

Minutes of Meeting Sept. 8th, 2021

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

Visitors present were Phil Kriesel from MSA, Ben Greiner, and Brian Wilson 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	\$160,645.13
General Fund	\$550,358.02
Water Operations Fund	\$195,525.63
Water Redemption Fund	\$9,099.83
Water Depreciation Fund	\$13,953.94
Water Equipment Replacement Fund	\$22,861.65
Sewer Operations Fund	\$167,833.77
Sewer Redemption Fund	\$226,549.74
Sewer Depreciation Fund	\$11,956.00
Sewer Equipment Replacement Fund	<u>\$175,824.19</u>
	\$1,534,607.90

General Bills Paid August 2021

Check Number

10292	Exxon Mobil	536.49
10293	Streichers	77.96
10294	Audrey Noland	139.64
10295	Benjamin Greiner	154.70
10296	Danielle Fornal	622.37
10297	Gary Polacek	906.38
10298	Jessica McGregor	73.88
10299	Jordan Yanko	221.64
10300	William Eisner	452.51
	IRS	2051.82
	IRS	489.48

	WI DOR	1061.56
	WI Retirement	3167.36
10301	Medford Cooperative	463.04
10302	Fire Truck Replacement CD	10,000.00
10303	Rib Lake Cemetery Association	750.00
10304	Prairie Nursery	656.24
10305	Galls	66.03
10306	Rib Lake True Value	312.86
10307	Central WI Publications	41.63
10308	Superior Chemical Corp.	306.22
10309	Core & Main	221.29
10310	Frontier	70.61
10311	Advanced Disposal	3382.81
10312	Security Health Plan	6616.19
10313	Daniel Koehler	613.59
10314	Derek Beckstrand	1195.14
10315	Hunter Bernitt	1009.20
10316	Krista Blomberg	511.40
10317	Kristin Lueck	1065.80
10318	Tamara Blomberg	481.89
10319	Tammy Mann	64.89
10320	Thomas Olson	1115.29
10321	Roxanne Peterson	60.00
	IRS	1887.32
10322	CDBG-PF	28.00
10323	CarQuest	42.78
10324	Cardmember Services	973.42
10325	J&P Auto	25.87
10326	PD Squad Fund	2500.00
	RL Sewer Utility	951.49
	RL Water Utility	352.73
10327	Jensen Chip & Seal Coating	4435.25
10328	Advance Auto Parts	12.99

General Receipts August 2021

Receipt Number

8229	Lexis Nexis	5.00
8230	Chris Roupp	25.00

8231	Lakeview Park	1060.00
8232	Rib Waters Inn	326.59
8233	Dolores Safemaster	40.00
8234	Rib Lake Homes LLC	292.23
8235	Customer Accts	485.90
8236	Jt. RL Area Recycling Commission	180.00
8237	Shannon Budimlija	120.00
8238	Mad City Home Improvements	35.00
8239	Taylor County Treasurer	333.26
8240	Peter Katzfey	25.00
8241	Jason Lepak	50.00
8242	Residents	50.00
8243	Lakeview Park	720.00
8244	Sharon Westfall	25.00
8245	Bill Niggemann	10.00
8246	Resch Holdings LLC	433.10
8248	Residents	50.00
8249	Inland Lakes	25,025.00
8250	Lakeview Park	830.00
8251	Customer Accts	451.12
8252	Taylor County Treasurer	78,608.94
8253	Customer Accts	1444.06
8254	Paige Ogle	75.00
8255	April Haas	120.00

Water Bills Paid August 2021

Check Number

8968	AgSource	100.00
8969	Xcel Energy	466.20
8970	Cardmember Services	14.92

Water Receipts August 2021

Receipt Number

1853	Customer Accts	1394.72
1854	Customer Accts	1063.15
1855	Customer Accts	352.73

Sewer Bills Paid August 2021

Check Number

5206	Exxon Mobil	424.00
5207	Black River Transport	4437.50
5208	AgSource	1107.00
5209	USA BlueBook	346.67
5210	Rib Lake True Value	27.76
5211	Northwoods Lock Service	15.00
5212	USA BlueBook	875.59
5213	Cardmember Service	14.92

Sewer Receipts August 2021

Receipt Number

1658	Customers	30.00
1659	Customer Accts	4124.59
1660	Customers	20.00
1661	Steve's Plumbing	25.00
1662	Black River Transport	2060.86
1663	Customers	20.00
1664	Customer Accts	2761.54
1665	Customer Accts	951.49

Moved by Jones, seconded by Tesch to accept the Treasurers Report as printed.
Motion carried.

