

MINUTES OF MEETING MARCH 10TH, 2021

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

Visitors present were Tom Krogman, Joe Desris, Dawn Quednow, Kailee Zimmerman, Pat Marrow of MSA, and Donald Watson of the Star News.

Moved by Mann, 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 FEBRUARY 2021

Check Number

9929	Streichers	169.98
9930	Xcel Energy	2,980.88
9931	Superior Chemical Corp.	48.03
-	Great West	200.00
9932	Linda Kathrein	25.00
9933	Exxon Mobil	655.27
9934	Angelisa Leggett	185.26
9935	Audrey Noland	142.12
9936	Danielle Fornal	505.67
9937	Elizabeth Kauer	119.68
9938	Larry Ziembo	290.90
9939	William Eisner	217.02

-	WI DOR	1,196.38
-	IRS	2,230.46
-	IRS	242.02
9940	Central WI Publications	45.00
9941	Postmaster	8.45
9942	AT Video Service	10.00
9943	R.L. True Value	92.65
9944	Medford Coop	138.92
9945	Medford Motors	205.05
9946	Security Health Plan	8,082.74
-	WI Retirement	4,036.50
9947	Cintas	165.33
9948	Advanced Disposal	2,833.56
9949	Frontier	70.62
9950	American Welding & Gas Inc.	232.95
9951	T.C. Treasurer	211.00
9952	Daniel Koehler	442.83
9953	Dawn Swenson	1,136.29
9954	Derek Beckstrand	1,197.28
9955	Hunter Bernitt	1,111.33
9956	Krista Blomberg	493.12
9957	Kristin Lueck	975.10
9958	Tamara Blomberg	856.70
9959	Tammy Mann	203.86
9960	Thomas Olson	1,117.41
-	Great West	200.00
-	IRS	2,277.34
9961	MannMade Pizza	53.82
9962	Xcel Energy	2,796.32
9963	Hawkins Ash CPAs	7,120.00
9964	Bellin Health	45.00
9965	CarQuest	386.41
9966	Bonnie Schmidtfranz	25.00
9967	Personalized Treasures	99.00
9968	Medical Savings Acct.	15,000.00

GENERAL RECEIPTS DECEMBER FEBRUARY 2021

Receipts Number

8074	Peggy Butera	75.00
8075	Aspirus Medford Hospital	1,500.00
8076	Jt. R.L. Area Recycling Commission	3,240.27
8077	Sam Butler	75.00
8078	Rib Waters Inn	367.48
8079	Customer Accts.	415.82
8080	R.L. Volunteer Fire Dept.	13,640.68
8081	Customers	230.00
8082	Rib Lake Homes LLC	342.55
8083	Rib Lake Homes LLC	170.00
8084	Customer Accts.	239.69
8085	Customer Accts.	162.88
8086	Rib Lake School District	1,250.89
8087	North Garden Trees	32.24

WATER BILLS PAID FEBRUARY 2021

Check Number

8921	Tripoli Propane	321.75
8922	R.L. True Value	26.98
8923	Xcel Energy	866.49
8924	Softline Data Inc.	108.50
8925	AgSource	100.00
8926	Plunketts Pest Control	35.00
8927	Water Depreciation Fund	3,000.00
8928	Hawkins Ash CPAs	3,950.00
8929	Core & Main	1,049.56

WATER RECEIPTS FEBRUARY 2021

Receipt Number

1805	Customer Accts.	3,335.35
1806	Customer Accts.	4,723.99
1807	Customer Accts.	2,984.08
1808	Customer Accts.	3,454.97
1809	Customer Accts.	2,557.06
1810	Customer Accts.	3,474.11
1811	Customer Accts.	1,321.19
1812	Customer Accts.	420.77

1813	Customer Accts.	576.14
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SEWER BILLS PAID FEBRUARY 2021

Check Number

5150	USA Bluebook	197.51
5151	Sewer Redemption Fund	16,710.00
5152	R.L. True Value	30.46
5153	AgSource	1,208.00
5154	Hawkins Inc.	2,166.85
5155	USA Bluebook	224.59
5156	Hawkins Ash CPAs	3,230.00
5157	Environmental Systems Research Inst.	1,000.00
5158	Share Corp	503.78
5159	Sewer Equip. Replacement Fund	31,537.00
5160	Xcel Energy	2,368.67

SEWER RECEIPTS FEBRUARY 2021

Check Number

1602	Customer Accts.	10,449.98
1603	Black River Transport	2,158.50
1604	Customer Accts.	12,559.29
1605	Customer Accts.	9,083.58
1606	Customer Accts.	10,301.53
1607	Customer Accts.	7,488.91
1608	Customer Accts.	10,335.97
1609	Customer Accts.	3,571.84
1610	Customer Accts.	329.62
1611	Customer Accts.	1,392.32
1612	Customer Accts.	980.72

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

Chief Beckstrand presented his monthly written police report. This afternoon the squad steering control box failed. Chief Beckstrand had the issue checked out and is looking for guidance. The Police Committee will meet and discuss the options after Chief Beckstrand gets an estimate on the cost of fixing and reprogramming the control box.

