

Community Announcements

- REMINDER: No parking on any Village streets from November 15th thru April 15th between the hours of 2:00 AM and 7:00 AM.
- Dorchester resident Jim Maurina was recognized by the AbbyColby Crossings Chamber of Commerce as the 2016 Lifetime Achievement Award recipient.

Village of Dorchester Finance Committee Meeting

Date: February 1, 2017 (Wednesday) 6:45 pm

Clerk's Office 228 W. Washington Ave, Dorchester WI

MINUTES:

1. Chairperson Schauer called the meeting to order.
2. In attendance were Chairperson Schauer, Trustee Cook, Trustee Derrico, and Clerk-Treasurer Ruge.
3. After discussion and review, a motion was made by Trustee Derrico, seconded by Trustee Cook, to approve the bills and vouchers from December, 2016. Motion carried 3-0.
4. After discussion and review, a motion was made by Trustee Derrico, seconded by Trustee Cook, to approve the bills and vouchers from January, 2017. Motion carried 3-0.
5. A motion was made by Trustee Derrico, seconded by Trustee Cook, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting was adjourned at 6:55pm.

Terri Wiersma, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

VILLAGE OF DORCHESTER BOARD MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, February 1, 2017 7:00pm Clerk's Office, 228 W. Washington Ave, Dorchester WI

Minutes:

1. The meeting was called to order by President Rau at 7:00pm.
2. Pledge of Allegiance was stated.
3. Board members in attendance included President Rau, Trustee Seubert, Trustee Underwood, Trustee Derrico, and Trustee Schwoch, Trustee Cook, and Trustee Schauer. Others in attendance were Water/Sewer Manager Rick Golz, Public Works employee Clint Penney, Police Chief Gary Leichtman, Clerk-Treasurer Brooke Ruge, Kevin O'Brien from the Tribune-Phonograph, Todd Trader from MSA, Dan Romer from MSA, John Ross from Clark County Emergency Management, Pam Leichtman, Maggie Geiger, Donna Rau, Terry Recore, Carol Staab, Connie Decker, and Theresa Geiger.
4. President Rau removed himself from the board table as this item was involving him. Discussion was held on an alleged violation to Ordinance 197: Work Ethics and Employment Code. Police Chief Leichtman alleged that, on December 19, 2016, Village President Rau and Village Clerk-Treasurer Brooke Ruge overstepped their authority by viewing video of an accident that occurred in the parking lot behind Memorial Hall and sharing that video with Jenny Halopka, manager of Tappers Bar, and that they also failed to report the accident to police. On that date, a pickup truck attempting to leave the parking lot struck another truck and a light pole on the way out. Damage to the trucks totaled over \$6000. Leichtman questioned if Rau has the authority to investigate accidents in the Village, and if this report should be sent to an outside agency to review whether criminal charges should be pursued.

Leichtman informed the Board of a 2nd incident that occurred on October 16, 2016, when a noise complaint occurred at Tappers Bar and alleged President Rau and Clerk-Treasurer Ruge gave special

permission to the manager to allow the music to play past the time indicated in her lease. Leichtman questioned why this was not stopped by Village Clerk Ruge and Rau.

A motion was made by Trustee Derrico, seconded by Trustee Cook, to accept Village attorney Bonnie Wachsmuth's written legal opinion that there were no ethics violations or any other wrong-doing committed by President Rau or Clerk Ruge. Motion passed 6-0, with President Rau abstaining. After this vote, President Rau resumed running the meeting and took his place back at the board table.

