

CASSVILLE VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
March 12, 2018

President Williams called to order the monthly meeting of the Village Board at 7:00 P.M. Roll call: Lau, Vogt, Ralph, Williams, Hauk and Harbaugh—present; Cooper -absent. Also, in attendance were Attorney Glass, Police Chief-Brent McDonald, Street Supervisor-Dion Nemitz, Utility Supervisor-Josh Mergen, Clerk-Marlene Esser, Donna Thiesen, Susan Krause, Richard Markham, Jane Bernhardt, Steve Braun from Grant County Emergency Management and Bart Nies from Delta 3 Engineering.

Ralph made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 12th meeting, Hauk seconded it; motion carried. A motion was made by Lau to approve the vouchers for payment. It was seconded by Ralph; motion carried.

Bart Nies of Delta 3 Engineering provided specs of the 2018 Infrastructure Improvements project to the Board. The project includes Bluff Street from Crawford Street through Pennsylvania Street and finishing at the end of Schaal Court. An alternate bid consisting of Bluff Street from Cedar Street to Crawford Street will be included in the bidding process. The project includes new sewer and water mains, replacing valves, replacing service laterals, new curb and gutter, sidewalk and driveway replacements and road asphalt pavement. The estimated project cost is \$611,000. Discussion was held concerning the soil conditions and need for geotextile fabric and a box culvert/ditch versus piping to divert water from St. Charles Road. Vogt made a motion to include a 48" pipe in the specs to replace the existing ditch and culvert on the east side of Pennsylvania Street. It was seconded by Harbaugh. Roll call vote: Lau-yes; Vogt-yes; Harbaugh-yes; Williams-yes; Hauk-yes; Ralph-yes; Cooper-absent; motion carried. After reviewing the plans, Harbaugh made a motion to approve the specs for the 2018 Infrastructure Improvements for Bluff Street from Cedar thru Pennsylvania Streets and to the end of Schaal Court. Lau seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Cooper-absent; Harbaugh-yes; Ralph-yes; Lau-yes; Hauk-yes; Williams-yes; Vogt-yes; motion carried. Bart stated bids would be let out this week, bid opening will be April 4th, awarding of bid will be at the next Village Board meeting, April 9th and a Public information meeting will be held.

Bart explained that Department of Natural Resources approval will be needed for well repairs. Hauk will supply Bart with equipment information that is needed for Delta 3 to include in the submittal of the permit application and specs to the DNR for approval.

Steve Braun, of Grant County Emergency Management, explained that he is applying for a Flood Control Grant on behalf of the Village. If approved, FEMA will pay 87.5% and Wisconsin DNR will pay 12.5%. The Grant request is for the purchase of 2 additional homes and vacant land and, also, the design and creation of a storm water retention system. A resolution is needed for applying to the Wisconsin DNR. Ralph made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-01 to authorize submittal of the grant application and appropriation of funds to the Wisconsin DNR for the Flood Control Grant. Harbaugh seconded it. Roll call vote: Ralph-yes; Cooper-absent; Lau-yes; Vogt-yes; Harbaugh-yes; Hauk-yes; Williams-yes; motion carried. Additional discussion was held concerning Grant money from other sources and personal flood insurance that were used to purchase some homes and properties. Other Furnace Creek issues were also discussed.

Tourism and Promotion Report:

In the absence of Tourism Coordinator Schmitz, Board members were provided copies of the monthly report and expenses. Ralph made a motion to approve the Tourism report; second by Vogt; motion carried.

President's Report:

Susan Krause would like to lease a small portion of land adjacent to the compost site for a compost business that she is starting. She has spoken to local businesses and farmers to get byproducts from them to use in her operation. The current hangar lease cost is 30 cts. per square foot. Because the land she would be leasing is not improved, she is requesting a lower price. After discussion, Vogt made a motion to approve leasing land to Ms. Krause at a cost of 15 cts per square foot for a fenced 50' x 40' piece of land and it was seconded by Ralph. Roll call vote: Hauk-yes; Ralph-yes; Cooper-absent; Vogt-yes; Williams-yes; Lau-yes; Harbaugh-yes; motion carried.

Street light replacement was addressed. Discussion was held concerning a contracted monthly or metered cost after the LED lights are installed. Williams is corresponding with an Alliant Energy representative concerning this issue. Some of the poles are leaning and Williams said that local contractors could make repairs. After discussion, Hauk made a motion, with a second by Vogt, to order the LED street light replacements. Roll call vote: Harbaugh-yes; Hauk-yes; Vogt-yes; Lau-yes; Williams-yes; Cooper-absent; Ralph-yes; motion carried.

Ron Brisbois of Grant County Economic Development Corporation is working with SW Regional Planning on a housing study, which includes our community. Because of the scope of the study and costs incurred, Brisbois is requesting \$500 from the Village for the survey. After discussion, Harbaugh made a motion to approve the \$500 request for the housing study and it was seconded by Hauk. Roll call vote: Harbaugh-yes; Williams-yes; Cooper-absent; Vogt-yes; Hauk-yes; Lau-no; Ralph-yes; motion carried by majority vote.

Williams reminded everyone of the Spring Election on April 3rd.

Committee Reports—

Park—Vogt stated that replacement parts have been ordered for the boat docks. Money will be obtained from the Boat Launch fees.

Zoning, Licenses and Ordinances--Lau made a motion to approve an operator license for Jacob Breuer and Ralph seconded it. Motion carried by voice vote.

Clerk-Treasurer Report:

Village cash on hand after vouchers--\$2,249,000. Utility cash on hand after vouchers--\$448,865. Ralph made a motion to approve the Clerk-Treasurer report, second by Lau; motion carried.

Esser informed Board members that the Village auditors are recommending a water rate increase. Even though the Utility has money, the water department lost \$28,000 in 2017. Details will be checked into concerning a rate increase.

Lau made a motion to adjourn, second by Ralph; motion carried.

Marlene Esser, Clerk