

MINUTES OF MEETING DECEMBER 14. 2016

President Schreiner called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Roll call was taken with all Trustees present.

Visitors present were Pat Morrow of MSA, Jeremy of Country Wireless, Assessor Robert Irwin, Vicky & Tim Pritzl and Don Watson of the Star News.

Moved by Bullis, seconded by Tesch to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as printed. Motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT

Tax Account	145,117.69
General Fund	447,551.41
Water Operations Fund	93,409.82
Water Redemption Fund	15,318.10
Water Depreciation Fund	7,924.90
Water Equipment Replacement Fund	22,770.29
Sewer Operations Fund	63,587.78
Sewer Redemption Fund	24,314.59
Sewer Depreciation Fund	11,908.23
Sewer Equipment Replacement Fund	38,024.50

GENERAL BILLS PAID NOVEMBER, 2016

Check Number

6963	Xcel Energy	3,221.13
6964	Audrey Noland	160.18
6965	Danielle Fornal	567.27
6966	Elizabeth Kauer	209.55
6967	Gary Polacek	753.50
6968	Paul Hohl	178.42
6969	SuAnn Johnson	350.57
6970	William Eisner	415.58
-	WI Dept. of Revenue	542.06
-	IRS	3,700.12
6971	Exxon Mobil	686.47
-	WI Retirement System	1,599.64
6972	T.C. Hwy Dept.	457.96
6973	Security Health Plan	7,138.85
6974	Rent-A-Flash	175.60
6975	G & K Services	170.98
6976	Voided	-

6977	MannMade Pizza	63.00
6978	Judy Cihasky	119.71
6979	LuAnne Yanko	125.59
6980	Linda Kathrein	111.86
6981	Tammy Mann	87.75
6982	Ginny Carpenter	111.86
6983	Christensen Services	300.00
6984	Rib Lake True Value	192.87
6985	J & P Auto	49.08
6986	Schmiege & Graff Law Office	57.00
6987	Star News	168.08
6988	Industrial Marketing & Consulting	109.28
6989	Medford Co-op	2.99
6990	Cardmember Service	198.10
6991	Dan Kraschnewski	467.18
6992	Dan Koehler	256.32
6993	Dawn Swenson	1,069.37
6994	Hunter Bernitt	992.97
6995	Jerry Butler	1,458.09
6996	Krista Blomberg	356.55
6997	Tamara Blomberg	703.12
6998	Tammy Mann	196.68
6999	Randy Thums Trucking	2,552.50
7000	BP	247.29
-	Great West	290.00
7001	Frontier	509.52
7002	Dawn Swenson	95.09
7003	J.H. Larson	64.61
7004	Advanced Disposal	2,858.30
7005	Pitlick & Wick, Inc.	17,953.00
7006	Verizon	210.25
7007	R.L. Cemetery Assoc.	500.00
7008	R.L. Water Utility	65,227.00
7009	Southside Auto	35.57
7010	Dan Kraschnewski	467.18
7011	Dan Koehler	315.15
7012	Dawn Swenson	1,069.38

7013	Gary Krueger	603.60
7014	Hunter Bernitt	992.98
7015	Jerry Butler	1,458.08
7016	Krista Blomberg	312.95
7017	Tamara Blomberg	662.67
7018	Tammy Mann	143.89
7019	GCS Software	330.00
-	Great West	290.00
-	WI Dept. of Revenue	254.48
7020	Taylor Co. Treas.	168.75
7021	CarQuest	790.54

GENERAL RECEIPTS NOVEMBER, 2016

Receipt Number

7005	Customer Accts.	726.38
7006	Dorathy Nelson	120.00
7007	T.C. Treasurer	300.00
7008	Doug Thums Estate	499.36
7009	Customers	453.37
7010	WI Surplus Online Auction	6,505.00
7011	State of WI – Dept. of Revenue	257,786.19
7012	R.L. Water Utility	30,000.00
7013	Customer Accts.	116.58
7014	Fourmen, Inc.	640.00
7015	Taylor County	1,500.00
7016	Jt. R.L. Area Recycling	75.00
7017	Steve’s Plumbing, Inc.	30.00
7018	Graber Manufacturing	67.19
7019	Customers	175.00
7020	Lakeview Park	148.00

WATER BILLS PAID NOVEMBER, 2016

Check Number

8529	R.L. True Value	30.54
8530	Star News	51.20
8531	Share Corp.	947.35
8532	J.H. Larson	85.18
8533	AgSource	76.00
8534	Xcel Energy	286.33

8535	R.L. General Fund	30,000.00
8536	R.L. Water Redemption	15,842.34
8537	Softline Data	108.50
8538	Goodin Co.	448.66

WATER RECEIPTS NOVEMBER, 2016

Receipt Number

1602	Jeff Thums	25.00
1603	Customer Accts.	3,108.43
1604	Customer Accts.	1,735.38
1605	R.L. General Fund	65,227.00
1606	R.L. Water Redemption Fund	1,980.61
1607	Customer Accts.	196.70

