 were presented for approval. Motion was made by Trustee, Maloney; seconded by Trustee, Dedman to approve vouchers and receipts. **Motion carried 7-0.**

VII. **COMMUNICATIONS:** None.

VIII. **JUDICIAL – Chairman, Bill Sumner:** The December Police Department scheduled was provided at last month’s meeting. Chief Wedin read the total monthly calls for service – total of calls was 26.

Motion made by Trustee, Maloney to designate The Burnett County Sentinel as the village newspaper for 2024; seconded by Trustee, Weis. **Motion carried 7-0.** Dedman praised Greg for his writing and coverage of Burnett County.

Motion made by Trustee, Maloney to approve Resolution 2023-03: County Library Levy Exemption; seconded by Trustee, Sears. **Motion carried 7-0.** Maloney said he heard that the village may be able to file exemption on county tax for law enforcement. Sumner and Stuart will look into this.

X. **PERSONNEL – Chairman, Ed Dedman:** The 2024 IUOE Agreement was included in the meeting packet. Dedman pointed out on-call pay was changed from weekly to daily. The pay increase is the 6.2% CPI. Motion made by Trustee, Maloney to approve the 2024 IUOE Local 139 Collective Bargaining Agreement; seconded by Trustee, Weis. **Motion carried 7-0.**

Motion made by Trustee, Dedman; seconded by Trustee, Gustafson to approve the listed 2024-2025 Election Inspectors. **Motion carried 7-0.**

Kuhnly provided the required Village Board Declaration of Candidacy and Non-Candidacy paperwork to Village Board incumbents Ed Dedman, Kelsey Gustafson and Matt Stuart and stated the deadlines to return to her. Judge Brian Sears is also up for reelection and has already turned in his paperwork.

IX. **PUBLIC UTILITY – Chairman, Aaron Sears:** Informational Only- Sears reported that the DNR is requiring the Public Works Department do a visual inspection on water pipes from the mains to and in every house in the village for lead piping and/or connections. There is also a 25-questionnaire survey that will be required for each house. Deadline is August 2024.

XI. **FINANCE – Chairman, Matt Stuart:** Motion made by Trustee, Weis; seconded by Trustee Dedman to approve Christmas bonuses of \$150 for Full-Time Employees and \$50 for Part-Time Employees with a minimum of 40 hours worked. **Motion carried 7-0.**

Motion made by Trustee, Weis; seconded by Trustee, Dedman to approve \$50.00 pay, per meeting, for Zoning Board of Appeals Members. **Motion carried 7-0.**

Stuart will discuss PILOT with Meenon and Oakland Township on their recently purchased building on Main Street from SCRMC.

XII. **PUBLIC PROPERTY – Chairman, Tim Maloney:** Motion made by Trustee, Maloney; seconded by Trustee Gustafson to approve the 2024 Fairgrounds Lease. **Motion carried 7-0.**

Trustee, Stuart will visit Covenant Church in Siren to inspect their Acoustic Panels and begin work on ones for the Village Office.

**XIII. STREETS – Chairman, Kelsey Gustafson:** Nothing New to Report.

**XIV. DEVELOPMENT & ANNEXATION – Chairman, Charlie Weis:** Weis reported there is a RAISE grant available, and the proposal deadline is 2/28/24. This may be used for Smith Pines expansion.

Motion made by Trustee, Weis; seconded by Trustee, Stuart to write a response to Scott and Jeanene Spafford stating the Village will buy back, from them, lot 8 in Smith Pines at 90% of their purchased price. **Motion carried 7-0.**

**XV. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE –** Dedman reported upcoming Chamber events.

**XVI. WEBSTER RURAL FIRE ASSOCIATION MEETING UPDATE – Trustee, Tim Maloney:** Maloney reported the next meeting is scheduled for January 24, 2024 at 7 p.m. Weis shared that Santa and a couple of fire fighters will be on the fire truck, driving around the village and handing out candy canes on Christmas Eve

**XVII. BURNETT COUNTY TOURISM COALITION - Trustee, Dedman:** Dedman provided an update on planning for May’s Governor Fishing opener in Burnett County. Six municipalities, including the village, have passed a resolution to join the short-term rental tourism commission and implement the room tax. Then each municipality will enact an ordinance to create the room tax.

**XVIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS & FUTURE MEETINGS:**

- **January 10, 2024 \*Caucus Meeting**
- **January 10, 2024 \*Regular Board Meeting**

**XIX. ADJOURNMENT.** Motion was made by Trustee, Weis; seconded by Trustee, Sears to adjourn the meeting at 6:57p.m. **Motion carried 7-0.**

Respectfully submitted,  
*Debra Doriott-Kuhnly*

Clerk-Treasurer

December 13, 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, Kelsey Gustafson

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Trustee, Tim Maloney

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Trustee, Aaron Sears

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Trustee, Matt Stuart

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Trustee, Charlie Weis

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk-Treasurer