

VILLAGE OF DORCHESTER FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Wednesday, November 6, 2024 6:30 pm
Municipal Building, 250 Parkside Drive, Dorchester WI

MINUTES:

1. Meeting was called to order by Trustee Lageman at 6:31pm.
2. Present were Trustee Lageman, Trustee Carter and Trustee Ballerstein. Also present was Clerk/Treasurer Christie Erikson.
3. Motion was made by Trustee Ballerstein, seconded Trustee Carter to approve financial activity for October, 2024.
4. Motion was made by Trustee Carter, seconded by Trustee Ballerstein to adjourn. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting was adjourned at 6:44pm.

VILLAGE OF DORCHESTER BOARD MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, November 6, 2024
Immediately following the Public Hearing on the 2025 Village Budget
Municipal Building, 250 Parkside Drive, Dorchester WI

MINUTES:

1. Meeting was called to order by President Schwoch at 7:02pm.
2. Pledge of Allegiance was said.
3. Present were President Schwoch, Trustee Klimpke, Trustee Carter, Trustee Lageman, Trustee Ballerstein and Trustee Goldschmidt. Trustee Klemetson was absent. Also present was Clerk/Treasurer Christie Erikson, Water/Sewer Manager Rick Golz, Public Works Supervisor Clint Penney, Officer Dan Walters, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Jenny Reynolds, Jenny Hinker, Nathaniel Underwood – TP Printing, Paul Socwell and Kevin Marcott.
4. Public Input – Paul Socwell spoke about how thankful he was for the village letting him build the race track. The track was well received by all the racers. Paul Socwell would like to sit down sometime and talk about the possibility to purchase the land.
5. Motion was made by Trustee Lageman, seconded by Trustee Klimpke to approve minutes of the October 2, 2024 Board Meeting. Motion carried 6-0.
6. Motion was by Trustee Klimpke, seconded by Trustee Lageman to approve October, 2024 Audit Report, and receive November, 2024 Audit Report from Clerk-Treasurer. Motion carried 6-0.
7. Water/Sewer Rick Golz reported water is good. EPA and DNR cooper and lead pipes inventory done. The residents with cooper and lead pipes will be getting letters mailed to them. AMS sledge process is done. MSA working on waste water permit.
8. Public Works Supervisor Clint Penney reported that Parkside Drive will be done by the end of the week. East Second Avenue will not be done this year. Street sweeping is done. Salt bin is good and they are getting ready for the winter.

9. Reminder of the Winter Parking Restrictions from November 15, 2024 to April 15, 2025. Parking is banned from all Village streets between the hours of 2am and 7am, seven days a week. Violators will be ticketed and possibly towed.
10. Clerk's Office monthly update – November 5th, 2024 General Election, the Village of Dorchester had 40 in-person absentee ballots, 25 absentee ballots mailed, 2 email absentee ballots, 28 voter registrations prior to election, 61 voter registrations on election day. Clerk/Treasurer Christie Erikson stated there has been some accusations from Jenny Hinker and a board member that she is not doing her job correctly by stating too much at board meetings. Christie feels that this is originating from the fact Jenny wasn't getting her way with who has access to the security cameras. Jenny wanted the board to purchase the security cameras and she have the main control over who accesses the cameras. Christie had contacted the village attorney about the situation and the attorney said that it was legal for her to speak at meetings. The village attorney also stated that the village will have sole access to the cameras in the areas that are not rented out. Christie then asked the board if they would prefer her not to inform them of the information for agenda items and Trustee Klimpke commented that "Christie needs to be talking at the meeting because she does her job well and knows what is going on with the village". Trustee Carter also stated that "Christie needs to give all the updates at the meeting". The board agreed that they would prefer her to speak at the meetings to provide proper information on agenda items so the board can make suitable decisions for the village. Christie then continue with giving examples of the lack of Jenny Hinker's credibility. At the March 7, 2023 board meeting Jenny stated that the Curtiss Snowmobile club requested to have the Memorial Hall rent free for their event. A member of the community and Curtiss Snowmobile club confirmed that Curtiss did not request it and Jenny is the one that said it to the club. Per Memorial Hall lease, only "local organizations and churches are allowed to use the Memorial Hall one time per year rent free". But Jenny has been for the past 5 years having rent free craft shows at the hall. She receives rent from the vendors for those events. The Memorial Hall lease states that "any or all rental fees collected for such events will be turned over to the village". She has been withholding those monies from the village. The village board had approve 4 polka dances at the hall rent free, one in November, two in January and one in April. She currently had one in October rent free which was not approved by the board. Christie questioned the board about why they invest so much time and effort and money for her when is not even a resident of the village or a tax payer. Jenny just leases the Memorial Hall from the village and is to follow the rules laid out in the lease.
11. Library updates – Library next meeting is November 18th, 2024.
12. Memorial Hall update – Jenny Hinker stated the 4 yard dumpster is there now and working out great. There were 200 people who showed up for the free Red Higgins event on October 26th. October income was \$3,597.50, with bowling fees at \$2,002.50 and rental fees at \$1595.00. Jenny also stated she felt blindsided at the board meeting. She took over the Memorial Hall 10 years ago which it was losing money. She now has the Memorial Hall in the plus income. Jenny feels she is doing a great. She feels she is not making a lot of profit off of the Memorial Hall because she does not get paid for cleaning or anything like that. Jenny said she would even be willing to pay more to the lease the Memorial Hall. The Public Works, Village Buildings & Utilities Committee along with the Village Board need to look at the lease and update it.
13. Clark County Sheriff's Department update – Officer Walters reported that he had worked a total of 55.25 hours in Dorchester for the month of October. The calls were: 5 traffic stops, 4 stranded motorist, 9 transports, 1 welfare check, 5 garbage dumping complaints, 2 animal complaints, 1 traffic complaint, 1 disturbance, 1 accident, 1 suspicious activity, 1 miscellaneous and 2 process services. On October 18th 2024, Officer Walters attended a meeting with Sheriff Haines, Chief Deputy Hirsh, Captain

