

MINUTES OF MEETING OCTOBER 14, 2020

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, Kristin Lueck, Ben Stanfley, Joe Desris, Bob Christensen, Damian Jones, Tom & Angel Olson and Donald Watson of the Star News.

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

TREASURERS REPORT

Tax Account	\$	139,254.89
General Fund	\$	419,898.68
Water Operations Fund	\$	123,261.12
Water Redemption Fund	\$	1,426.53
Water Depreciation Fund	\$	7,938.43
Water Equipment Replacement Fund	\$	22,855.48
Sewer Operations Fund	\$	178,329.80
Sewer Redemption Fund	\$	220,491.02
Sewer Depreciation Fund	\$	11,952.78
Sewer Equipment Replacement Fund	<u>\$</u>	<u>144,235.95</u>
	\$	1,269,644.68

GENERAL BILLS PAID SEPTEMBER 2020

Check Number

9636	Xcel Energy	2,422.77
9637	Exxon Mobil	255.35
9638	Freudenthal Mfg.	1,893.30
9639	Nartec Inc.	74.12
9640	T.C. Hwy Dept.	174.08
9641	J&P Auto	19.60
9642	Andrew Dums	176.80
9643	Sound Forest Management	392.03
9644	Angelisa Leggett	514.12
9645	Audrey Noland	136.92

9646	Danielle Fornal	600.43
9647	Elizabeth Kauer	171.15
9648	Gary Polacek	645.24
9649	Judith Cihasky	119.59
9650	Laurel Schreiner	119.59
9651	Luanne Yanko	164.44
9652	Tammy Mann	93.88
9653	William Eisner	397.11
	IRS	542.58
	WI DOR	823.16
9654	Medford Coop	561.04
9655	R.L True Value	129.14
9656	Central WI Publications	27.00
9657	Business Ins. Group	5,806.00
9658	McMillan Electric	6,000.00
9659	Chicago Embroidery	465.00
9660	Freudenthal Mfg.	33.90
9661	Superior Chemical	294.64
9662	Postmaster	330.00
	WI Retirement System	2,622.46
9663	Dan Koehler	421.28
9664	Dawn Swenson	1,159.24
9665	Derek Beckstrand	1,219.48
9666	Hunter Bernitt	1,089.08
9667	Krista Blomberg	513.65
9668	Kristin Lueck	1,015.50
9669	Tamara Blomberg	724.96
9670	Tammy Mann	156.95
9671	Thomas Olson	1,137.94
9672	Cemetery Assoc.	500.00
9673	Security Health Plan	9,742.15
9674	Advanced Disposal	2,741.79
9675	Frontier	66.77

9676	Lag Construction	2,396.91
9677	Pro Designs	1,165.00
9678	C&D Lumber	7.00
	Great West	200.00
	IRS	2,283.18
9679	CarQuest	53.40
9680	Superior Chemical Corp.	496.52
9681	Granberg Brothers	3,037.50
9682	Cardmember Service	82.17
9683	Cintas	165.33
9684	File of Life Foundation	100.48
9685	Randy Thums	260.00
9686	Verizon	251.20
9687	Daniel Koehler	528.24
9689	Derek Beckstrand	1,219.49
9690	Hunter Bernitt	1,089.07
9691	Krista Blomberg	501.39
9692	Kristin Lueck	1,033.72
9693	Tamara Blomberg	697.36
9694	Tammy Mann	156.94
9695	Thomas Olson	1,137.94
	Great West	200.00
	IRS	2,320.32

GENERAL RECEIPTS SEPTEMBER 2020

Receipt Number

7971	Water Fund	19,088.00
7972	Sewer Fund	20,000.00
7973	Lakeview Park	1,260.00
7974	T.C. Clerk of Circuit Court	185.48
7975	WI Surplus Online Auction	100.00
7976	WI Surplus Online Auction	3,075.10
7977	Medford Cooperative	23.46
7978	Rib Lake Homes	382.56