SEWER BILLS PAID NOVEMBER, 2016

Check Number

4695	Berkadia	9,450.00
4696	Scmiege & Graff Law Office	545.00
4697	Industrial Chem Labs	109.11
4698	J.H. Larson	85.18
4699	Xcel Energy	1,373.89
4700	Black River Transport	1,250.00
4701	AgSource	1,427.00
4702	MSA	17,000.00
4703	Verizon	21.85
4704	R.L. Sewer Redemption	33,161.33

SEWER RECEIPTS NOVEMBER, 2016

Receipt Number

1364	Customer Accts.	4,076.53
1365	Cindy Schilling	264.06
1366	Customer Accts.	2,639.36
1367	Nicolet National Bank	17,000.00
1368	R.L. Sewer Redemption Fund	12,072.46
1369	Customer Accts.	1,081.64

Moved by Hanke, seconded by Peterson to accept the Treasurers Report as printed and pay all bills submitted. Motion carried.

There were no citizen's comments.

Jeremy of Country Wireless was present again regarding a possible Internet Tower agreement. President Schreiner explained that due to objections from

surrounding property owners the village hall site is no longer an option. Schreiner informed the Board that Trustee VanHecker suggested a few days ago to Butler that the water plant property be considered. Jeremy agreed that the water plant site would be a feasible alternate location. Schreiner said he has the attorney looking over the agreement and will meet with her regarding her comments.

It was moved by VanHecker, seconded by Hanke to move forward with the tower agreement using the water plant site location, contingent on the attorneys review. Motion carried.

Pat Morrow of MSA was present with the following update on the wastewater treatment plant upgrade project.

The Lake Shore Drive lift station easement is complete. We have identified four (4) additional areas within the collection system that need verification.

UPDATE ON PROJECT COST ESTIMATE

The final cost estimate is nearly complete. As anticipated, the poor soils and resulting impacts to construction cost (excavation of unsuitable material, imported fill, pre-loading, dewatering, sheet piling, etc.) have made the construction cost estimate increase above facility plan estimates.

The project will be bid with the filter as an alternate bid item. If the bids come in as expected, the filter will be removed from the project and an economic variance for phosphorus will be pursued as the compliance mechanism to meet the proposed phosphorus limit of 0.094 mg/L.

The project costs below are the current estimates. They may change with additional QA/QC of the estimates. The costs below include the collection system rehabilitation costs of

\$358,000. Total Project Cost Estimates

Facility Plan	12/13/2016	12/13/2016
(with filter)	(with filter)	(no filter)
\$5,437,700	\$6,107,000	\$5,446,000
Mo. Rate	\$53.75	\$55.68
		\$53.59

UPDATE ON CLEAN WATER FUND PRINCIPAL FORGIVENESS

As we anticipated, the Village DID receive Principal Forgiveness in the amount of \$700,000. The DNR funding list is attached. However, DNR has changed their interpretation of Wisconsin State Statute 281.58(8)(g) that has now impacted how they consider Principal Forgiveness. The statutes says that Clean Water Fund program funds may not result in a municipality paying less than 30% of the cost of a project.

As a result, the Principal Forgiveness amount is now *included* as part of the overall maximum hardship grant, which cannot exceed 70% of the project cost. Unfortunately, this means that the additional \$700,000 will not be applied independently of the Hardship loan and grant package.

When we discussed the rates in the past, and we said that if we received Principal Forgiveness, that we could keep the rates at 2% and still enable the construction of a filter and collection system improvements – that assumed that the Principal Forgiveness did not count as grant funds from the Clean Water Fund Program. As a result, you could get 70% of the cost paid for via CWF Hardship grant, and still receive an additional \$650,000 or \$700,000 in Principal Forgiveness. Now that the interpretation of the State Statute and how it applies to Principal Forgiveness has changed, the sewer rates and the scope of project has been impacted.

UPDATE ON WWTF DESIGN

Final QA/QC and minor revisions are ongoing. The project will advertise for Bids in mid- to late-January. Bidding will occur in mid-February.

OWNERSHIP DETERMINATION FOR OTHER AREAS OF THE COLLECTION SYSTEM TO RECEIVE FUNDS

We have identified three (3) areas of proposed improvements in the collection system that need verification that sewer is located within the right of way, and one location where an easement would be necessary. We'll follow up with Jerry Butler.

Assessor Bob Irwin was present to address the Board regarding a document that was recently received from Renee Norgaard at a Village Board meeting. Bob started by giving a brief history of the tax dispute that began in 2010 in order to educate the newer Board members on what took place. The document that was presented by Renee two months ago was a portion of a power point training outlined in the WI Director of Equalization presentation to Clerks throughout the State. Renee believes that the training document proves the village mishandled their tax issue and they continue to request a refund.