Chief Beckstrand presented his monthly police report. The portable radio that was ordered is on the way after being backordered. The vandals that damaged the Ice Age Pavilion roof and picnic tables have been caught.

Old Business:

Phil Kriesel of MSA was present and gave the following update.

WWTF IMPROVEMENTS – SLUDGE STORAGE TANK

The WWTF Improvements were completed by Staab the week of August 2nd. Staab will be returning to complete a few remaining items including minor cleanup. The work is anticipated to be completed this month, with the final payment application being next month.

MCCOMB AVENUE / LANDALL AVENUE CDBG GRANT APPLICATION

Last month MSA provided the Village with a design and construction contract to kick off the project. With a signed contract, we have begun the process of design. One of the first items will be soil borings. We will mark the approximate locations in the street. The drilling contractor will adjust the actual borings based on utilities marked during a diggers locate. The question of street lighting has been brought up. MSA has provided the Village with an estimate

of:

- Light poles with outlets and banner arm, bases and wiring at \$95,000. This is a very early estimate.
- The effort to design the lighting would be near \$20,000.
- The effort added to construction would be near \$10,000.

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN (ARP) ACT

By now the Village should have received their first of two payment installments. The total amount of the two payments will be approximately \$85,300. We encourage the clerk to assign a special accounting number to the fund for accurate tracking.

The Recovery Fund dollars can be used for a myriad of purposes. MSA can assist the Village with guidance on uses of the funds. It is important to be very thoughtful of the use as you do not want to expend these funds on items or projects that could be financed through other means. Reports on the uses of the Recovery Fund will be due annually and be completed through the Sam.gov website.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION (PSC) OF WISCONSIN – SIMPLIFIED

RATE CASE

MSA assisted the Village in navigating the beginning process of the Simplified Rate Case study, which is completed through the Public Service Commission (PSC) of Wisconsin. MSA's funding team provided documentation and direction on where to begin and can be of further assistance if needed. The PSC Annual Report showed the Rate of Return (ROR) on the rate base was lower this year which might be favorable for PSC to consider a Simplified Rate Case. The previous few years the "ROR" was within the PSC target range and so they would not take up the Simplified Rate Case requests.

WATER TOWER REHABILITATION

(No Change)

Due to the current funding climate, the Village is planning to see how the project scores with next year's Safe Drinking Water Loan program application. Plans and specifications would need to be submitted to the DNR (along with the SDWLP Application) by June 30, 2022.

This plan is based primarily upon KLM's indication that things were not extremely urgent (complete rehab by 2025) and the anticipation that there will be a stimulus-type Federal Infrastructure funding program rolled out this July or August and additional funds will be made available for the Safe Drinking Water Loan Program for next year's applicants. As a reminder, the water tower rehabilitation project did not score very high (Score of 74) this year. Historically, a score of 74 would not guarantee Principal Forgiveness (Grant) funding.

Therefore, with the potential of record-setting contributions to Clean Water Fund, Safe Drinking Water Loan Program, and CDBG through the Federal Infrastructure Stimulus, the Village's chances of receiving financial assistance next year are believed to be much greater and worth waiting for given the circumstances and relatively lower urgency of the water tower project. We should still plan on having design plans and specifications ready by late-summer or perhaps early winter so that the project can be shovel-ready and meet shovel-worthy requirements when they are made available.

New Business:

The board discussed lighting options for Main Street that would be done along with the McComb/Landall project. Trustee Bullis had been looking at some options for the poles and types of lighting. MSA stated that solar is not any cheaper than wiring. They would need to know no later than Christmas what we

decide. Trustees Bullis, Tesch, and Mann will be on a committee to come up with some options for the board.

The following ordinance was presented to the board for consideration.

Ordinance 3 - 2021

An Ordinance Establishing Bicycle Rules and Safety

10.20.010: Right of Way: The operator of a bicycle emerging from an alley, driveway or building shall, upon approaching a sidewalk or the sidewalk area extending across any alley yield the right of way all pedestrians approaching on sidewalk or sidewalk area, and upon entering the roadway shall yield the right of way to all vehicles approaching on said roadway. (Prior code §13.06(6))

10.20.020: Operation on sidewalks prohibited exceptions: It is unlawful for any person eight years or older to operate a bicycle upon any sidewalk in the village. (Ord 14/95 §1, 1995: prior code §13.06(7) (part))

10.20.030 Riding on certain streets prohibited -- Signs to be erected: The chief of police is authorized to cause signs to be erected on any roadway prohibiting riding bicycles thereon by any person, and when such signs are in place no person shall disobey the same. (Prior code §13.06(7) (part)).

