

MINUTES OF MEETING FEBRUARY 10TH, 2021

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

Visitors present were Rocky Jones, Hal Swenson, Doug and Gary Polacek, Rollie Thums, Joe Desris, Bob Carpenter, Donald Watson of the Star News and employee Kristin Lueck.

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

TREASURERS REPORT

Tax Account	\$ 160,614.90
General Fund	\$ 670,073.42
Water Operations Fund	\$ 164,386.35
Water Redemption Fund	\$ 12,631.24
Water Depreciation Fund	\$ 7,939.39
Water Equipment Replacement Fund	\$ 22,858.25
Sewer Operations Fund	\$ 173,484.25
Sewer Redemption Fund	\$ 291,628.74
Sewer Depreciation Fund	\$ 11,954.23
Sewer Equipment Replacement Fund	<u>\$ 144,256.86</u>
	\$ 1,659,827.63

GENERAL BILLS PAID DECEMBER 2020 & JANUARY 2021

Check Number

9799	Linda Newman	25.00
9800	Exxon Mobil	263.19
9801	Xcel Energy	2,335.73
9802	Sirchie	148.22
9803	Cliff Mann	25.00
9804	Angelisa Leggett	145.99
9805	Audrey Noland	102.70
9806	Danielle Noland	536.00
9807	Elizabeth Kauer	117.35
9808	Gary Polacek	115.14
9809	Judith Cihasky	121.72

9810	Laurie Schreiner	130.27
9811	Luanne Yanko	130.28
9812	Tammy Mann	102.41
9813	William Eisner	332.46
-	IRS	355.50
-	WI DOR	849.12
9814	Medford Co-op, Inc.	211.00
9815	R.L. True Value	638.25
9816	Central WI Publications, Inc.	176.50
9817	J & P Auto, Inc.	173.92
9818	Nartec	151.14
9819	Postmaster	325.00
9820	Daniel Koehler	542.38
9821	Dawn Swenson	1,159.13
9822	Derek Beckstrand	1,219.38
9823	Hunter Bernitt	1,088.97
9824	Krista Blomberg	483.52
9825	Kristin Lueck	931.37
9826	Tamara Blomberg	765.95
9827	Tammy Mann	63.47
9828	Thomas Olson	1,137.83
-	Great West	200.00
9829	Kathryn Droste	25.00
9830	Frontier	66.90
9831	Lexipol	1,548.90
9832	Taylor County	5,584.75
-	IRS	2,279.66
-	WI Retirement	2,754.04
9833	Advanced Disposal	2,741.79
9834	Hunter Bernitt	270.00
9835	Dan Koehler	25.00
9836	Thomas Olson	425.00
9837	Tammy Mann	25.00
9838	William Eisner	25.00
9839	Angelisa Leggett	25.00
9840	Derek Beckstrand	415.00
9841	Kristin Lueck	50.00

9842	Dawn Swenson	455.62
9843	Sirchie	268.05
9844	R.L. Fire Commission	551.63
9845	CarQuest	24.99
9846	Schmiege, Graff, Koch	190.00
9847	R.L. Sewer & Water Utility	206.03
9848	Cintas	165.33
9849	Cardmember Service	2,008.19
9850	Daniel Koehler	694.83
9851	Dawn Swenson	1,159.14
9852	Derek Beckstrand	1,219.38
9853	Hunter Bernitt	1,088.95
9854	Krista Blomberg	454.38
9855	Kristin Lueck	943.51
9856	Tamara Blomberg	738.73
9857	Tammy Mann	156.96
9858	Thomas Olson	1,137.83
9859	Christensen Services	600.00
9860	Verizon	251.62
-	Great West	200.00
9861	RLHS – Yearbook	75.00
-	IRS	2,341.56
9862	Security Health	8,082.74
9863	Daniel Koehler	507.50
9864	Dawn Swenson	1,136.21
9865	Derek Beckstrand	1,197.28
9866	Hunter Bernitt	1,111.34
9867	Krista Blomberg	463.32
9868	Kristin Lueck	955.32
9869	Tamara Blomberg	773.40
9870	Tammy Mann	159.80
9871	Thomas Olson	1,117.49
9872	Xcel Energy	2,690.79
9873	R.L. Water & Sewer Utilities	962.25
9874	Hawkins Ash CPA's	3,660.00
9875	MPIC	9,543.00
9876	Bear Graphics	475.79