Hebert, Attorney Bonnie Wachsmuth, President Kurt Schwoch and Clerk/Treasurer Christie Erikson. The meeting was in regards to some issues that had arose and the format tickets for the Village of Dorchester. During the meeting he stated that Attorney Wachsmuth would help with the wording of the tickets. He received the new ticket design today. He still think the Ordinance needs to be changed in regards to the amount of the parking violation fine and the amount of days the ticket can stand without being paid.

14. Zoning: Jeremy Wiese building permit for storage building
15. Motion was made by Trustee Klimpke, seconded by Trustee Lageman to table the approval on the usage of tickets for ordinance violators. Motion carried 6-0.
16. Motion was made Trustee Goldschmidt, seconded by Trustee Klimpke to approve the format of the tickets with the correct verbiage on the ticket. Motion carried. 6-0.
17. Motion was made by Trustee Klimpke, seconded by Trustee Lageman to approve the Resolution 341 – Authorizing the Adoption of the 2025 Budget and Setting the Tax Levy. Motion carried 6-0.
18. Motion was made by Trustee Klimpke, seconded by Trustee Lageman to approve the Resolution 342 – Authorizing the Issuance, Sale and Delivery of a General Obligation Promissory Note in the Approximate Amount of \$220,000. Motion carried 6-0.
19. Motion was made by Trustee Lageman, seconded by Trustee Carter to approve the Resolution 343 – Authorizing an Increase in the Village Sewer Rate. Motion carried 6-0.
20. Motion was made by Trustee Lageman, seconded by Trustee Goldschmidt to approve the attorney's recommendation that the village can install security cameras at the Memorial Hall but only in the areas that are not being rented and the village has sole access to those cameras and Lessee, Jenny Hinker does not have access to the villages cameras. The lessee can install cameras in her rented areas, which she would then have access to. Motion carried 6-0.
21. Update on financing for TID paybacks and 2025 street projects – The State Trust Fund loan application was sent in and no response back yet from the State.
22. Motion was made by Trustee Klimpke, seconded by Trustee Carter to approve the Dorchester Park Corporation to install security cameras at the park/campground areas. Motion carried 6-0.
23. Update and possible action on Bingo at the Memorial Hall – Bingo will run from November 6th 2024 to April. There are 11 dates set. Bingo will be 3 – 3 ½ hours long.
24. Motion was made by Trustee Goldschmidt, seconded by Trustee Lageman to approve creating contracts for land rental. Motion carried 6-0.
25. Motion was made by Trustee Goldschmidt, seconded by Trustee Lageman to keep the same snowmobile routes for 2024-2025 through the Village. Motion carried 5-1.
26. Date of next board meeting: December 4, 2024.
27. Motion was made by President Schwoch, seconded by Klimpke to adjourn. Motion carried 6-0. Meeting was adjourned at 8:18pm.

Jenny Reynolds, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer