

**Village Board Meeting Minutes – April 17, 2023 at 6:00 PM – Rosendale Municipal Building**

Kurt Caramanidis, Village President

Trustees: Larry Crook, Daniel Degner, Jeremy Giebel, Keegan Madigan, Tammy Pflum & Tricia Yeager

AGENDA ITEM 1 – Call Village Board meeting to order – April 17, 2023 meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by President Kurt Caramanidis and the following were present at this meeting:

Trustees: Larry Crook, Daniel Degner, Jeremy Giebel, Keegan Madigan, Tammy Pflum & Tricia Yeager

Staff: Emily Wirkus, Clerk-Treasurer

Citizens: Jerry Fairbank & Jim Westphal

AGENDA ITEM 2 – Pledge of Allegiance

AGENDA ITEM 3 – Approve minutes of 3-20-23, as circulated – Motion was made by Trustees Pflum/Crook to approve the minutes from the 3-20-23 meeting. Motion was carried by a 6-0-1 roll call. Trustee Degner abstained.

AGENDA 4 – Welcome and introduce newly elected Village Trustee Daniel Degner – Daniel Degner gave a brief introduction of himself.

AGENDA ITEM 5 – Public Comments – Jim Westphal introduced himself and state that his family is Bluemkes Inc. He further stated that himself and Emajeon Westphal would personally like to make a donation to the new park shelter at Taylor Park. He stated that he and Emajeon would like to see the shelter become a reality. He also stated he would like the shelter to be finished for the Chicken BBQ 2024 and would also like the naming rights – which is TBD. President Caramanidis said this is extremely exciting. He stated that John Meiklejohn, architect, will drawing the design and get it ready to go out for bids. It was mentioned that the size of the shelter will be approx. 40' x 80' (currently it's 30' x 60'). Shelter will include bathrooms & kitchen area. It was mentioned that Chad VandeBerg will assist in the tear down of old buildings and that Brent Marchant will assist in the removal of the cement areas. Trustee Yeager mentioned that maybe this fall would be a good time frame as contractors might be available.

AGENDA ITEM 6 – Discuss & approve 2023 -2024 Committee list – Correction needs to be made – remove Akasia McCarthy from the Tree committee and also remove Chuck Feldner from the Board of Review section. Motion made by Trustees Madigan/Yeager to approve the 2023 – 2024 Committee List with the corrections stated. Motion was carried by a 7-0-0 roll call.

AGENDA ITEM 7 – Discuss Tree Committee update – Trustee Yeager handed out the updated tree cost share program info. She mentioned that orders need to be made by May 5, 2023 for a fall plant schedule. Yeager mentioned that Larsen's will be planting the trees in the yard as part of the Village cost share. It was mentioned, something new this year, Ren's Nursery will be giving a 20% discount to Village residents (with proof of residency) if a Village resident would like to pick out their own tree and plant themselves. It was mentioned that Clerk Emily Wirkus will email the cost share program information.

Trustee Yeager mentioned that Arbor Day will be celebrated at the Rosendale Intermediate School on May 12, 2023 at 1:00 pm. They plan to plant a tree; however, location of planting is TBD.

President Caramanidis mentioned he would like to donate 2 Dawn Redwoods. It was mentioned about planting the trees in the backdrop at the ball diamond at Taylor Park. It was also mentioned that a dead oak tree needs to be taken down by the pond at Taylor Park. President Caramanidis stated he will ask Dan Holdridge to get a quote to see how much it would cost to take down the dead oak tree by the pond.

Jim Westphal asked if any municipality has ever enforced property owners to take down dead ash trees on their property? It was mentioned there are a dead ash trees on the property with apartments on corner of Wisconsin Street and Adams Street.

Question was also asked about putting up Tree City USA street signs in the Village. It was asked if they can be hung on existing posts. It was mentioned they can be hung on private land – with permission by property owner. It was mentioned that we have to find out the rules on sign placement on State highways.