7979	Gary Annala	56.00
7980	Rib Lake True Value	52.50
7981	Dawn Moran	21.00
7982	T.C. Treasurer	300.00
7983	Country Wireless LLC	1,800.00
7984	R.L. Water Utility	9,531.98
7985	R.L. Sewer Utility	11,982.40
7986	William Faucher	35.00
7987	Eugene Zondlo	70.00
7988	Laura Classen	10.00
7989	Customer Accounts	962.88
7990	Jt. R.L. Recycling Commission	260.19
7991	Lakeview Park	959.00

WATER BILLS PAID SEPTEMBER 2020

Check Number

8883	Ag Source	208.50
8884	Rib Lake True Value	35.55
8885	General Fund	19,088.00
8886	Xcel Energy	505.02
8887	Plunkett's Pest Control	35.00
8888	Hawkins Inc.	1,850.00
8889	General Fund	9,531.98

WATER RECEIPTS SEPTEMBER 2020

Receipt Number

1792	Customer Accounts	301.62
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SEWER BILLS PAID SEPTEMBER 2020

Check Number

5108	Ag Source	1,231.00
5109	Rib Lake True Value	32.47
5110	Postmaster	140.00
5111	General Fund	20,000.00
5112	Xcel Energy	2,461.17
5113	Verizon	139.55

5114	Total Energy Systems, LLC	31.97
5115	General Fund	11,982.40

SEWER RECEIPTS SEPTEMBER 2020

Receipt Number

1585	Black River Transport	2,152.20
1586	Customers	60.00
1587	Customer Accounts	1,726.91

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

Chief Beckstrand presented his monthly written police report and informed the Board that he has a \$750.00 grant coming from Abby Bank yet that can go towards the purchase of the Police Dept.'s speed limit sign.

Pat Morrow of MSA presented the following update on the sewer plant and other projects.

WWTF, INTERCEPTOR & COLLECTION SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

We are finalizing the design for the sludge storage tank cover and other improvements to mitigate the potential for freezing. Installation by Staab is still expected to occur this year and early 2021. Staab intends to provide costs no later than Monday, October 12, 2020. Pending MSA receives the proposed costs, we will discuss the costs with the Village at the meeting. ACTION ITEM: Discussion and Action to approve Staab Construction Company's proposal for either the aluminum dome installation or flat panel cover installation on the Sludge Storage Tank, in addition to other improvements, contingent upon DNR approval of Staab's change order cost (yet to be received as of the writing of this Project Update).

LANDALL AVENUE/ MCCOMB AVENUE – CDBG GRANT - UPDATE

The Village was notified on August 21, 2020, from the Department of Administration that the project was not selected to receive a grant this year. The reasoning was that the division received more applications than CDBG funds available. This means that not all projects submitted, received grants this year under this program. Per discussion at the Village's September 9, 2020 board meeting, the Village would like MSA to re-submit the grant application for the project next year for a fee of \$3,000 or less.

WATER TOWER REHABILITATION

MSA water engineers have briefly reviewed the Water Tower inspection report and the recommendations that it contains. As a follow-up to the last meeting, the rehabilitation cost estimate contained in KLM's report was \$420,000 - \$450,000 and the report stated that the estimate did not include engineering design or inspection services. So the overall tower rehabilitation cost would be in excess of \$450,000. We have helped numerous communities with similar projects. When MSA has done this previously, we have worked with KLM as well as other firms when it comes to inspection services. The initial step would be to figure out the funding for the project, and look at water rate impacts, if any. The safe drinking water loan program would be the most likely source of low interest loan and up to 60% principal forgiveness (grant).

MSA has been in touch with KLM and they have given us a scope and fee for doing both part time and full-time inspection on the project. Under this approach, MSA would do the engineering design, and KLM would do the part- or full-time inspection.

