

**VILLAGE OF WAUSAUKEE
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21st, 2015
WAUSAUKEE VILLAGE HALL
428 HARRISON AVENUE**

6:00 PM

MINUTES

1. Call to Order – President Radtke called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. Board members present were John Ranallo, Jason Figas, Mack McKim, Raymond Gordon and Rosie Figas. Bradley Taylor arrived at 7:40 p.m. and Treasurer Sara Pullen was excused. Also in attendance were Clerk Toshia Ranallo, Dennis Whitton Jr., Lonnie Bamberg, Jeff Mayou, Ezra Gruszynski, Sharon Kantner, Jim and Maria Knepel, Mary McKim, Ron Rost, JP Tracy and AJ Lipka.
2. Amend or Approve Agenda – Gordon made a motion seconded by McKim to approve the agenda as printed. Motion carried.

Audience to Anyone Wishing to Speak – Walter Gruszynski asked when maintenance will be done to Polk Avenue. Street Supervisor stated that he received a quote for \$16 a yard for patching material to patch all the pot holes and then next year the plan is to seal coat the street.

Maria and Jim Knepel asked the board for an update on abandoning the alley that abuts their property. It will be discussed as an agenda item at the next board meeting in October.

JP Tracy request the Village put up a fence near the alley by the water tower area. He has been having problems with vehicles driving through his field and damaging his crops. He stated that if he has to put up a fence than the snowmobile trail that goes through is property will have to be shut down. President Radtke will first discuss this with the Snowmobile Riders Club to see if they would be willing to put up the fence. If not, the Village will then address the issue.

3. Business with Guest
 - a. Discuss/Consider – AJ Lipka with Tele Pharm to give a presentation for opening a pharmacy in the Village. Action, if any. – TelePharm Pharmacy is a physical pharmacy which can operate sustainably in rural towns. It is just like a traditional pharmacy, except customers speak to the pharmacist through a secure video call. Lipka explained that TelePharm was founded in 2012 and operates in over 100 stores in 9 states. A TelePharm Pharmacy must be located in an existing medical facility such as Wausaukee Medial Center a branch of the Dickenson County Healthcare System.

Lipka explained that currently TelePharm’s largest rural community has a population of 3900. They target rural areas so smaller communities have a healthcare provider and pharmacy all in one which decreases the amount of travel for customers to fill their prescriptions. Lipka pointed out this would increase economic development by creating a storefront, adding quality paid pharmacy technician jobs, and keeping money in the community. The cost to bring a TelePharm Pharmacy to the Wausaukee Medical Center is estimated to 150-200k. The municipality is encouraged to invest 50k and Telepharm would invest the difference. The Village would need to set up a foundation and then receive 25% of the profits annually until the pharmacy is nonexistent. If the doors were to close the first year the Village would receive the entire 50k back. If the doors close within the second year the Village would receive 25K back. The Village would not see any profits the first year but could see profits within the second year. Lipka estimated the Village would recoup their investment by the fifth year and after that, the Village would earn 25% of the profits until the life of the pharmacy. He added that to date TelePharm has not closed any of their pharmacies.

He also explained that he has seen healthcare clinics contribute or pay the entire 25k investment because these facilities were in favor of providing the community with a pharmacy which in return increased their amount of patients. The Village would still receive 25% of the profits.

Lipka stated that he has a meeting scheduled with Dickenson County Healthcare to discuss opening a pharmacy in Florence as well as in Wausaukee. He will contact Clerk Ranallo and report his outcome from that meeting.

Lipka also explained another option in which a pharmacist could purchase the TelePharm software and be able to provide the service to the Village. The Village would not have to invest therefore would not see a profit.

