

Village Board Meeting Minutes – August 16, 2021 at 6:00 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 – August 16, 2021 meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Village President Kurt Caramanidis and the following were present at this meeting:

Trustees: Larry Crook, Chuck Feldner, Barb Hoch, Julie Stigler & Tricia Yeager (no Tammy Pflum)

Staff: Dan Holdridge, Public Works Director; Chief Kevin Verdine & Emily Wirkus, Clerk-Treasurer

Citizens: Jerry Fairbank, Starla Hiemstra, Dennis Yoder

AGENDA ITEM 2 – Pledge of Allegiance

AGENDA ITEM 3 – Approve minutes of 7-19-21, as circulated – Motion was made by Trustees Crook/Hoch to approve the minutes from the 7-19-21 meeting. Motion was carried by a 6-0-1 roll call. Trustee Pflum was absent.

AGENDA ITEM 4 – Discuss and approve, if necessary, ATV route – President Caramanidis introduced Dennis Yoder from the Fox River Riders ATV group – he mentioned he was here at a past meeting as well to discuss and answer questions about possible ATV route in the Village. Before Dennis Yoder spoke, Chief Verdine stood up to make a statement to the Village Board. He mentioned that his statement he is making has been reviewed by our Village Attorney. Chief Verdine stated he is opposed to having ATV's/UTV's on State Hwy 26. He stated he is voicing on record that he has a statement for the media for when/if there is an accident involving an ATV/UTV. Chief Verdine stated that he is not opposed allowing the use of ATV's/UTV's to patronize local businesses. Chief Verdine read his statement to the Village Board.

A possible marked route was mentioned. That route being connecting the route from Eldorado on Rose-Eld Road to Grant Street to Hwy 23 to Center Road. The only problem is that the route would dead end in the Town of Springvale, as they have not passed an ordinance at this time allowing ATV's/UTV's on town roads. It was mentioned that there is less traffic on Hwy 23 than on Hwy 26 per DOT. It was mentioned that Hwy 26 has no parking lanes and no passing lanes. It was mentioned that Hwy 23 has parking lanes and is wider. It was mentioned that access to Tabbert's Restaurant would be allowed.

Starla Hiemstra mentioned that the semi-traffic is difficult on Hwy 26 and she has to take alternate routes to cross Hwy 26. Trustee Hoch agreed.

It was mentioned that Hwy 26 SOUTH at the intersection would be a possibility – to get to Tabbert's Restaurant.

Dennis Yoder said, in talking with Chief Verdine, it was suggested to connect the ATV/UTV route on Rose-Eld Road from the Town of Eldorado to the Town of Rosendale. It was also suggested that the marked ATV/UTV route thru the Village would be Rose-Eld Road to Grant Street to Hwy 23 to Center Road. The only downfall is that the Town of Springvale has not passed an ATV/UTV route at this time and the Village approved route would come to dead end on Center Road at the end of Village limits.

It was mentioned that when writing the ordinance, to use the verbiage "All Village streets are open unless posted"

It was mentioned that a no ATV sign can be posted on the streets they are not allowed.

It was mentioned that Safe Routes to School did a study years ago and said that having a school crossing guard at the intersection of Hwy 26 and Wisconsin Street was not safe. It was mentioned that the crossing guard that was stationed at that intersection had been moved to the intersection of Wisconsin and Lafayette Street.

Trustee Stigler questioned how residents would be able to get to the compost pile since ATV/UTV would not be allowed on Hwy 26 north.

Jerry Fairbank stated to Chief Verdine, if we are allowing ATV/UTV's on Hwy 26 south to Tabbert's Restaurant, how are they coming back? Chief Verdine stated they will have to follow the route back into Rosendale. Dennis Yoder stated that ATV/UTV drivers have to follow all traffic rules. President Caramanidis stated that the Village can close the route or any street at any time. Dennis Yoder mentioned there is an app for ATV/UTV routes.

Trustee Stigler asked what attracts riders to come to a Village. Dennis Yoder said our Village has gas and food. Trustee Yeager asked when is the "busy" time. Dennis Yoder stated Saturdays and Sundays seem to be the busiest. He mentioned different groups going for rides. It was mentioned that when a group ride comes thru, they will/would follow the marked route.

Starla Hiemstra about riding on the Mascoutin Trail. Chief Verdine said the Mascoutin Trail doesn't allow motorized vehicles. It was also mentioned that only snowmobiles are allowed on the Mascoutin Trail.

Dennis Yoder stated that the club would be donating the signage for the Village routes. He also stated that when he orders the signs it will say Village of Rosendale as well.

Chief Verdine suggests opening Village Streets. Allowing crossing of Hwy 26 and having a marked path to the gas stations.

It was mentioned to have a marked route being Hwy 23 to Grant Street to Rose-Eld Road.

It was mentioned that there would be a "NO ATV/UTV" sign showing they are not allowed on HWY 26 from Rose-Eld Road to Wisconsin Street.

Trustee Stigler questioned what times ATV/UTV's would be allowed on streets. Dennis Yoder also mentioned that speed limits can be marked on route signs. (ex: 25 mph on Village Street and 30 mph on Hwys 23 & 26).

President Caramanidis stated that nothing is getting approved today at this meeting. He mentioned that this meeting was a discussion only. He also mentioned that the Board will review and approve, if necessary, an ordinance for next meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 5 – Approve checks dated July 1, 2021 through July 31, 2021 – Motion was made by Trustees Crook/Feldner to approve checks dated July 1, 2021 through July 31, 2021. Motion was carried by a 6-0-1 roll call. Trustee Pflum was absent.

AGENDA ITEM 6– Next Village Board Meeting will be held on Monday, September 20, 2021 – 211 N. Grant St. at 6:00 pm – Trustee Hoch mentioned that she will not be able to attend the next Village Board meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 7 – Correspondence – Nothing mentioned.

AGENDA ITEM 8 – President’s Report – Village President Caramanidis stated there will be a Parks Committee meeting next Tuesday, August 24, 2021 at 6:00 pm. Trustee Feldner mentioned that Al Shafer would like to make a donation to Taylor Park memory of his dad Sid Shafer. President Caramanidis mentioned the other donations that have been made in memory of someone.

Trustee Yeager gave an update about trees. She mentioned that Emajean Westphal found a great deal for trees at Ren’s for 50% off regular price. It was mentioned that Jim Westphal and Dan Holdridge will plant the trees when the weather is good for planting trees. It was also mentioned that the trees Emajean Westphal purchased are currently at Trustee Yeager’s home until time for planting.

Police Chief Kevin Verdine had asked President Caramanidis if anyone has approached him about “children at play” signs for on Rose-Eld Road? President Caramanidis said nobody has contacted him.

AGENDA ITEM 9 – Adjourn the meeting – Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.

