

MINUTES OF MEETING FEBRUARY 13, 2019

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

Visitors present were: Ken and Renee Norgaard, Michael Head, Joe Desris, Chandler Probst, Tom and Angelisa Olson and Matt Krueger.

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

TREASURERS REPORT

Tax Account	\$ 136,404.15
General Fund	\$ 615,037.51
Water Operations Fund	\$ 170,747.00
Water Redemption Fund	\$ 14,008.92
Water Depreciation Fund	\$ 7,931.48
Water Equipment Replacement Fund	\$ 22,821.63
Sewer Operations Fund	\$ 157,939.29
Sewer Redemption Fund	\$ 238,074.94
Sewer Depreciation Fund	\$ 11,935.06
Sewer Equipment Replacement Fund	<u>\$ 80,774.38</u>
	\$ 1,455,674.36

GENERAL BILLS PAID JANUARY, 2019

Check Number

8504	Jeanie Glenzer	25.00
8505	Xcel Energy	2,965.41
8506	Exxon Mobil	413.20
8507	Gerstberger Florist	40.00
8508	R.L. Water & Sewer Utility	1,086.34
8509	Jt. R.L. Area Fire Commission	3,625.00
8510	Lg. of WI Municipality	374.04
8511	Jennifer Leggett	163.45
8512	Audrey Noland	176.66
8513	Danielle Fornal	634.70
8514	Elizabeth Kauer	250.66
8515	SuAnn Johnson	137.22
8516	William Eisner	353.23
-	WI Dept. of Revenue	519.63
8517	Dan Koehler	364.34
8518	Dawn Swenson	1,131.96
8519	Hunter Bernitt	1,063.80

8520	Krista Blomberg	402.84
8521	Tamara Blomberg	716.47
8522	Tammy Mann	239.78
8523	Thomas Olson	1,111.97
8524	Medford Co-op	70.34
8525	Mahners Welding & Repair	72.60
-	WI Retirement System	1,597.10
-	Great West	200.00
-	IRS	1,775.78
8526	Advanced Disposal	2,587.00
8527	Unemployment Ins.	10.69
8528	Business Ins. Group	7,169.00
8529	R.L. True Value	171.33
8530	Security Health Plan	6,902.24
8531	Frontier	140.19
8532	Christensen Services	300.00
8533	Cintas	176.79
8534	Kyle Thums	25.00
-	WI Dept. of Revenue	532.83
8535	Cardmember Service	191.60
8536	Hawkins Ash CPAs	3,460.00
8537	Schmiege & Graff Law Office	332.50
8538	Taylor County	13.04
8539	WI Dept. of Justice Time	48.00
8540	Aring Co. Inc.	148.93
8541	T.C. Highway Dept.	245.88
8542	Dan Koehler	450.50
8543	Dawn Swenson	1,131.94
8544	Hunter Bernitt	1,063.79
8545	Krista Blomberg	335.47
8546	Tamara Blomberg	709.64
8547	Tammy Mann	334.63
8548	Thomas Olson	1,111.97
8549	Verizon	248.82
8550	Bauernfeind	42.37
8551	Visionary Design Concepts	125.00
-	IRS	1,523.86

-	Great West	200.00
8552	Northwoods Superior Chemical	233.81
8553	Goodin Co.	476.89
8554	3P Admin.	212.50

GENERAL RECEIPTS JANUARY, 2019

Receipt Number

7559	Meridian Group, Inc.	3,600.00
7560	Kyle Thums	75.00
7561	Customer Accts.	1,509.71
7562	Sandra Simonson Thums	75.00
7563	State of Wisconsin	11,451.25
7564	Rib Lake Homes	316.00
7565	John Adams	75.00
7566	Todd Monty	25.00
7567	Customer Accts.	1,864.53
7568	Taylor Co.	3,000.00
7569	Pam Weinzatl	10.00
7570	Bonnie Schmidtfranz	120.00
7571	Customer Accts.	1,808.20
7572	AA Group	30.00
7573	Jt. R.L. Area Recycling Com.	2,987.46
7574	Aspirus Medford Hospital	1,500.00
7575	Customer Accts.	701.71
7576	Rib Lake Waters Inn	270.00

WATER BILLS PAID JANUARY, 2019

Check Number

8740	Diggers Hotline	35.67
8741	AgSource	46.00
8742	R.L. True Value	15.43
8743	Xcel Energy	947.28
8744	Hawkins Ash CPA's	1,695.00
8745	Tripoli Propane	275.13

WATER RECEIPTS JANUARY, 2019

Receipt Number

1712	Customer Accts.	4,780.22
1713	Customer Accts.	7,548.33
1714	Customer Accts.	7,108.08

1715	Customer Accts.	2,850.59
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SEWER BILLS PAID JANUARY, 2019

Check Number

4930	R.L. Water Utility	286.02
4931	Diggers Hotline	35.67
4932	AgSource	772.00
4933	Hawkins Ash CPAs	1,695.00
4934	Xcel Energy	1,892.16
4935	Verizon	64.32
4936	Northwoods Superior	405.82
4937	USA Bluebook	828.54