Assessor Irwin reminded the Board of the following: That the village followed the Statutes according to the law; The Dept. of Revenue said we followed the law and did everything correctly; There has been no case law found that has refunded taxes going back further than the preceding year; The Norgaards filed a law suit against the village which was within their rights; The lawsuit was dismissed by the court; The Norgaards could have appealed it but didn't.

Assessor Irwin also noted the following: After checking with the Department of Revenue he found that commentary on the 6th page of the document Renee presented to the Board (the thank you/questions comment page) was not a part of the original page from the training presentation, but was inserted by the Norgaards; Some of the comments that were added by the Norgaards were said to be made by Mark Paulet of the Department of Revenue; Mark Paulet says he does not recall making those comments to the Norgaards.

An application for a Special Class B Picnic License by Fish & Game was presented to the Board. Moved by Buksa, seconded by Peterson to accept the application and grant the license. Motion carried.

Moved by Peterson, seconded by Bullis to rescind the tax levy resolution adopted at the previous meeting and approve the following revised resolution. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 17 /2016

RESOLVED, by the Village Board of the Village of Rib Lake, Taylor County, WI that the following amounts are to be raised as taxes for the year 2016,

against the taxable property in said Village of Rib Lake, WI Taylor County.

State Taxes	\$ 5,671.83
County Taxes	\$ 263,672.91
Local Village Levy	\$ 205,283.81
Rib Lake School District Levy	\$ 321,257.25
North Central Technical College	\$ 42,293.14
Rib Lake Inland Lakes District	<u>\$ 6,204.33</u>
TOTAL LEVY	\$ 844,383.27

Local Assessed Valuation for 2016:	\$31,147,400.00
State Assessed Manufacturing for 2016:	<u>\$ 905,200.00</u>
Total Assessed Valuation for 2016:	\$32,052,600.00

Dated this 14th day of December, 2016

Approved:

William Schreiner
Village President

Attest:

Dawn R. Swenson, Village Clerk

The following resolutions were presented to the Board:

RESOLUTION NO. 18/2016

**2016 BUDGET AMENDMENT
VILLAGE OF RIB LAKE**

A Resolution changing the 2016 Budget of the Village of Rib Lake, WI adopted by two-thirds majority vote of the entire membership of the Village Board.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Village Board of the Village of Rib Lake as follows:

That the amount of \$640.00 be hereby added to Proceeds from Sale of Street Machinery Equipment and the following expenditures:

Public Works Dept. (Street Machinery)	\$640.00
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Adopted December 14, 2016

Village President
William Schreiner

Approved December 14, 2016

Village Clerk

Dawn R. Swenson

Moved by Tesch, seconded by VanHecker to approve and adopt the above resolution. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 19/2016

**2016 BUDGET AMENDMENT
VILLAGE OF RIB LAKE**

A Resolution changing the 2016 Budget of the Village of Rib Lake, WI adopted by two-thirds majority vote of the entire membership of the Village Board.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Village Board of the Village of Rib Lake as follows:

That the amount of \$1,500.00 be hereby added to Donation from Taylor County for Niemitz Rd. Project and the following expenditures:

Capital Outlay (Street Projects)	\$1,500.00
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Adopted December 14, 2016

Village President
William Schreiner

Approved December 14, 2016

Village Clerk
Dawn R. Swenson

Moved by VanHecker, seconded by Tesch to approve and adopt the above resolution. Motion carried.

President Schreiner presented the proposed 2017 employee wage rates that are recommended by the personnel committee.

Dan Kraschnewki (60%)	1.5%	\$26,267.00
Dawn Swenson	1.5%	\$47,956.00
Jerry Butler	.20¢	\$53,352.00
Hunter Bernitt	.50¢	\$19.50 hrly
Dan Koehler	.25¢	\$17.80 hrly
Tammy Mann	.25¢	\$13.70 hrly
Gary Polacek	.25¢	\$13.25 hrly
SuAnn Johnson	.25¢	\$ 8.40 hrly
Summer Help	.15¢	\$ 9.35 hrly

Election Workers .25¢ \$ 8.75 hrly

Moved by Bullis, seconded by Peterson to approve the above 2017 wage rates as recommended. Motion carried.

Moved by Peterson, seconded by Tesch to approve employee Christmas bonuses per the policy. Motion carried.

Trustee/Employee Reports:

Schreiner read a thank you letter from the "Christmas for Kids" committee for the \$400.00 donation from the village.

Clerk Swenson reminded the Board that she was instructed by them in 2014 to apply for the 3% Simplified Water rate increase every year for 5 years. The upcoming one will be the 3rd one and the application has to be submitted this month on-line with Public Service Commission and if approved will take effect March 17, 2017.

Moved by Tesch, seconded by Bullis to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. Motion carried.

Dawn R. Swenson
Village Clerk