5. There was no public input.
6. A motion was made by Trustee Schwoch, seconded by Trustee Derrico, to approve the minutes from the January 4, 2017, Board meeting. Motion carried, 7-0.
7. A motion was made by Trustee Schauer, seconded by Trustee Derrico, to approve the January, 2017 Audit Report; the February, 2017 Audit Report was received from Clerk-Treasurer.
8. Village resident Terry Recore spoke regarding a letter he received from Chief Leichtman about violations of Ordinance 200: Relating to Building and Construction Nuisances. He stated the building inspector had been to his property in response to the building permit application he had applied for in January. He also said he was told that his building materials needed to be put on a trailer.
9. Since the letter that was sent to Mr. Recore gave him until the end of February to comply to Ordinance 200 the Board decided to table any decision on citation amounts until the March meeting.
10. Chief Leichtman gave his monthly report. He will make contact with Cal Steen regarding clean up at his storage building in the Village. The Board also reminded him that Center Avenue no longer exists in the Village, and he needs to use 'Business County Road A' in his reports.
11. Discussion was held on the purchase of body cameras for the police department. President Rau expressed concerns about having a policy in place for the cameras before they were placed into service. Chief Leichtman stated that Wisconsin Trainings & Standards has policies the department can use until a local policy is established. A motion was made by Trustee Underwood, seconded by Trustee Seubert, to approve the purchase of body cameras as long as a policy was found on the WI Trainings & Standards website and followed until a local policy can officially be developed by Lexipol. Motion carried, 7-0.
12. Discussion was held on the purchase of a dashcam for the squad car. Determination was made that it was more important to have body cameras right now and this item could be revisited at a later date if necessary.
13. John Ross, Clark County Emergency Management, spoke on the need to update communication equipment, and presented a lease agreement which would allow equipment to be mounted on the Village water tower.
14. A motion was made by Trustee Derrico, seconded by Trustee Schauer, to approve the lease pending review and approval by the Village attorney. Motion carried, 7-0.
15. Rick Golz gave the water/sewer monthly update. Nothing out of the ordinary to report. The blower for the sewer ponds went out, so parts were changed out to get it working, but Golz hopes to purchase a new one to have a spare in case it goes out again.
16. A motion was made by Trustee Schauer, seconded by Trustee Schwoch, to approve the purchase of a new blower for the sewer ponds at a cost of \$1678.40. Motion carried, 7-0.

17. Public Works employee Clint Penney gave the monthly update. They are nearly out of salt, but will be using more of the salt/sand mixture on the Village streets. The GMC truck is now road-legal. The basket that was recently purchased has been painted and is ready for use.
18. Discussion was held on the blacktop options for E. Business County Road A. Public works met with Randy Anderson from the Clark County Highway Commission. A 6' paved shoulder is needed from the railroad tracks to Park Drive, and another 4' on the north side from Park Road to the C-store. The Village will have to pay for 6'x150', and should have quotes to present at the March meeting. This item will be tabled until then.
19. A motion was made by Trustee Schwoch, seconded by Trustee Cook, to accept a quote from MSA for surveying services. Motion carried, 6-1, with President Rau dissenting. Although the two other quotes received were lower, the Board was concerned with some of the wording of the estimates.
20. Todd Trader from MSA introduced Dan Romer, who has been with MSA for 3 years. Todd gave the Board an update on the planned 2017 streets and utilities projects. Preliminary plans are available at the clerk's office upon request.
21. After hearing Todd's updates, the Board requested that he bring updated plans to the March meeting.
22. New legislation now requires that the Joint Review Board meet each year to review a report about the financial situation of each TID. MSA has proposed to help the village prepare this report with the help of the auditor and any other TID related items that are needed during 2017 on an hourly basis. A motion was made by Trustee Schauer, seconded by Trustee Schwoch, to approve the TID contract with the Act 257 option. Motion carried, 7-0.
23. Discussion was held on having MSA to do face-to-face meetings with local businesses regarding the sewage treatment phosphorus reduction program; a motion was made by Trustee Cook, seconded by Trustee Schwoch, to approve the additional costs of these meetings with MSA Professional Services. Motion carried, 7-0.
24. Discussion was held on updating Ordinance 145: Regarding Open Fires in the Village. The ordinance gives the authority to the Fire Chief to issue permits for burning permits in the village, but the permits have been issued by the Police Chief instead. The Board would like to talk to the new Fire District officials to see if they can get a uniform set of rules set up for the entire district, and tabled this item until the March meeting.
25. Clerk-Treasurer Ruge stated that 3 proposals were received for financing from local banks. A motion was made by Trustee Schauer, seconded by Trustee Seubert to approve the 10-year proposal from Advantage Community Bank for financing of 2017 street projects with an initial 60 month interest rate of 2.85%, then repriced to 5 year US Treasury rate plus 0.90% with a cap of 4.85%. Motion carried, 7-0.
26. Long-time Village resident Jim Maurina was honored by the AbbyColby Crossings Chamber of Commerce as the 2016 Lifetime Achievement Award recipient.
27. The next Village Board meeting will be on Wednesday, March 1, 2017.
28. A motion was made by Trustee Schauer, seconded by Trustee Cook, to adjourn. Motion carried, 7-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:55pm.

Terri Wiersma
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer