

**Village Board Meeting Minutes – April 26, 2021 at 5:30 PM – Rosendale Municipal Building**

Kurt Caramanidis, Village President

Trustees: Larry Crook, Chuck Feldner, Barb Hoch, Tammy Pflum, Julie Stigler & Tricia Yeager

AGENDA ITEM 1 – Call Village Board meeting to order – April 26, 2021 meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by President Duane Ciske and the following were present at this meeting:

Trustees: Larry Crook, Chuck Feldner, Barb Hoch, Tammy Pflum, Julie Stigler & Tricia Yeager

Staff: Dan Holdridge, Public Works Director; Kevin Verdine, Chief of Police; Mark Simon, Municipal Judge & Emily Wirkus, Clerk-Treasurer

Citizens: Jerry Fairbank, Mike Montey, Jim Warmbier, Jim Westphal & Emajeane Westphal

**AGENDA ITEM 2 – Pledge of Allegiance**

President Kurt Caramanidis introduced newly appointed Trustee Julie Stigler. Trustee Stigler gave a brief bio about herself. The Village Board members also introduced themselves to Trustee Stigler as well as the guests in attendance.

AGENDA ITEM 3 – Approve minutes of 4-26-21, as circulated – Motion was made by Trustees Pflum/Yeager to approve the minutes from the 4-26-20 meeting. Motion was carried by a 6-0-1 roll call. Trustee Stigler abstained.

AGENDA ITEM 4 – Approve 2021-2022 Committee List – Committee lists were given to the Board members to review. Emajeane Westphal and Jerry Fairbank asked for a list as well. Village Clerk Wirkus mentioned that everyone would be getting a copy of the list once approved. Motion was made by Trustees Feldner/Hoch to approve the 2021-2022 Committee List. Motion was carried by a 7-0-0 roll call.

AGENDA ITEM 5 – Discuss Park Improvement Fund – President Caramanidis stated there is tremendous potential from people from the community who use the park and can possibly help contribute for projects and upgrades. President Caramanidis stated we currently have two people who would like to contribute to the Park Improvement Fund. Jim Westphal presented two checks, both in the amount of \$1000 each for trees. \$1000 was donated by Jim and Emajeane Westphal and \$1000 was donated by the Rosendale Lions Club – both checks to be used toward trees in the Village. Jim Westphal mentioned he talked to Ron at the tree nursery in FDL on Hwy 175/Hwy 41 and stated he has a good selection right now. President Caramanidis thanked Jim and Emajeane Westphal and the Rosendale Lions Club for their generous donation to the Village. Emajeane Westphal stated she is on the Tree Committee and will help the Village keep track where trees should go. Jim Westphal asked if there is a plan to take the Ash trees out of Taylor Park. Public Works Director Dan Holdridge stated we have a five-year plan. It was mentioned as trees are taken down; they need to be replaced. It was mentioned that the Village took down 16 trees this winter when the ground was still frozen.

It was mentioned that there will be a Park Committee meeting Thursday, April 29, 2021 at 6:00 pm. Everyone is welcome. Discussing what the people in the Village would like in our park.

President Caramanidis mentioned that he would like a plaque to be displayed with names of all the donors who help contribute to park improvements. Trustee Feldner mentioned he has seen tile with names engraved on as

recognition. President Caramanidis stated that the Village will not solicit or ask for donations. Motion was made by Trustees Yeager/Pflum to start up the Park Improvement Fund. Motion carried by a 7-0-0 roll call.

**AGENDA ITEM 6 – Discuss & approve Arbor Day** – Emajeon Westphal mentioned that the Rosendale Intermediate School has contacted her about setting a date for Arbor Day. It was mentioned that the school would go in half for a tree to be planted at RI near the ball diamond for Arbor Day. It was mentioned that the official Arbor Day is April 30<sup>th</sup> but that we work with the school to see what works with everyone’s schedule to plant a tree for Arbor Day. Emajeon Westphal stated that the Village used to be Tree City USA. She mentioned to be considered a Tree City USA again, we would need a Tree Committee separate from the Park Committee. The Tree Committee would also need a Village Forester. It was mentioned that we were a Tree City USA for 22 years and received a plaque and flag as recognition. Emajeon Westphal stated she would really like the Village to become a Tree City USA again. She mentioned that one of the factors in becoming a Tree City USA is spending \$2/resident which would be approximately \$1500 on tree upkeep and/or additions/replacements. President Caramanidis mentioned that we do have some volunteers who would be interested in being a part of a Tree Committee or community service work with the committee. It was mentioned that the Village President can approve the Proclamation for Arbor Day – to be determined when Emajeon Westphal talks with the Rosendale Intermediate School to decide on date.

**AGENDA ITEM 7 – Approve the Preliminary Resolution and report of the Village Engineer on the proposed assessments for Fern Drive improvements** – Public Works Director explained the resolution, it’s intention and the assessments. President Caramanidis stated we need to keep consistent in regards to charging the homeowners for the assessments as we did with other street projects. It was mentioned that the next step is a Public Hearing and a notice to be sent to the property owners that the street project would affect. It was mentioned that the Public Hearing will be held before the next Village Board meeting on Monday, May 24, 2021 at 6:00 pm. Motion was made by Trustees Yeager/Pflum to approve the Preliminary Resolution and report to the Village Engineer on the proposed assessment for Fern Drive improvements. Motion was carried by a 7-0-0 roll call. Motion was also made by Trustees Yeager/Pflum to have the Public Hearing on Monday, May 24, 2021 at 6:0 pm before the next Village Board meeting. Motion was carried by a 7-0-0 roll call.

**AGENDA ITEM 8 – Approve checks dated March 1, 2021 through March 31, 2021** – Motion was made by Trustees Crook/Feldner to approve checks dated March 1, 2021 through March 31, 2021. Motion was carried by a 6-0-1 roll call. Trustee Stigler abstained.

**AGENDA ITEM 9 – Next Village Board Meeting will be held on Monday, May 24, 2021 – 211 N. Grant St. at 6:00 pm** – It was mentioned that there will be a Public Hearing regarding the Fern Drive project assessments on May 24, 2021 beginning at 6 pm with Village Board meeting to follow. President Caramanidis also mentioned the possibility of changing the meeting days to

**AGENDA ITEM 10 – Correspondence** – Nothing mentioned.

**AGENDA ITEM 11 – President’s Report** – President Caramanidis mentioned that he invited Duane Ciske to come to meeting for a social after. He also showed everyone the plaque that Clerk-Treasurer Wirkus made for Duane Ciske as a thank you for all he has done for the Village as Village President/Trustee the past 10 + years.

**AGENDA ITEM 12 – Adjourn the meeting** – Meeting was adjourned at 6:06 pm.