10.20.040 Bicycle Operation:

A. No person shall operate a bicycle upon a highway unless equipped as required in §347.489 Wisconsin statutes.

B. Manner of operation restricted. No bicycle shall be allowed to proceed in any street in the Village by inertia or momentum with the feet of the rider removed from the bicycle pedals. No rider of a bicycle shall remove both hands from the handlebars or practice any trick or fancy riding in any street in the Village, nor shall any bicycle rider carry or ride any other person so that two persons are on the bicycle at one time, unless a seat is provided for a second person.

C. Rules of the road. The provisions of Ch. 346 and 347, Wis. Stats., and applicable Village ordinances shall govern the operation of bicycles where appropriate.

D. Rules for turning.

1. The operator of a bicycle intending to turn to the right at an intersection shall approach the point of turning in the traffic lane nearest the right-hand edge or curb of the street and, in turning, shall keep as closely as practicable to the right-hand edge or curb of the highway.
2. The operator of a bicycle intending to turn to the left of an intersection or into a private driveway shall make such turn from the traffic lane immediately to the right or next to the center of the street and pass immediately to the left of the center of the intersection, passing as closely as practicable to the left of the center of the intersection immediately to the right of the center of the intersection of the street.
3. At any intersection where traffic is controlled by a traffic control signal or by a traffic officer, it shall be unlawful for any such operator of such bicycle upon any street to disobey the instructions of any official traffic sign or signal placed in accordance with the laws of the State of Wisconsin and the ordinances of the Village.
4. Crosswalks shall be used when walking a bicycle through an intersection.

E. Emerging from alley or driveway. The operator of a bicycle emerging from an alley, driveway or building shall, upon approaching a sidewalk or the sidewalk area extending across any

alleyway, yield the right-of-way to all pedestrians and, upon entering the roadway, shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles approaching on said roadway.

F. Bicycles not to be pulled by moving vehicles. No person riding upon a bicycle shall cling or attach himself or his bicycle to any other moving vehicle upon a street or highway, nor shall the operator of any such bicycle tow or draw any coaster, wagon, sled, person on roller skates, toy vehicles or any other similar vehicle on such highway.

G. Speed. No person shall operate a bicycle at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under existing conditions or in excess of any posted speed limit.

H. Operation on sidewalks. No person exceeding the age of 8, shall operate or make use of a bicycle on sidewalks in the Village of Rib Lake.

10.20.050 Rider compliance with traffic-control devices required -- Compliance with pedestrian regulations when: Any person operating a bicycle shall obey the instructions of official traffic control signals, signs and other control devices applicable to vehicles, unless otherwise so directed by the chief of police or a police officer. Whenever authorized signs are erected indicating that no right turn, left turn or U turn is permitted, no person operating a bicycle shall disobey the direction of any such sign, except where such person dismounts from the bicycle to make any such turn in which event such person shall then obey the regulations applicable to pedestrians. (Prior code §13.06(11) (part)).

10.20.060 Equipment requirements:

- A. No bicycle shall be operated on any street, highway, alley or other roadway during any period of time from one half hour after sunset to one half hour before sunrise without a white light headlight to illuminate objects fifty feet ahead of the headlights and taillight or adequate reflector attached to and visible on the rear of such bicycle of a distance of not less than two hundred feet.
- B. Every bicycle shall be equipped with a brake which will enable the operator to make the wheel skid on dry, level, clean pavement. This brake shall be free of defects and in working condition.

10.20.070 Rider under twelve years of age --Operation during certain hours prohibited: No person under the age of twelve years shall operate a bicycle upon any public street, highway, alley or other roadway within the village between the hours of nine p.m. and five a.m.

10.20.080 Turning and signaling requirements -- Trick riding prohibited: Every person riding a bicycle upon any village street, highway, alley or other roadway shall turn only at intersections or driveways as permitted, signal for all turns and stops at the right hand side of the street or highway as may be to the street curb, pass to the left when passing vehicle or bicycles that are slower moving and on the ride side when meeting. It shall be unlawful to do any trick riding on any street, highway, alley or other roadway, or to operate a bicycle without both hands on the handlebars.

