



VILLAGE OF HEWITT BOARD MINUTES – April 12, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Eilers.

PRESENT: Ken Eilers, Dan Sova, Kris Hawley, Scott Wunrow, Jeff Graves and Marlene Stueland

ABSENT: None

GUESTS: Charlie Adamski, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Schreiner

MINUTES: A motion by Kris, second by Scott to approve the March 8, 2011 regular Board minutes carried.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC: Mr. Schreiner addressed the Board regarding drainage concerns boarding and on his property located at 7850 Evergreen Street. The drainage situation has increased in recent years due to residents who may have filled in their roadside ditches; Mr. Schreiner inquired if the Road Commissioner could take a transit of the ditch levels to make a determination if there were substantial level differences.

BUILDING PERMITS ISSUES: No issues.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Hewitt Area Fire Commission:

- Approval of Bills: A motion by Scott second by Jeff to approve the monthly bills carried.
- Fire Commission Meeting: Ken presented highlights from the April 4, 2011 Fire Commission meeting. Brian Hafermann's appointment status as Fire Chief was changed from probationary to permanent. Brian Hopperdietzel submitted his resignation from the Hewitt Fire Department.

Sanitary Utility:

- Sanitary Commissioner Report & Monthly Maintenance Report: The monthly maintenance and commissioner's reports were reviewed as submitted by Reigel and Ken. Flow readings were noted increased over the last month reflective of the amount of rain that occurred. The motor on the aerator had a bearing out; Dakota Electric replaced the motor; the old one will be repaired to be used as a backup. Kris will check with the City of Marshfield for dates when they will be scheduling televising; a determination will be made at a later date whether the Village will pursue any televising this year.

Recreation Department: Registration forms have been coming in; the group will continue to meet at least monthly over the summer and early Fall.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Sanitary	\$34,070.45
Village	\$(5,073.02)
Parks	\$ 5,382.45
Trails	\$12,123.53
Total Checking	\$ 46,503.41

- A motion by Jeff, second by Kris to access the line of credit of \$50,000; motion carried
- A motion was made by Scott with second by Dan to approve the Village & Sanitary treasurer report. Motion carried.
- A motion by Jeff, second by Scott, to add to the bills of the month a stipend payment in the amount of \$250 payable to Ken Bradbury for his time and mileage in attending the Planning Committee meeting; motion carried.
- A motion was made by Scott, second by Kris to pay the bills of the month carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Roads: Kris reported that he had patched potholes on Village streets; Yellowstone Drive was particularly bad this Spring. The stop sign at Apple and Main Street will be replaced. Second and Sixth streets sustained severe weather erosion and will need urgent attention. Yellowstone Drive also has

visible areas where the blacktop has broken up. Street lights on Main Street will be repaired this month; 50/50 road aide plan was completed and will be sent to the County. Kris will follow-up on the issue brought forward earlier this evening by Mr. Frank Schriener. Board members acknowledged with appreciation Roger Meyer for the time and work he gave for plowing the Yellowstone ice skating rink this past winter along with providing his own equipment to do the plowing.

- **Grounds & Maintenance:** Dan reported that he had checked the lights on the fire station and they are now all in working order; Dan plans to paint the Village Hall kitchen in the next month. Dan was requested to follow-up with Joyce on several maintenance issues that Joyce had identified and to check the hall sidewalk for necessary repair work. Ken presented information on costs for an outfield fence for Yellowstone Park (estimate \$6,320) with the recommendation to purchase the fence to have it installed for this year's softball league games. The Recreation Department will donate 50 percent of the cost for the fence. A motion by Scott, second by Kris to purchase the fence, carried by majority vote with Dan Sova voting no. The floors in the Village Hall and Yellowstone Park pavilion will be waxed during the forthcoming month; Ken will schedule. A motion by Kris, second by Dan to approve installation of a porta-potty at Yellowstone Park carried. A dumpster which will be located at Yellowstone Park has been donated by Veolia Environmental Services for the summer months.
- **Parks Committee:** The Committee continues to meet and discuss project to be completed.
- **Trails Committee:** The Committee continues to meet and discuss plans for continued trail development. The overall project design has been updated and resubmitted.
- **Animal Control Officer Report:** A complaint was received regarding a pit bull on Main Street which was charging pedestrians; the property owner claimed the pit bull was not theirs but that they were temporarily taking care of it for a relative. The resident was warned to keep the dog on their property and under restraint.
- **Plan Growth Committee:** The Committee is seeking opportunities for a summer intern student to work with Ken Bradbury to evaluate well logs which will result in obtaining a geology summary and calculating water sustainability rate.
- **Web Committee:** The Committee is exploring potential host sites.

OLD BUSINESS:

Jeff inquired whether there was a plan to investigate the Village's actual insurance premium rates vs. the quote that was received. It was the consensus of board members to wait until the policy is up for renewal as one of the factors for the decision to go with this insurance company was the eligibility for the Village to obtain a dividend at the end of the coverage period which may offset the premium costs.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Emergency Warning Siren:** Ken reported that he had been contacted by the City of Marshfield of the availability of an emergency warning siren that the Village could be given at no cost; the only associated costs would be for installation estimated at \$3,575 plus annual maintenance fees. Discussion followed. A motion by Kris second by Scott to accept the siren and study for a location site; motion carried.
- **Highway 10 Expansion Update:** The expansion plans were reviewed noting that work between Highway T and Hwy 13 is to be completed by the end of November 2011.
- **Oath of Office:** Newly elected board members to include Ken Eilers, President; Kris Hawley and Charlie Adamski, Trustees; were administered the Oath of Office.
- **THANK YOU & APPRECIATION FOR SERVICE:** Scott Wunrow, outgoing Trustee, was recognized for his years of service on the Village board with appreciation and a "Special Thank You" extended by those in attendance.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- The Correspondence File was passed around for Board review.

Meeting adjourned at 9:17 PM

Submitted by: *Marlene Stueland, Clerk*