4. Discuss/Consider – Ron Rost with Wausaukee Lions Club to discuss upper pavilion repairs and maintenance. Action, if any. – Rost explained there are repairs needed for the upper Lion’s Club Pavilions. There are branches hanging down near the smaller pavilion that need to be removed and both pavilions could use a coat of primer and paint. There is an access panel that is missing in one of the pavilions which could be replaced with a piece of plywood. The roof is rusting due to pine needles, tar and debris. He stated that he would organize his members to help with the repairs if the Village would pay for the supplies. After a brief discussion it was determined that the Town might be responsible for that pavilion and Rost was advised to contact them as well. The Village Parks committee will also discuss the pavilions in their next meeting. Rost will be invited to attend.
5. Motion to Approve Minutes
 - a. Special Village Board – 8/17/15 – R. Figas made a motion seconded by Gordon to approve the minutes as printed. Motion carried.
 - b. Regular Board Meeting – 8/17/15 – J. Figas made a motion seconded by Ranallo to approve the minutes as printed. Motion carried.
 - c. Finance Committee Meeting – 9/9/15 – Gordon made a motion seconded by McKim to approve the minutes as printed. Motion carried.
 - d. Water & Sewer Committee Meeting – 9/10/15 – R. Figas made a motion seconded by Gordon to approve the minutes as printed. Motion carried.
6. Motion to Approve Village Street Report – Gordon made a motion seconded by J. Figas to approve the street report. Motion carried.
7. Motion to Approve Utility Report – Ranallo made a motion seconded by McKim to approve the utility report. Motion carried.
8. Motion to Approve Bills – Ranallo made a motion seconded by McKim to approve the bills. Motion carried.
9. Motion to Approve Treasurer’s Report – Gordon made a motion seconded by J. Figas to approve the Treasurer’s Report as printed. Motion carried.
10. Committee Reports
 - a. Water & Sewer Committee – Gordon reported the committee is working on the 2016 budget.
 - b. Finance Committee – Gordon reported the committee is working on the 2016 budget.
11. President’s Report
 - a. WisDOT Hwy 141 reconstruction project update. – President Radtke reported the WisDOT has again postponed the STH 141 reconstruction project scheduled for 2016. Clerk Ranallo was told by the DOT Project Manager that the construction is delayed until spring of 2017 due to reductions in the Governor’s budget. Clerk Ranallo emailed the Governor’s office on 9/8/15 and expressed the importance of the Village’s streetscape project which coincides with the now postponed WisDOT project. The Village received notice in August from the State that they their Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application for the streetscape project was approved and would receive up to \$225,182 towards the project. The email also requested that the project not get postponed beyond 2017 due to the deadlines to use the awarded grant funding. On 9/21/15 Clerk Ranallo received a call from WisDOT Project Manager Paul Zoellner. He stated he would contact the Village’s CDBG contact and encourage them to secure the grant funds for the streetscape project. He stated that the Village will be receiving a letter from WisDOT and the Governor’s office to follow up on the matter.
 - b. President Radtke will contact Paul Zoellner regarding pot holes on HWY 141. Clerk Ranallo will contact Marinette County Highway Department as well.
12. Unfinished Business
 - a. Discuss/Consider – Removal and re-placement of trees along Hwy 141 due to conflict with the WisDOT 2016 reconstruction project of Hwy 141. Action, if any. – McKim made a motion seconded by Gordon to have Parthie Landscaping transplant the trees in the Stumbris Sr. Memorial Park at a quote of \$200 per tree. Motion carried. The Parks committee will meet in the near future to decide on locations for the trees.

- b. Discuss/Consider – Gateway monument placement. Action, if any. – Tabled.

13. New Business

- a. Discuss/Consider – Mandatory CDBG-PF awardees training. Action, if any. – President Radtke explained that the grant administrator (Clerk Ranallo) and one local official must attend. It was decided to send Trustee John Ranallo and compensate him the cost of a hotel room. McKim made a motion seconded by Gordon to approve the expense. Motion carried.
- b. Discuss/Consider – Hands on Maintenance of Hydrants and Unidirectional Flushing training for Dennis Whitton, September 23, 2015, Green Bay, WI. Action, if any. – J. Figas made a motion seconded by Gordon to approve the training. Motion carried.
- c. Discuss/Consider – Evergreen Cemetery grounds keeping invoice. Action, if any. – J. Figas made a motion seconded by McKim to reduce the equipment charges by 50 percent. Motion carried. The invoice was for five labor hours plus equipment charges totaling \$370. The new invoice will be \$213.75.
- d. Discuss/Consider – Approve 2016 Wausaukee Rescue Squad contract. Action, if any. – R. Figas made a motion seconded by Gordon to approve the contract for \$13,194.41 due on or before February 15, 2016. Motion carried.
- e. Discuss/Consider – Renewal of State Bank of Florence CD for a twelve month term. Action, if any. – Ranallo made a motion seconded by Taylor to renew the CD for a twelve month term. Motion carried.
- f. Discuss – Set Parks Committee meeting. – A meeting will be scheduled in the near future with the Town of Wausaukee to discuss the Steve Stumbris Sr. Memorial Park (SSSMP) agreement and the Evergreen Park upper pavilion area. Other Village topic will include placement of trees in the SSSMP and upgrading the electrical outlets in the upper campground in the Evergreen Park.
- g. A Finance Committee meeting was scheduled for Thursday, September 24, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.
- h. A Water & Sewer Committee meeting was scheduled for Thursday, October 1, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.

14. Additional Business

- a. Discuss/Consider – Convene into closed session per State Statute 19.85(1) (c) to consider employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, to wit: employee evaluations. Action if any. – J. Figas made a motion seconded by Gordon to convene in closed session. Motion carried. A roll call vote was performed. John Ranallo yes, Jason Figas yes, Mack McKim yes, Raymond Gordon yes, Rosie Figas yes and Bradley Taylor yes.
- b. Discuss/Consider – Reconvene to open session per State Statute 19.85(2), action if any. – J. Figas made a motion seconded by R. Figas to reconvene in open session. Motion carried. A roll call vote was performed. John Ranallo yes, Jason Figas yes, Mack McKim yes, Raymond Gordon yes, Rosie Figas yes and Bradley Taylor yes. As a result of closed session, no action was taken.

- 15. Adjourn – R. Figas made a motion seconded by Gordon to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 p.m. Motion carried.

Submitted by (TR)