**AGENDA ITEM 8 – Approve Temporary Class B License to the Laconia 9U Baseball Club for the Laconia 8U & 9U Small Town Baseball Tournament to be held at Taylor Park on May 20 – 21, 2023** – Motion made by Trustees Crook/Yeager to approve the Temporary Class B License to the Laconia 9U Baseball Club for the Laconia 8U & 9U Small Town Baseball Tournament to be held at Taylor Park on May 20 – 21, 2023. Motion was carried by a 7-0-0 roll call.

**AGENDA ITEM 9 – Approve Temporary Operator/Bartender License to Andrew Miller, N5467 Fairview Rd., FDL** – Motion made by Trustees Pflum/Yeager to approve the Temporary Operator/Bartender license to Andrew Miller for the 8U & 9U Small Town Baseball Tournament to be held at Taylor Park on May 20 -21, 2023. Motion carried by a 7-0-0 roll call.

**AGENDA ITEM 10 – Discuss drop-off site for branch & yard waste** - President Caramanidis recapped and stated that brush chipping may be coming to an end due to safety and lack of help. It was mentioned that the Village has the extra lot off Rose-Eld Road and maybe use that as a drop off. President Caramanidis mentioned he had contacted the DNR. It was mentioned that there are things to consider if the Village chooses to have a drop off. Who manages the gate, hours, entrance road/exit. It was mentioned that discussion would have to be made with the farmer who uses the land in regards to using land closest to road or over the hill.

President Caramanidis went around the table to see the Trustee's opinions. Trustee Crook said it's a good idea but getting back there would be an issue. He also asked who owns the trail to get back there. Trustees Degner/Giebel agree with Trustee Crook. Trustee Madigan stated the road to get back there would need some sort of grating, gravel for a base. He also doesn't think leaving as is will work. Mentioned needing an established road/path, culvert, gravel, gate will also be needed. He mentioned planting saplings. He mentioned the wheat needs to be harvested. It was mentioned that if we can't find labor, we do not need a brush service pickup. Trustee Yeager mentioned that if this were to happen in the fall, maybe Rens would have deals for planting greens. She also mentioned that there needs to be an easy access, gates, cameras and don't want anyone to abuse this. Trustee Pflum agrees with Trustee Yeager. Jim Westphal questioned if the drop site would also be accessed from Wilson Street.

Jerry Fairbank said he doesn't want to burst bubble and said he was in charge years ago when had a drop off. He said we would need a gravel road as people can't drive. He said the drop site would need to be manned, gated and locked. He also asked what the cost of the grinder would be to take care of the brush. Mentioned it was

expensive in Ripon. He said grinder is heavy and would need sturdy road for it to drive on. Jerry Fairbank also stated he prefers curbside chipping service as he thinks that will be cheaper than having a drop site. Jerry Fairbank also stated he doesn't have an issue with having a compost pile. He also mentioned that maybe Stuart's landscaping would like the compost? Jerry Fairbank also asked about trading road is questionable and not sure if the County would allow for the drop site so close to the main road (Rose-Eld Road). Jerry Fairbank also questioned about composting on properties vs a drop site.

President Caramanidis said he will check with Dan Holdridge on pricing. He also mentioned that he won't mention anything about the land swap at this time. Trustee Yeager stated that if we move forward with the drop site – same rules apply in regards to not accepting brush if they cut down a tree. Trustee Madigan stated that maybe having a drop site will deter people from wanting to drop off brush as it may be a hassle vs convenience when on curb.

Jerry

AGENDA ITEM 11 – Approve checks dated March 1, 2023 through March 31, 2023 – Motion was made by Trustees Crook/Degner to approve checks dated March 1, 2023 through March 31, 2023. Motion was carried by a 7-0-0 roll call.

AGENDA ITEM 12 – Next Village Board Meeting will be held on Monday, May 15, 2023 – 211 N. Grant St. at 6:00 pm – It was mentioned to check on the Board of Review date and might swap meeting date.

AGENDA ITEM 13 – Correspondence – Nothing mentioned.

AGENDA ITEM 14 – President's Report – Nothing mentioned.

AGENDA ITEM 15 – Adjourn the meeting – Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

