

**Village Board Meeting Minutes – October 17, 2022 at 6:00 PM – Rosendale Municipal Building**

Kurt Caramanidis, Village President

Trustees: Larry Crook, Chuck Feldner, Jeremy Giebel, Keegan Madigan, Tammy Pflum & Tricia Yeager

AGENDA ITEM 1 – Call Village Board meeting to order – October 17, 2022 meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by President Kurt Caramanidis and the following were present at this meeting:

Trustees: Larry Crook, Chuck Feldner, Jeremy Giebel, Keegan Madigan, Tammy Pflum & Tricia Yeager

Staff: Dan Holdridge, Director of Public Works & Emily Wirkus, Clerk-Treasurer

Citizens: Chris Badtke, Elyse Badtke, Jerry Fairbank, Alyssa Silva, & AJ Sullivan

**AGENDA ITEM 2 – Pledge of Allegiance**

AGENDA ITEM 3 – Approve minutes of 9-19-22, as circulated – Motion was made by Trustees Pflum/Yeager to approve the minutes from the 9-19-22 meeting. Motion was carried by a 7-0-0 roll call.

AGENDA ITEM 4 – Public Comments – Jerry Fairbank asked if there are any rules about squad car speeds driving thru town. President Caramanidis said he wasn't sure what the rules are for squads and emergency vehicles during the after-school hours and when kids are out. President Caramanidis stated he will ask Chief Rose or call Sheriff Waldschmidt. Jerry Fairbank stated that the Fond du Lac County goes thru daily at a high rate of speed. President Caramanidis stated he will report back at the next meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 5 – Discuss sewer related questions with the UCC Church and Peace Lutheran Church – Chris Badtke, representing the UCC Church, introduced himself and asked to approach the Board to hand out the UCC Church annual estimated water use sheet. He stated that since the new WW Plant the church quarterly bill is \$369/quarter. He asked if rates can be adjusted fairly for churches. President Caramanidis said that the Village evaluated the options during the process of the new WW Plant and stated that unfortunately we do have a loan/bond to repay and the sewer usage fees are used for repayment. Chris Badtke questioned who he should talk to in regards to the rates – MSA or Dan Holdridge. Trustee Yeager mentioned the different categories/classifications for the rates. Chris Badtke asked if there was another classification the Church could be put under. Elyse Badtke, representing Peace Lutheran Church, said pre-covid more people came to church and donated vs now, less people are in attendance & less people are giving. President Caramanidis did mention that the Village is tight too and we are cutting corners with this budget as well. President Caramanidis stated he will see if it is legal to change rate categories. It was mentioned that we don't have a lot of businesses and industry here in the Village to bring in any extra taxes. It was mentioned that the Board is the one who would make the decision to change resolution. Chris Badtke asked again who to talk to. President Caramanidis said he can talk to Dan Holdridge. Chris Badtke said he appreciates Kurt's time on phone and the Boards time tonight to listen.

AGENDA ITEM 6 – Discuss basketball court repair update – President Caramanidis said the prices came back \$100K plus to reconstruct. President Caramanidis also stated to Jerry Fairbank they we found a price of the tiles he mentioned at the last meeting and it still wasn't "pretty". It was mentioned that the Village will contact AJ Sullivan from the LYBC when we hear the numbers from the asphalt. AJ Sullivan asked if quotes are itemized and maybe some items could be done by volunteers. She also mentioned that before the LYBC would begin fundraising they would want to make sure the project is feasible. President Caramanidis did mention that he likes the LYBC's

enthusiasm. It was mentioned that if they are going to spend the money, they would want it to be good so they are not back in five years for more repairs.

