

CASSVILLE VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
February 13, 2017

The regular meeting of the Cassville Village Board was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by President Williams. Roll call: Ralph, Vogt, Williams, Cooper and Harbaugh- present; Lau and Hauk-absent. Also attending were Attorney Glass, Clerk-Marlene Esser, Police Chief-Brent McDonald, Utility Supervisor-Josh Mergen Fire Chief Ron Hampton, Lon Spooner, Troy Maggied of Southwest Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission, Joe Ploessl, Donna Thiesen, Jane Bernhardt, Karl Keicher, Ron Kelley and Steven Kirschbaum.

Ralph made a motion, with a second by Cooper, to approve the minutes of the January 9th meeting; motion carried. A motion was made by Cooper to approve the vouchers for payment. Harbaugh seconded the motion and it carried.

Troy Maggied of SWWRPC addressed that Board about obtaining grant monies for the Village and businesses. Joe Ploessl, Keevin Williams and James Schneider of Grant County Economic Development have met with him concerning Community Development Block Grant funding. To be eligible for the grant, 52 percent of Village residents must be low to moderate income. The best way determine eligibility is to conduct a Village wide survey. The State Department of Administration needs to approve how the survey would be conducted, so Troy is working on receiving that approval. Volunteers will then deliver a 3 question survey to Village residents and request that they complete it and return to Maggied's office. Troy stressed that the survey is completely confidential, no names are used and the survey answers are only used to comply with the guidelines for funding. He asked that information needs to get out so residents understand the reason the survey is being done. He will report back to the Village Board in March to update them on any progress.

Lon Spooner appeared before the Board concerning an expansion to his sporting goods business. He has checked into adding a self contained module shooting range with the only entry through his store. The only way it would be financially viable is if he received the commitment of law enforcement in the area for officers to attend annual tactical training at this shooting range. He stated that it offers real life scenarios, is very quiet and meets all federal requirements for air quality and noise prevention. It would also be open to the general public. The Board was excepting of the idea and he will contact others concerning this venture.

Steven Kirschbaum requested that election nomination forms not be given out until the first day they can be circulated and that the Clerk give instructions concerning signing. Attorney Glass stated that he does not believe the request is unreasonable, but the Village does not have a legal obligation to provide this sort of instruction to a potential candidate and the candidate should take some personal responsibility to know the rules surrounding the nomination process.

Fire Chief Ron Hampton updated the Board on the fire truck that was demolished in the Christmas Day accident. The insurance company will be sending \$189,000 for the settlement for a new truck. They will salvage as much as they can of the damaged truck and hopefully new truck costs will not exceed the insurance payment. Insurance would pay for truck rental since it could take 6 months to 1 year to build a fire truck. Ron also said that, because of a garage fire, fiber optics in close proximity were melted thus the reason for the tornado siren going off for 1 hour in the middle of the night recently.

Street/Utility Report:

Mergen reported that water main valves in the Village are failing and suggested replacing at least one per year. Because the water main valve at Dewey/Frederick Streets is a priority, he obtained an estimate of \$1,500 for labor and \$3,800 for gravel and parts. Cooper made a motion to accept the estimate and Harbaugh seconded it. Roll call vote: Ralph-yes; Vogt-yes; Hauk-absent; Harbaugh-yes; Cooper-yes; Lau-absent; Williams-yes; motion carried.

Tourism Report:

In the absence of Tourism Coordinator Hauk, Board members reviewed copies of the Tourism Report. Williams informed the Board that 2 tourism members have been trained in maintaining and updating the Cassville website. The Tourism Report was accepted on a motion by Ralph, second by Vogt; motion carried.

Presidents Report:

Williams checked into replacement LED lights for existing street lights. The cost is \$383.25 per light. Because of the reported 40% cost efficiency of the lights, discussion was held concerning replacing all the Village owned lights in the business district and Riverside Park. He will check into the cost of installation and the exact number of lights needed and Board members can make a decision at the March meeting.

Ralph made a motion to appoint Patti Wood as the new Harbor Commission secretary replacing Tracy Bausch and Cooper seconded it. Roll call vote: Williams-yes; Vogt-yes; Hauk-absent; Ralph-yes; Cooper-yes; Harbaugh-yes; Lau-absent; motion carried.

Cooper made a motion to approve the 2017-2018 sludge hauling contract to Dresen Services LLC at the same price as previously of .04 cents per gallon. It was seconded by Ralph. Roll call vote: Ralph-yes; Cooper-yes; Lau-absent; Vogt-yes; Harbaugh-yes; Hauk-absent; Williams-yes; motion carried.

Williams stated 3 parties are interested in the Alliant Energy property, but not the buildings, so the building and smokestack will all be razed. Asbestos removal is first and estimates are that 30-40 workers will be needed. At the time of demolition, additional people, possibly up to 100, will be needed. A thank you was acknowledged from the family of Russ Nelson.

Committee Reports:

Library--Members were provided copies of the 2016 Library annual report. The summary shows that the Library continues to have a large number of patrons, program attendance and book circulation.

Pool--No new updates have been received on the skating rink issue.

Street—Harbaugh reported that the down spout at the Mulberry Heights Apartments is eroding the bank and gutter of Mulberry Drive. Street Supervisor Nemitz is checking with the property maintenance personnel concerning this problem.

Zoning, Licenses and Ordinances Report:

Ralph made a motion to approve a Temporary Class 'B' License for St. Charles Parish on April 7, 2017, with a second by Vogt. Roll call vote: Vogt-yes; Lau-absent; Williams-yes; Harbaugh-yes; Cooper-yes; Hauk-absent; Ralph-yes; motion carried.

Airport Report:

Williams reported that one hangar is being removed and the land will not be leased by the current lessee.

Clerk-Treasurer Report:

Village cash on hand after vouchers-\$1,855,480; Utility cash on hand after vouchers-\$684,214. A motion by Ralph to approve the report was seconded by Harbaugh and carried by voice vote.

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

Marlene Esser, Clerk