WDNR INTENT TO APPLY – CLEAN WATER FUND AND SAFE DRINKING WATER LOAN PROGRAMS – DUE OCTOBER 2020

WDNR Clean Water Fund (CWF) and Safe Drinking Water Loan Program (SDWLP) ITA (Intent to Apply) and PERF (Priority Evaluation and Ranking Forms) are due to the WDNR in October. This will allow the Village go know where you stand regarding low interest loans and/or principal forgiveness (grant) to finance the project. Based upon current interest rates set by DNR, the Village could fund the water tower improvements with a 20-year loan at 1.056%, and be eligible for 60% principal forgiveness (grant) not to exceed \$500,000.

MSA will assist the Village with the submittal of an ITA and PERF for the Safe Drinking Water Fund Loan Program in October 2020. Plans and specifications would need to be submitted to the DNR (along with the SDWLP Application) by June 30, 2021. The project would likely bid in the fall of 2021, and the rehab would occur in spring/summer of 2022.

TANNERY CREEK PROJECT

Phil Kriesel of MSA met with Bill and Russ regarding future modifications to the Tannery Creek corridor. A contract in the amount of \$4,000 has been prepared and will be presented at the meeting for review and approval. Work includes a drone flight and development of a high definition aerial photo with design elements overlaid upon it so that the exhibit can be used for permitting, fund raising, and communication of the overall vision.

ACTION ITEM: Discussion and Action to approve MSA's contract and proposal for development of an aerial photo and Village's proposed vision for the Tannery Creek corridor.

Pat Morrow from MSA discussed Staab's change order for the Sludge Storage Tank Cover and other improvements. MSA is recommending installation of a flat panel cover instead of the aluminum dome at a cost of \$181,028.06.

Moved by Mann and seconded by Tesch to approve Staab's proposal for the flat panel cover installation on the sludge storage tank in addition to other improvements contingent upon DNR approval. Motion carried.

A contract from MSA in the amount of \$4,000 for a Tannery Creek plan was discussed and considered. President Schreiner explained that the Park Committee has to meet to discuss the project first, so no action was taken at this time.

Ben Stanfley, T.C. Hwy Commissioner was present to discuss the county's land purchase and how the villages Well Head Protection Ordinance relates to it. Ben said that the County Board has approved the purchase of land from Joe Desris for a new Taylor County Highway Dept. shop with sand/salt storage sheds. He inquired as to whether the village would be willing to grant a variance to the 1200-foot setback for the salt/storage shed. Building Inspector Bob Christensen addressed the question. He explained that the Village has a Wellhead Protection Ordinance to protect the water supply. In Bob's opinion the county would either have to have a hydrogeological investigation or submit a written plan to the

Village Board providing proof of their measures to protect the ground water from contamination before a variance could be considered. Ben stated that he believes the hydrogeological test would be too costly for them to move forward.

Moved by Tesch, seconded by Buksa to approve the County submitting a plan to the village which will provide proof of measures the County plans on taking to prevent contamination to our groundwater. Motion carried.

Damian Jones was present and was going to ask about the possibility of the Village sponsoring Badgernet highspeed internet for GNC. However, he has since learned about Taylor County's efforts to get highspeed internet available to residents throughout the county. He would now like to encourage citizens, businesses, and organizations to send letters to Taylor County in support of their efforts to obtain the grant funds necessary to bring faster internet to our area.

Moved by Mann, seconded by Tesch to send a letter from the Village Board to the County expressing support in this endeavor. Motion carried.

The Board considered the purchase of a speed limit sign for the Police Dept. at a cost of \$3,218. Moved by Bullis, seconded by Buksa to approve the purchase. Motion carried. Trustee Bullis commended Chief Beckstrand for his successful fundraising efforts in making this purchase happen.