9877	League of WI Municipalities	407.92
9878	J&P Auto	102.99
9879	Superior Chemical Corp.	383.43
9880	GCS Software, Inc.	350.00
9881	Business Ins. Group	6,226.00
9882	Angelisa Leggett	162.10
9883	Audrey Noland	139.64
9884	Danielle Fornal	508.10
9885	William Eisner	364.78
-	WI DOR	849.88
-	IRS	2,260.74
-	Great West	200.00
-	IRS	194.60
9886	Medford Co-op Inc.	102.41
9887	Rib Lake True Value	207.92
9889	Stunt Cams	458.95
9890	Stunt Cams	768.00
9891	Computer TR	1,502.50
9892	Ed's IGA	15.40
-	WI Retirement	2,718.12
9893	Exxon Mobil	211.36
9894	Security Health Plan	8,082.74
9895	Advanced Disposal	2,741.79
9896	Frontier	68.41
9897	Cardmember Service	213.11
9898	Cintas	165.33
9899	American Welding & Gas	113.43
-	WI DOR	750.55
9900	Daniel Koehler	655.70
9901	Dawn Swenson	1,136.29
9902	Derek Beckstrand	1,197.28
9903	Hunter Bernitt	1,111.34
9904	Krista Blomberg	454.19
9905	Kristin Lueck	952.77
9906	Tamara Blomberg	703.53
9907	Tammy Mann	159.80
9908	Thomas Olson	1,117.42

-	Great West	200.00
-	IRS	2,297.56
9909	Verizon	252.76
9910	Axon Enterprise Inc.	185.20
9911	Visionary Design Concepts	197.00
9912	CarQuest	279.26
9913	T.C. Highway Dept.	111.67
9914	3PA	287.50
9915	WI Dept. of Justice – TIME	192.75
9916	Office Depot	703.36
9917	T.C. Hwy Dept.	118.80
9918	Bauernfeind Bus Technologies, Inc.	44.04
9919	J & P Auto	21.82
9920	Daniel Koehler	557.09
9921	Dawn Swenson	1,136.29
9922	Derek Beckstrand	1,197.29
9923	Hunter Bernitt	1,111.33
9924	Krista Blomberg	499.89
9925	Kristin Lueck	946.70
9926	Tamara Blomberg	752.57
9927	Thomas Olson	1,117.42
9928	Postmaster	8.45

GENERAL RECEIPTS DECEMBER 2020 & JANUARY 2021

Receipts Number

8028	R.L. Water Utility	30,000.00
8029	T.C. Treasurer	375.98
8030	T.C. Clerk of Court	67.98
8031	R.L. Homes, LLC	364.45
8032	Customers	25.00
8033	State of WI	160.00
8034	Fish & Games Assoc.	10.00
8035	State of WI	14,897.74
8036	Customers	72.28
8037	League of WI Municipalities	1,548.90
8038	Taylor County	672.87
8039	School District of Rib Lake	821.48
8040	Jt. R.L. Area Recycling Commission	2,291.33