Pat Morrow of MSA presented 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.

Based on additional information learned during the site visit and during the detailed design process, we have revised the design of the flat panel cover. We are working with Staab, Crane Engineering, and Ultraflote to accommodate reinforcing in the cover panels adjacent to the hatch in order to support the weight of the sludge transfer pump, in addition to adding a third hatch and providing removable panels to access the sludge feed piping duckbill check valves. These additional needs may result in a change order request. We will work with them to define whether this will be the case and discuss with DNR accordingly.

Moved by Bullis, seconded by Tesch to approve the purchase of the sludge storage tank cover contingent upon cost when completed. Motion carried.

MCCOMB AVENUE /LANDALL AVENUE CDBG GRANT APPLICATION – ACTION ITEM)

Per discussion at the Village’s September 9, 2020 board meeting, the Village would like MSA to re-submit the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application for the McComb Avenue/Landall Avenue project this May for a fee of \$3,000 or less. MSA will prepare a new application and submit the application to the Wisconsin Department of Administration by the May 13, 2021 deadline. The CDBG-PF grant (if awarded) can provide up to 67% matching funds up to \$1,000,000. MSA will present the contract for the CDBG Grant application to the Village for approval at this meeting.

Jeff Seamandel of MSA recently received a written report from Tom Olson - DPW related to the storm sewer collapse that occurred last year on the corner of McComb Avenue and Landall Avenue. Unfortunately, there are no photos of the actual collapsed pipe to use in the application to visually strengthen our case and demonstrate that the storm sewer is in failing condition and in need of replacement. The written report submitted by the Director of Public Works along with photos showing the storm pipe full of gravel will be included in the grant application this year.

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	March 10, 2021

MSA 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

Moved by Mann, seconded by Jones to proceed with the contract to submit the CDBG Grant application for the McComb & Landall storm sewer repairs. Motion carried.

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’s 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.

Pat also mentioned that a new Municipal Recovery fund – American Rescue Act - is being implemented at the federal level where the Village could be eligible to receive up to \$85,000 to be used to replace lost revenue during Covid. It is still very early and many changes can still happen but he wanted to bring it to the board’s attention.

President Schreiner and Trustee Bullis presented additional information regarding their meeting with representatives from Aspirus. On Monday, March 8th, President Schreiner and Trustee Bullis along with Dawn Quednow from Rib Lake Health Services met with the representatives. The Village presented them with the 668 petition signatures and brought forth several concerns that we have about the clinic not opening. Dawn discussed the difficulties that the nursing home has been facing with the continued closure. Aspirus mentioned the IT upgrades that they will have to do before opening along with finding a provider and staff. They have 5 clinics still closed from the pandemic and assured us that once they were ready to open, they could do it rather quickly.

Trustee Bullis presented the Fire Protection Ordinance which will allow the municipalities to bill property owner's insurance companies for the cost to the Fire Department during a fire. Three options were presented.

Moved by Mann, seconded by Jones to accept the ordinance at \$750 per call plus \$300 per hour. Motion carried.

Two estimates were presented – Lakes Asphalt Maintenance for \$4471 and Jensen Chip & Seal Coating for \$4435.25 - for the sealcoating of the pathway. Moved by Bullis, seconded by Tesch to accept the Jensen estimate. Motion carried.

Considered looking into additional payment options for water and sewer bills including ACH and credit/debit card payments.

Moved by Mann, seconded by Tesch to have Kristin look into additional payment option for the water and sewer bills. Motion carried.

President/Trustee Reports:

Utilities: President Schreiner mentioned that one of the lift stations was struggling. Trustee Bullis stated that Tom and Hunter had to sandbag around it as too much water was running into it.

Park/Lake/Recreation: Discussed the requirements for having a camp host at Lakeview Park this season. We will be looking for a camp host to help clean the bathrooms and park, ensure payments are made, and to be available for other camper's questions. Trustee Mann questioned the new sign for Lakeview Park. Trustee Tesch will see where we are at with it. Trustee Mann also asked about the possibility of a sign to be erected on D north of the Elementary School. He was

put in charge of researching options. President Schreiner discussed an email received from Travel Wisconsin.

Dev./Buildings & Grounds: The Taylor County Forestry Dept. information that was sent from Jake Walcisak was discussed. The board collectively agreed to get together and draft a letter to the County Board in support of the Forestry Shop to be moved to Rib Lake.

Library: Trustee Mann stated that the Library meeting will not be until next week and they will be discussing the pavilion.

President Schreiner announced consideration of movement into closed session pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(c) considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.

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

Back in open session, there was no action business discussed.

Moved by Bullis, seconded by Jones to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 p.m. Motion carried.

Kristin Lueck, Village Clerk