The following resolution was presented to the board:

Resolution No. 15/2020

Village of Rib Lake

Resolution Adopting the Taylor County Hazard Mitigation Plan

WHEREAS, hazard mitigation planning is the process of developing a set of actions designed to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property from hazards and their effects; and

WHEREAS, Taylor County has worked through its Local Emergency Planning Committee and in cooperation with the Northwest Regional Planning Commission to develop the Taylor County Hazard Mitigation Plan, to assess the magnitude of hazard risks, and to develop strategies for minimizing or reducing these risks; and

WHEREAS, Taylor County Emergency Management provides emergency management planning, coordination, response, and recovery support on behalf of all communities of Taylor County; and

WHEREAS, the planning meetings for this effort were open to the public, properly noticed in accordance with Wisconsin's Open Meeting's Law, and included a special Public Informational

Meeting held on July 15, 2014 ; and

WHEREAS, the Plan was reviewed and approved by Wisconsin Emergency Management and FEMA as meeting the requirements of the Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 and applicable Code of Federal Regulations; and,

WHEREAS, adoption of the Plan by the Village Board will make all incorporated and unincorporated jurisdictions within Taylor County eligible to apply for federal grant dollars for hazard mitigation projects.

THEREFORE, be it resolved the Village Board adopts the Taylor County Hazard Mitigation Plan as the official all hazard mitigation plan for the County with the intent of implementing the plan recommendations as funding and resources allow.

Approved and dated this 14th day of October, 2020.

William Schreiner, Village President

Dawn R. Swenson, Village Clerk

Moved by Buksa, seconded by Tesch to approve and adopt the above resolution #15/2020. Motion carried.

The utilities committee recommended an increase in the holding tank waste fee being charged. Moved by Van Hecker, seconded by Mann to approve raising the fee by \$.12 to \$15.12 per thousand gallons. Motion carried.

President Schreiner presented the proposed 2021 General Fund Budget which was reviewed by the members and line item changes were explained by President Schreiner. President Schreiner explained that our levy limit per the Dept. of Revenue is \$198,345 which is an increase of \$3,199 over last year's actual levy. This is 1.64% increase over last year.

Moved by Buksa, seconded by Tesch to approve the proposed 2021 General Fund Budget "Summary" for publication and schedule a public hearing for adoption of the budget on November 11th, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. Motion carried.

Whether or not to follow through with having this year's Halloween Trick-or-Treating as scheduled was discussed. The Board decided not to cancel it but to keep it scheduled for Oct. 31st from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Trustee/Employees Reports:

Streets – Tom reported that they are waiting on Jensen to patch Hwy D and North St. Hwy D should be done shortly.

Utilities – Vernell – There is additional testing being required at the sewer plant for Covid. They will be gathering and shipping samples (at no shipping cost) for 6 months on the influent. There is a possibility of the outfluent needing to be tested for 6 months after that. The blower is to be put in next Friday (October 23rd). The sludge needs to be taken out. We need to find new fields to spread on.

Park – Bill – Asked if the buoys are out yet because there is one missing. Tom responded that they are not yet. Tom also reported that the campground is still open.

Buildings & Grounds – Jack questioned if the library windows have been replaced yet. He was asked who was in charge of doing it. He said they have been ordered at Hurd and Travis was to install them. Tom brought up that he is planning on purchasing 6 touchless sinks and touchless urinals for the village hall and park.

Fire – Russ stated that the fire department was receiving a DNR grant to fund 6 new pagers. They had a fire truck being repaired at Mid-State and the cost was \$1300. He also brought up a \$300 incentive for any new recruits to the fire department to complete the schooling and training.

Recycling – Jack stated that the forklift is getting a new beeper and the recycling annual agreement with Taylor County has been renewed.

Library – Cliff reported that the library will be replacing the carpet and they will be paying for it. The signs on the walkway have been a big hit and they are looking at putting out another story for Halloween. The library is also looking at building a pavilion for their summer programs using the funds from the library CD. Cliff asked the board to be thinking about anything that he would need to bring up to the library board pertaining to the pavilion.

Police – Russ brought up that Derek is working on the speed limit ordinances and addressing the speed limits on each street in the village.

Moved by Bullis, seconded by Mann to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.
Motion carried.

Dawn Swenson, Clerk