8041	Tax Account	139,272.24
8042	R.L. Library	18,853.48
8043	R.L. Sewer Utility	11,290.01
8044	R.L. Water Utility	9,535.84
8045	Customer Accts.	53.76
8046	Steve Griswald	10.00
8047	School District. of Rib Lake	1,213.55
8048	Metropolitan Reporting Bureau	4.00
8049	John Wild	25.00
8050	State of WI	10,814.06
8051	Customer Accts.	537.60
8052	Meridian Group	3,600.00
8053	Jeff Follett	250.00
8054	Lakeview Park	100.00
8055	Customer	25.00
8056	Customer Accts.	1,644.67
8057	T.C. Clerk of Court	38.72
8058	Bonnie Schmidtfranz	75.00
8059	Customer Accts.	1,536.67
8060	John Hein	14.00
8061	Customer Accts.	1,020.54
8062	Taylor County	3000.00
8063	R.L. Water Utility	2,319.45
8064	R.L. Sewer Acct.	2,771.38
8065	R.L. School District	1,120.20
8066	Customer Accts.	967.68
8067	Vestex Expedia	32.31
8068	Customer Accts.	864.85
8069	R.L. Homes	342.55
8070	Avalara, Inc.	255.85
8071	Cindy Anderson	20.00
8072	Customer Accts.	458.55
8083	Linda Kathrein	75.00

WATER BILLS PAID DECEMBER 2020 & JANUARY 2021

Check Number

8909	R.L. General Fund	30,000.00
8910	Tripoli Propane	366.30

8911	AgSource	46.00
8912	Water Redemption	11,204.21
8913	Xcel Energy	827.14
8914	R.L. General Fund	9,535.84
8915	Hawkins Ash CPA's	1,975.00
8916	Tripoli Propane	186.12
8917	Xcel Energy	982.56
8918	Diggers Hotline	34.80
8919	AgSource	46.00
8920	Rib Lake General Fund	2,319.45

WATER RECEIPTS DECEMBER 2020 & JANUARY 2021

Receipt Number

1802	Jolene Quednow	110.00
1803	Customer Accts.	358.62
1804	Customer Accts.	167.65

SEWER BILLS PAID DECEMBER 2020 & JANUARY 2021

Check Number

5133	R.L. Sewer Redemption	16,710.00
5134	AgSource	1,191.50
5135	R.L. Sewer Redemption	37,689.61
5136	Xcel Energy	2,707.49
5137	Verizon	139.64
5138	R.L. General Fund	11,290.01
5139	R.L. Water Utility	131.28
5140	Hawkins Ash CPA's	1,615.00
5141	Van Ert	254.73
5142	Mulcahy Shaw Water	764.61
5143	Crane Engineering	8,765.70
5144	Rib Lake True Value	61.74
5145	Diggers Hotline	34.80
5146	AgSource	1,273.50
5147	Rib Lake General Fund	2,771.38
5148	Verizon	139.94
5149	Xcel Energy	2,834.16

SEWER RECEIPTS DECEMBER 2020 & JANUARY 2021

Check Number

1599	Black River Transport	1,945.50
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1600	Customer Accts.	763.42
1601	Customer Accts.	656.14

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

Chief Beckstrand presented his monthly written police report. He reported having received the Body Camera, is getting quotes on radios and is working on some grants to help purchase them.

Pat Morrow of MSA was unable to attend the meeting but sent the following written update for the Boards review.

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 of the cover by Staab is expected to occur in the spring of 2021, concurrently with sludge removal from the tank Carly Gloudemans and Pat Morrow of MSA met with representatives of Staab Construction and Crane Engineering on February 3, 2021 at the WWTF to obtain the last round of field measurements necessary for cover fabrication. We also met with Dan Koehler and discussed the cover layout and other items. LANDALL AVENUE/ MCCOMB AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION Per discussion at the Village's September 9, 2020 board meeting, the Village would like MSA to resubmit the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application for the project next year for a fee of \$3,000 or less. MSA will prepare a new application and submit to the Wisconsin Department of Administration by the CDBG Application Deadline, which is May 13, 2021. The CDBG-PF grant (if awarded) can provide up to 67% matching funds up to \$1,000,000. Jeff Seamandel of MSA has recently asked Tom Olson for any type of documentation related to the storm sewer collapse that occurred last year on the corner of McComb Avenue and Landall Avenue. Any photos or video of the storm sewer collapse that which would show the existing pipe condition would help strengthen the case that the storm sewer is in poor condition and in need of replacement. We have also requested that Tom provide a written report documenting what he believes caused the storm sewer to collapse, how the Village made the initial repairs, and a brief opinion and assessment of the condition of the existing storm sewer along Landall and McComb. This information will also help strengthen the CDBG-PF grant application. The total project cost is estimated at \$1,100,960 including construction, engineering, grant application/administrative fees and contingencies. The following is a possible schedule for the grant application submittal and project completion:

ACTION ITEM DATE Village approves MSA contract to apply for CDBG Grant and holds public hearing at Village Board Meeting April 2021 CDBG Grant Application Due May 13, 2021 CDBG Block Grant Award Announcement August 2021 MSA Begins Topographic Survey (Field Work) Fall 2021 MSA Completes Project Design Winter 2021/2022 Project Bid to Contractors March 2022 Begin Construction Spring 2022 Complete Construction Fall 2022

WATER TOWER REHABILITATION (NO CHANGE) MSA water engineers have briefly reviewed KLM's Water Tower inspection report and the recommendations that it contains. 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. As a result, it likely that the overall tower rehabilitation cost would be in excess of \$450,000. 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. MSA submitted a PERF and ITA to the Safe Drinking Water Loan Program to fund this project and received a confirmation email from DNR on 11/2/2020 that the PERF and ITA were received. This will allow the Village to know its status with respect to 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. 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.

The Board discussed the possible appointment of a Trustee to fill the vacancy created by Trustee Hanke. President Schreiner recommended the appointment of Rocky Jones who is interested in the position and is a candidate on the April ballot. Moved by Bullis, seconded by Mann to appoint Rocky Jones as Village Trustee to fill the vacancy. Motion carried. Rocky Jones was then sworn in by Village Clerk Dawn Swenson.

The Board considered allowing some concerned citizens to express their concerns about the Rib Lake Clinic not being opened.

Moved by Mann, seconded by Tesch to allow the discussion. Motion carried.

Doug Polacek expressed his disappointment that our Rib Lake Aspirus Clinic has not been re-opened especially since Aspirus has been buying up several Ascension clinics and hospitals. It's upsetting to him that we have a Nursing Home facility within a few feet of a "closed" clinic forcing patients to be hauled several miles further to an open clinic. Our students as well as elderly citizens of this community now must travel to Prentice for medical services. Doug wonders if we need to start a petition to prove that our clinic is needed or initiate talks with Marshfield for a clinic in Rib Lake. He believes this subject should be on the Board's monthly meeting agendas until we get this resolved.

Rollie Thums stated he is very aggravated to see the Rib Lake Clinic closed. He is aware that they are hurting due to all the elective surgeries being postponed but questions why other small community clinics have been re-opened and not Rib Lake. This is not in our best interest having a closed clinic especially with the high percentage of elderly citizens.

Bob Carpenter wonders what happened to Aspirus's service to the people. They need to listen to Rib Lake. Why didn't they open Rib Lake Clinic before purchasing other clinics? Bob feels that we are being overlooked for profit and that is wrong. He stated that Aspirus has an obligation to Rib Lake as a nonprofit organization. Maybe they will respond to a petition.

Gary Polacek agrees that we should do a petition and confront Marshfield as an option.

Joe Desris also believes that maybe a satellite clinic of Marshfield could be asked to come to Rib Lake.

President Schreiner informed the citizens that the Village Board has wrote a letter to Aspirus asking for the clinic to be re-opened. Schreiner also spoke to Senator Petrowski and Representative Edming on the subject and they were going to contact Aspirus to encourage the opening of the clinic as well.

Trustee Bullis reported that he has talked with the Medford Aspirus President who explained that the decision is a corporate decision, and they are doing a complete evaluation of their system due to Covid. Russ expressed to them that even if they opened two to three days per week would be better than completely closed.

President Schreiner made a motion which was seconded by Mann to allow County Board member Rollie Thums to update the Board regarding the County Broadband initiative. Motion carried.

Rollie announced that Taylor County signed a contract for the installation of Broadband throughout the county last Friday. Rollie provided the board with several facts about the project including that it should be completed by November of this year.

Consider approval of renewal of the Chief of Police annual contract. Moved by Mann, seconded by Buksa to approve Chief Beckstrand's contract. Motion carried.

The following Budget Amendment was presented to the Board for consideration.

RESOLUTION NO. 1/2021

2020 BUDGET AMENDMENT VILLAGE OF RIB LAKE

A Resolution changing the 2020 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 \$14,897.74 be hereby transferred from the Routes to Recovery Grant and the following expenditures:

Park	\$2,861.31
Clerk's Office	\$ 708.92
Asst. Clerk's Wages	\$1,350.00
Election	\$1,752.89
Village Hall	\$3,468.55
Senior Center	\$ 657.14
Police Dept.	\$3,547.30
Fire Dept.	\$ 551.63

Adopted Feb. 10, 2021

Village President
William Schreiner

Approved Feb. 10th, 2021

Village Clerk
Dawn R. Swenson

Moved by Bullis, seconded by Jones to approve and adopt the above Budget Amendment # 1/2021 which distributes the Routes to Recovery grant to the proper accounts. Motion carried.

The following Budget Amendment was presented to the board which shows the library overages.

RESOLUTION NO. 02/2021

**2020 BUDGET AMENDMENT
VILLAGE OF RIB LAKE**

A Resolution changing the 2020 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 \$18,853.48 be hereby added to reimbursements from R.L. Public Library and the following expenditures:

Culture & Recreation (Library)	\$ 18,468.00
Employee Benefits	\$ 385.48

Adopted February 10, 2021

Village President
William Schreiner

Approved February 10, 2021

Village Clerk
Dawn R. Swenson

Moved by Tesch, seconded by Mann to approve and adopt the above Budget Amendment # 2/2021. Motion carried.

The following Budget Amendment was presented to the board to transfer money from Clerk in Training Capital Outlay to General Government.

RESOLUTION NO. 3/2021

**2020 BUDGET AMENDMENT
VILLAGE OF RIB LAKE**

A Resolution changing the 2020 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 \$11,473.58 be hereby transferred from Capital Outlay Admin Training Cost and the following expenditure:

Employee Benefit and Insurance	
Social Security and Medicare	\$ 470.81
Vacation and Holiday	\$ 171.00
Health Insurance	\$ 4,044.52
Retirement	\$ 440.00
General Government	
Assistant Clerk	\$ 6,347.25

Adopted February 10th, 2021

Village President
William Schreiner

Approved February 10th, 2021

Village Clerk
Dawn R. Swenson

Moved by Jones, seconded by Buksa to approve and adopt the above Budget Amendment #3/2021. Motion carried.

Consider Budget Amendment #4/2021 designating 2020 carry-over funds.

RESOLUTION NO. 04/2021

2021 BUDGET AMENDMENT

VILLAGE OF RIB LAKE

A Resolution changing the 2021 Budget of the Village of Rib Lake, WI adopted by two-third 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 sum of \$228,813.00 in carry-over funds is hereby re-allocated to the following expenditures:

General Govt.

Dep. Clerk	\$	1,083.00
Auto/Property Insurance	\$	7,900.00

	Ambulance Building	\$	4,969.00
Public Safety			
	Police Dept.	\$	9,351.00
Public Works			
	St. Mach	\$	17,813.00
	Sidewalks	\$	4,001.00
Culture & Recreation			
	Park	\$	10,036.00
	Tourism	\$	1,975.00
Health & Human Services			
	Senior Center	\$	3,480.00
Conservation & Development			
	Economic Development	\$	5,000.00
	Planning	\$	10,000.00
Capital Outlay			
	Gen. Gov't Buildings	\$	30,558.00
	St. Mach. Capital Outlay	\$	20,000.00
	St. Projects Capital Outlay	\$	65,047.00
	Contingency	<u>\$</u>	<u>37,600.00</u>
		\$	228,813.00

Adopted February 10, 2021

Village President, William
Schreiner

Adopted February 10, 2021

Village Clerk, Dawn Swenson

Moved by Buksa, seconded by Jones to approve and adopt Budget Amendment #4/2021. Motion carried.

