



VILLAGE OF HEWITT
BOARD MINUTES – August 14, 2012
7 PM – Village of Hewitt Hall

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

PRESENT: Ken Eilers, Dan Sova, Charlie Adamski, Kevin Nowak, Kris Hawley, Marlene Stueland.

ABSENT: None

GUESTS: None

MINUTES: A motion by Kris, second by Kevin to approve the July 9th regular board meeting minutes with one correction reflecting Gordie Burr's new salary increase of \$200 carried.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC: Kris commented he had received an email from a village resident regarding the trains whistle blowing at all times of the night. Kris responded to the resident indicating that the whistle was a safeguard for traffic alert when the train was passing. Several years ago, the village board looked into options for reducing the whistle blowing during night hours but the cost was prohibitive and the village also did not meet the requirements to pursue.

BUILDING PERMITS ISSUES: No issues.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Hewitt Area Fire Commission:

- **Fire Commission Updates:** The commission met August 6th. Discussion items included 2013 budget preparation to include a zero percent increase. A recommendation to increase the officer wages in 2013 was approved. The annual Pumpkin run will be held November 3rd. Residential fire pit inspections continue. A mutual aide agreement between the Village of Hewitt and Town of Richfield was approved upon a motion by Dan, second by Charlie.
- A motion by Dan, second by Charlie to approve the monthly bills carried.

Sanitary Utility:

- **Sanitary Commissioner Report & Monthly Maintenance Report:** The monthly maintenance and commissioner's reports were provided by Ken. Gordie has assumed the additional duties of lift station and treatment plant grounds maintenance. The scum pump was repaired; compliance maintenance report was approved by the DNR; Ken noted that the 7th Street lift station needs to be painted; Ken will ask Gordie to paint the lift station.
- A motion by Charlie, second by Kevin to approve the quote of \$3,105 submitted by Tweet Garot Mechanical to purchase and install a flush valve at the 5th street lift station carried. The installation of the flush valve will prevent excessive grease build-up which has been a long standing problem at this lift station.

Recreation Department: The 2012 tournament was very successful and without incident.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Sanitary	10,485.37
Village	(6,209.10)
Parks	4,781.40
Trails	10,795.67
Total Checking	19,853.34
Total Bills of the Month	28,446.47

- A motion made by Kris second by Dan to approve the Village & Sanitary financial report carried.
- A motion made by Kris second by Charlie to pay the bills of the month carried.
- Marlene informed the board that it will be necessary to utilize funds from the line of credit to cover this month's bills.

- **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Roads: Kris reported he may have a roads committee meeting before the board's September meeting. The replacement flags purchased recently are of good quality and should last a long time. Maple Street will be graded in the near future; road patching is complete. Road/street signage is being reviewed for potential replacement.
- Grounds & Maintenance: Nothing new to report.
- Parks Committee: The minutes from the July 23 committee meeting were reviewed.
- Trails Committee: A work day on Sept. 22 is scheduled to build a bridge across the lagoon. There will be a meeting later this month to explore a collaborative grant opportunity; the City of Marshfield is coordinating the meeting; the trails have been sprayed for weeds. Paperwork for the grant is in the process of being completed.
- Comprehensive Planning Committee: The committee did not meet.
- Animal Control Officer Report- No complaints were received.
- Web Committee: A meeting is scheduled for September 16th.
- Emergency Government: Nothing new to report.
- Weed Commissioner Report: Dan reported that the road/street ditches had been cut.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- Bow & Arrow Shooting Permit: A motion by Dan, second by Kris to approve a bow & arrow practice shooting permit for Larry Nack carried.
- Kris suggested that election information be posted on the village's web site; Marlene will do so when the information becomes available.
- A motion to adjourn at 8:28 PM by Dan, second by Kevin carried.

Submitted by: Marlene Stueland, Clerk/Treasurer