SEWER RECEIPTS JANUARY, 2019

Receipt Number

1482	Sewer Clean Water Fund	2,430.37
1483	Customer Accts.	12,681.38
1484	Customer Accts.	23,180.95
1485	Customer Accts.	21,248.75
1486	Customer Accts.	7,377.16

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

Four citizens were present for citizen's comments which are summarized as follows:

Michael Head says that addressing the Board is a privilege but is also detrimental when used inappropriately and lately the citizen comments have been used as Jerry Springer type entertainment which is not appropriate. His suggestion is to eliminate the public comment period so that this Board can get on with conducting the business of the Village.

Ken Norgaard said the Public Works is doing a very nice job with the snow plowing. He also commented on the Personal Property tax aid that the village received as reimbursement for loss revenue resulting from the partial repeal of the tax. It's based on the 2017 levy and will remain at that initial rate. For an example, he said that a \$10,000 unreported asset will negatively impact tax revenue meaning fewer dollars for municipal services for future years.

Renee Norgaard stated that it would be childish to eliminate citizen's comments and also said that Ken Norgaard will be running as a write in candidate for Village President.

Joe Desris says the Board is doing a good job. He says some people are going to complain about things like utility rates and garbage carts but the Board has been informative about their decisions. He says it is unfortunate that Mr. Norgaard is against those in charge and has problems with everybody. He says this is a great example of narcissism. Joe concluded with saying that citizen's comments are not required and so the Board should do what they have to do to deal with this issue.

Pat Morrow of MSA was not able to be present for the meeting but sent the following brief update regarding the Sewer Plant Project.

**WWTF, INTERCEPTOR & COLLECTION SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS
UPDATE ON WWTF CONSTRUCTION**

Staab has largely been off-site and work that is occurring has to do with systems integration and startup and training. Overall things are operating well. Staab will remobilize in the spring to do final restoration and some minor piping work for the sludge storage tank feed line. MSA has been working on the O&M Manual and Record Drawings, as well as communicating with Automatic Systems & Staab Construction regarding minor changes to the Plant SCADA system and reporting software. MSA has also been monitoring the WWTF performance and checking in remotely via the SCADA system and communicating with Dan Kohler and Tom Olson.

Upcoming construction items for this spring include:

- Staab will provide a price to complete saw cutting and paving around manhole on Ella Street, to occur next spring at the time of driveway paving.
- Driveway paving will be completed next spring. Revised pricing will be requested from Staab for paving the additional driveways.

PAY REQUESTS – STAAB CONSTRUCTION COMPANY (NO ACTION NEEDED)

Staab did not submit a pay request for January. Thus far, the total amount billed by Staab Construction is \$4,290,946.00. This equates to approximately 95.6% of the total construction contract amount. We do not anticipate a pay request from Staab until April or May.

The Board discussed and considered the possibility of eliminating citizen's comments from future meeting agendas. President Schreiner polled the Board and members present expressed disapproval with the disruptive behavior that has occurred during citizen comments continuously for the past several months as well as some other occasions for several years now. Four of the six members present favored eliminating citizen comments from the agenda with Buksa and Hanke against it. However, the two against eliminating it, do not want it to be abused as it has been so much recently. After further discussion, it was moved by Buksa, seconded by Tesch to table a decision until the next meeting when the full Board is present to vote on it. Motion carried.

Discussed and considered the recommendation by the Joint Rib Lake Area Fire Commission for the purchase of a 2020 Darley Vision Series Firetruck Pumper with a Freightliner Chassis 4-Door Club Cab with the cost being split between all three municipalities. Moved by Mann, seconded by Hanke to approve the purchase of this new Firetruck for a total price of \$336,000 in which the Village's share will be \$112,000. Motion carried.

Considered municipal buildings security systems and camera quotes. Moved by Buksa, seconded by Bullis to approve the 8-channel security system for a cost of \$1,365.00 from Computer TR out of Abbotsford. Motion carried.

Trustee Reports:

Bullis – Fire Hydrants need to be shoveled out; Will take the Squad car down for a part that has been recalled; Commended the Public Works on their snow removal jobs.

Schreiner – Reported on 2 property damage claims involving the village snowplow.

President Schreiner announced consideration of movement into closed session pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(f) considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific person, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problem or the investigation of charges against specific person except where par. (b) applies which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of a person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations.

Moved by Mann, seconded by Bullis to go into closed session. A roll call vote was taken with all in favor. Motion carried.

Back in open session, Chandler Probst approached the Board to apologize for his behavior and his involvement in taking the Village Truck from the Public Works garage last week. He also offered to perform community service for the Village.

Moved by Bullis seconded by Buksa to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. Motion carried.

Dawn Swenson
Village Clerk