Consider the following Resolution designating Public Depository.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 05/2021

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING PUBLIC DEPOSITORY

RESOLVED, that the following banking institution: NICOLET NATIONAL BANK, Rib Lake, WI 54470 qualified as public depository under Chapter 34 of the Wisconsin Statutes, shall be and is hereby designated until further action, as public depository for all public moneys coming into the hands of the Treasurer of the Village of Rib Lake, Taylor County, State of Wisconsin.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that withdrawal or disbursement from the above-named depository shall be only by order check, as provided in Section 66.042 of the Wisconsin Statutes; that in accordance therewith all order checks shall be signed by the following persons: Kristin Lueck, Clerk or Tammy Mann, Deputy Clerk and countersigned by William Schreiner, Village President, and shall be so honored.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that in lieu of their personal signature(s), the following facsimile signature, which have been adopted by this person as below shown: William Schreiner may be affixed on such order check(s); that any one of the above named depositories shall be fully warranted and protected in making payment on any order check bearing such facsimile(s) notwithstanding that the same may have been placed thereon without the authority of the designated person or persons.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that a certified copy of this resolution shall be delivered to each of the above named depositories, and said depositories may rely on this resolution until changed by lawful resolution and a certified copy of such resolution has been given to the cashier of the respective above named depositories.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees for the Village of Rib Lake officially adopts this resolution designating public depository.

Adopted this 10th day of February, 2021

Effective date March 6th, 2021

Approved: _____

William Schreiner, Village President

Attest: _____

Dawn R. Swenson, Village Clerk

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution duly and legally adopted by the Village of Rib Lake at a legal meeting held on the 10th day of February, 2021.

Date: _____

Signed: _____

Village Clerk

Moved by Buksa, seconded by Jones to approve the Public Depository Resolution # 5/2021. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the cost of \$489 and registration for virtual UWGB Clerk-Training for Kristin Lueck to be held in July 2021. Moved by Mann, seconded by Bullis to approve the cost and registration. Motion carried.

The board discussed a proposed ordinance establishing fire protection charges. Trustee Bullis explained the need for an ordinance in order for the Fire Department to charge and collect their \$500 fee for calls. Most homeowners should have coverage for the \$500 on their homeowner's insurance policy.

Moved by Buksa, seconded by Mann to have the fire protection charges ordinance drafted for review and approval at the next meeting. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the proposed idea of the construction of a library pavilion. Trustee Mann explained that the library has approximately \$15,000 from donations and are proposing to construct a pavilion to better accommodate the summer programs. They would like to locate it where the Basketball Court is and are hoping to have village support and some direction along the process of construction.

Moved by Jones, seconded by Bullis to be in support of and proceed with the planning of the project. Motion carried. Schreiner and Buksa volunteered to be on the committee to help with the planning.

The Board reviewed and discussed the P.S.C. survey regarding a Utility Arrears Management Plan. Moved by Buksa, seconded by Mann to approve completion of the survey as printed which will serve as a P.S.C. required disconnection plan. Motion carried.

President/Trustee Reports:

Schreiner – Reported a request from Steve Mann of Wisco Stone to eliminate 2 parking spaces across the street from the business just south of the Swenson's driveway. The street committee reviewed the request and denied the request; Also reported that we will need to change our approach of Tannery Creek improvements by just killing off the weeds and replacing with new plants otherwise it sounds like EPA would have to get involved.

Bullis – Reported one water freeze up problem reported so far during this cold spell; He also reported that the cost of turn out gear for one firefighter is \$2,500.

President Schreiner took this time on behalf of himself, the Board and the community to thank Clerk Swenson for her dedication and professionalism in her position that she has held for the past 38 years and is now retiring from. He added

that she not only deserves but has also earned a long, happy and healthy retirement. He also believes that this same dedication and professionalism is going to be continued with Kristin Lueck as the new Clerk-Treasurer.

Clerk Swenson responded with a thank you to the current Board as well as prior boards and village citizens for their support over the years.

Moved by Tesch, seconded by Jones to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m.
Motion carried.

Dawn Swenson, Village Clerk