**AGENDA ITEM 7 – Discuss possible chicken ordinance** – President Caramanidis said Alyssa Silva contacted him about chickens in the Village. Alyssa Silva introduced herself and stated she had contacted Clerk Emily Wirkus regarding chickens in the Village. She stated that her family has had chickens at their home for three months. She stated that they do a lot of gardening and the chickens eat the Japanese beetles. She stated her kids participate in the farm to table now. She stated she called around to different communities to see the amount other communities allow. Alyssa stated there was a miscommunication between her and her husband regarding chickens and it now turned into an experiment. She stated her neighbors didn't know they have 8 chickens. President Caramanidis mentioned that we have a sample ordinance from the Village of Campbellsport. President Caramanidis stated he will not be the "chicken sheriff". President Caramanidis had the Board state their thoughts. Trustee Madigan stated it makes sense to do. Trustee Yeager stated she has no issues however where she lives in the Village, they have a convenance not allowing chickens in her neighborhood. Trustee Pflum stated she has no issue and they are probably quieter than the dogs in her neighborhood. She also suggested max of 10 chickens. Trustee Yeager stated that a family of four doesn't need 10 chickens. Alyssa Silva stated more chickens keep each other warm in the winter. Trustee Giebel mentioned registering with the Wisconsin livestock registry, which is free to do. Trustee Giebel suggested "x" out laying hens and only chickens. He asked about what the schools would be allowed if they chose to have chickens for an AG class. He also mentioned he is in favor of only allowing up to 4 chickens because of the waste they produce. He also called around and found out that FDL charges \$50 for a permit and Oshkosh charges \$15 for a permit. Trustee Feldner said he is all for it and is in favor of possibly 6 – 8 chickens, maybe 10? Trustee Crook stated he does not have a problem with chickens as long as they are taken care of properly. Trustee Giebel asked about square footage & not that people would say they have a chicken coop when really, they just have an "outbuilding". There are different zoning rules for outbuildings. President Caramanidis asked Alyssa their size of the illegal chickens. President Caramanidis said the Board is not passing an ordinance tonight, that the Board will be modifying the sample ordinance. He also stated that it looks like we will move forward towards allowing chickens in the Village.

**AGENDA ITEM 8 – Discuss and approve, if necessary, tires for the 2014 Police Ford Interceptor** – President Caramanidis stated that Officer Schultz is using the squad truck now due to the SUV needing some maintenance repairs. It was mentioned that the SUV is in need of tires before the winter. Trustee Pflum said she paid \$700 for her equinox. President Caramanidis recommends spending up to \$1200. Jerry Fairbank said he priced tires for car and almost fell over. He suggested looking for used tires because if the SUV is only the second vehicle and to check with Mike Mueller if he has a set of four used tires. Motion was made by Trustees Yeager/Feldner to purchase tires for the 2014 Police Ford Interceptor up to \$1200. Motion was carried by a 7-0-0 roll call.

**AGENDA ITEM 9 – Discuss and take action sidewalk repair assessment & resolution** – President Caramanidis suggested that the sidewalk repair assessment be split 50/50 between the Village and the homeowner of the property that the sidewalk was corrected. It was mentioned that Safewalk already came and shaved the trip hazards. It was mentioned that the bill came in around \$6000. It was mentioned that we would need to have a public hearing on November 14<sup>th</sup> to move forward. Jerry Fairbank asked how can we charge people after the fact. Jerry Fairbank asked about replacing sidewalk on his own. President Caramanidis stated if the homeowner chose to replace a sidewalk on their property, it would have to be a licensed contractor that would do the work. Motion was made by Trustees Feldner/Madigan to approve the sidewalk repair assessment and resolution. Motion was carried by a 7-0-0 roll call.

**AGENDA ITEM 10 – Discuss and approve, if necessary, cell phone allowance for the Wastewater Director, Public Works and Village Clerk** – President Caramanidis stated that it was mentioned by Public Works Director Dan Holdridge about a possible phone allowance. The reason it was asked is so an employee would not have to carry 2 phones. It was mentioned that the employee was ok with giving his personal number to the public if needed. Trustee Pflum stated that at the County building, it is hit and miss as to if employees are paid for their phone usage or not. It was also mentioned asking if the Village employee would be ok if an open records request were to come in. Clerk Emily Wirkus stated she does not want her personal phone number out there for the public even though the public gets ahold of her number still contacts her after hours – whether by call, text, or Facebook message. It was suggested to table this topic for the time being and to make sure what the employees would be comfortable with if their personal number was made public.

**AGENDA ITEM 11 – Discuss and approve, if necessary, resolution regarding the Ripon Guardian Ambulance Service** – No need to discuss at this time as we already passed the resolution.

**AGENDA ITEM 12 – Approve checks dated September 1, 2022 through September 30, 2022** – Motion was made by Trustees Pflum/Yeager to approve checks dated September 1, 2022 through September 30, 2022. Motion was carried by a 7-0-0 roll call.

**AGENDA ITEM 13 – Next Village Board Meeting will be held on Monday, November 14, 2022 – 211 N. Grant St. at 6:00 pm (week earlier than normal). The Budget Public Hearing will also be scheduled for Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup> before the Village Board meeting**

**AGENDA ITEM 14 – Correspondence** – Nothing mentioned.

**AGENDA ITEM 15 – President’s Report** – Nothing mentioned.

**AGENDA ITEM 16 – Adjourn the meeting** – Meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.