10.20.100 Rental -- Licensing and equipment requirements to be complied with: A rental agency shall not rent or offer any bicycles to rent unless each bicycle is equipped with the lamps and other equipment required in this chapter.

10.20.110 Penalty for violation: The penalty for violation of any provision of any section shall be a penalty provided in Chapter 1.12 of this code. (Amended during 1978 codification: prior code §13.06(18)).

10.20.120 Skateboards and electric scooters:

- A. No person shall ride or operate a skateboard or electric scooter upon any public street or sidewalk within a business district. "Business district" for the purposes of this section is defined as any area containing primarily commercially zoned uses which generate heavy pedestrian traffic during the business hours. Said business district shall have a minimum street frontage of 100 feet.
- B. No person shall ride or operate a skateboard or electric scooter in the park shelters and performance stage or in any public area where such activity is prohibited by notice posted on appropriate signs.
- C. No person may ride or operate a skateboard or electric scooter on the property of any person or business without the written permission of the property owner or the person in charge of the property.
- D. Skateboarding on sidewalks is permitted except as otherwise prohibited in this section and otherwise regulated.
- E. No person shall operate skateboards or electric scooters from a period of time from one half hour after sunset to one half hour before sunrise.
- F. Any person operating a skateboard or electric scooter shall obey all vehicle traffic laws.
- G. Any person who violates any provision of this section shall be subject to a penalty as provided in Chapter 1.12 of this Code.

Approved: _____
 William Schreiner, Village President

Attest: _____
 Kristin Lueck, Village Clerk

Moved by Mann, seconded by Jones to approve the bicycle ordinance. Motion carried.

The board discussed the open shelter at Lakeview Park. The Parks Committee will be looking at the old shelter and get some ideas to present to the board at the next meeting.

Trustee Tesch provided the board with a quote for the Ice Age Pavilion roof. The board would like another quote before making a decision. Trustee Bullis will check if he can get another quote.

A quote for replacing the rain gutter on the Senior Citizens building was presented. The quote was for one side. The board would like both sides done. Moved by Buksa, seconded by VanHecker to have Trustee Tesch communicate with Olson Construction to schedule the seamless rain gutter to be put on the North and South sides of the Senior Center. Motion carried.

Moved by Buksa, seconded by Jones to schedule the annual Halloween trick-or-treating for Sunday, October 31st from 3 – 6 p.m. Motion carried.

The board reviewed quotes and discussed the purchase of a new public works truck. Trustee VanHecker stated that the lift gate won't fit on the new truck, and we will also need a new plow. The lift will cost approximately \$4500 and the plow approximately \$6500. Moved by VanHecker, seconded by Tesch to have the public works department order the truck from Wheelers.

The board reviewed a quote for a new squad. Chief Beckstrand went through the quote explaining the items that would and would not be needed. Discussion

took place on selling the current squad. Moved by VanHecker, seconded by Jones to purchase the new squad. Motion carried.

Trustee/Employee Reports:

Streets – Trustee VanHecker reported that American Asphalt should be finishing up on Ella Street soon. Some of the curb work may be getting done by our Public Works Department. Tannery Lane has been having issues with gravel running down from a driveway and gathering at the intersection of Tannery and Fayette. Public Works will be working on crowning the road, so the gravel doesn't wash out from the driveway onto the road.

Utilities – Trustee VanHecker provided the quotes for propane. Medford Cooperative had the lowest bid and will be our propane provider for the following year. Trustee VanHecker also reported that the water tower antenna was struck by lightning. The antenna was replaced, and all operations are back to normal.

Park, Lake, & Rec – There has been approximately 1600 ton of weeds taken out of the lake. The Village Board appreciates the hard work the Fish and Game has put into the lake in the last few months. Once again, our community pulled together to get the job done.

Dev., Bldgs., & Grounds – The Senior Citizens Center windows were looked at to determine longevity. We will possibly have to replace them in 4 or 5 years.

Fire & Recycling – September 23rd is the next meeting. Recycling Commission will meet at 7 p.m. and Fire Commission at 7:30 p.m.

Library – The concrete work is done on the picnic shelter. McMillan Electric will be coming this week to determine pricing on the electrical.

Moved by Bullis, seconded by Jones to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 p.m.
Motion carried.

Kristin Lueck, Village Clerk