SPECIAL VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES



Wednesday, July 31, 2024 @ 4:30 P.M. Webster Village Office 7461 Main Street West, Webster, WI

- I. CALL TO ORDER Village President, Bill Summer called the Special Village Board Meeting to order at 4:38 p.m.
- II. PRESENT Village President, Bill Summer; Village Trustees, Ed Dedman; Kelsey Gustafson (arrived 4:42 p.m.); Matt Stuart and Charlie Weis, and Clerk/Treasurer, Debra Doriott-Kuhnly. Absent: Village Trustees, Tim Maloney and Aaron Sears.
- III. PUBLIC NOTICE OF AGENDA, DELETIONS/CORRECTIONS Motion made by Trustee, Dedman to approve the agenda as presented; seconded by Trustee, Stuart. Motion carried 4-0.
- IV. CYBERSECURITY GRANT, I.T. AND CYBERSECURITY SERVICES PROVIDER VC3- A hand out was provided showing current cybersecurity service and options for the future, including surrounding municipality's providers and costs. President, Summer stated the total number of PCs, Laptops and Tablets that the Village uses and explained that our current provider is Sara's One Stop in Siren. The Village pays Sara's \$365/year for Malwarebytes, Microsoft 365 and Cloud Back up. But this is probably only on the Clerk/Treasurer's laptops. The village received a quote from VC3 for \$812/month and would include Endpoint Detection & Response (EDR) and Multi-Factor Authentication. (VC3 has partnered with the League) Connecting Point out of Amery charges \$30/year per device for EDR. Kuhnly then explained that she spoke to the owner, Dan, and he provided clarification on security needs and options. Dan will come next Tuesday to do an assessment and provide more information. He also told Kuhnly that he has customers who have left or are in the process of leaving VC3 because of the cost and frankly don't need the level of security VC3 provides. Discussed gmail and .gov email accounts and Village/Chamber website.

Kuhnly stated there is still \$7, 175 ARPA funds that must be used by the end of the year and her initial thought was these funds could be used for one-year cost of cybersecurity that is a requirement for the Cybersecurity Grant (the grant pays for two years but the Village pays for one year of the three-year contract.) However, Public Works Director, Dean Phernetton informed her yesterday that the pump at Lift Station One needs to be replaced ASAP. The estimated cost is \$18,000 to \$20,000. In addition, there is a need for additional repairs on the other lift stations in the near future. Discussed ensued on cybersecurity costs and options. Motion made by President, Summer to decline VC3 Cybersecurity Services and the Cybersecurity Grant; seconded by Trustee, Weis. Motion carried 5-0. Earmarking the remaining ARPA funds will be placed on the next Regular Board Meeting agenda.

V. ADJOURNMENT. Motion was made by Trustee, Dedman to adjourn at 4:58 p.m., seconded by Trustee, Stuart. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted, Debra Doriott-Kuhnly Debra Doriott-Kuhnly, Clerk-Treasurer July 31, 2024

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