

The regular board meeting was held on April 23rd, 2018 at 7pm at the Warren Village Hall.

President Raisbeck called the meeting to order at 7pm. The Clerk recorded the minutes.

Wayne Raisbeck, Wayne Wubbena, Tom Fernstaedt, Travus Albrecht, Kirk Raab, Kelly Raab, and Donna Doubler were present. Attorney Michael Toepfer was also present. Also in attendance was Todd Stone, Donna Breed, Chief Bohnsack, Tracie Perry, Bill Raab, Kim Raab, Sue Harwick, Don Hawes, Jerry Holm, and Shawn Saunders.

The minutes from the April 9th, 2018 meeting were presented. Albrecht asked to make a change under buildings, he believes he was asking if it was a true necessity to have barricades around his building on Main St. Perry will make the change. Wubbena made a motion to accept the minutes with the change, second by Doubler. A voice vote was taken, all responded aye. Motion passed and carried.

The bill list totaling \$5,772.75 with an additional bill was presented. Albrecht commented that Officer Smith was over by \$8.00 last year on his clothing allowance and is still \$8.00 over. Ki. Raab made a motion to pay the bills as presented with the additional bill, second by Albrecht. Roll call was taken, all responding yes. Motion passed and carried.

Public Comments: Bill Raab addressed the board with some complaints about the junk yard in town. He asked the Village have Nick Breed clean up the cars that are on Village property and not block the road when they are loading and unloading trucks in case of an emergency, and clean up the street when finished. Raab has had tires go flat because of debris. Sue Harwick commented that the tubing is all broke up and water will not run through properly. Raisbeck reported that he talked to Breed about the complaints when Raab talked to him about this. Breed has agreed to pay for the tube. The board agreed that he needs to be held accountable and they will be following up on this and report back.

Attorney Comments: Toepfer reported that he has answers from some questions at the last meeting about partially vacating the alley west of the line of trees on Shawn Saunders property on Galena Avenue. It was asked if the alley can be sold to Shawn. The statute requires fair market value be gotten if the alley is going to be vacated. The other question was can a portion of the alley be vacated. The statute does provide for that but for Shawn to do this, he will have to have a survey done and then after that parcel is determined a legal description, he would want consent from all the neighbors or the abutting land owners on whether they would like to have half way to the middle of the vacated alley or if they don't care. This would be done through an ordinance and will include fair market value. He has vacated other alleys and streets in Warren and many times, depending on where it is, there has been a determination that compensation would either be waived or that the compensation for the value land then receive in the form of the adjoining property owners easement, maintenance, and grass cutting. The statute calls for that the board of trustees be the fair market value of the property acquired or the benefits that will accrue to them. Shawn will be responsible for the recording and attorney fees. There will have to be a utility easement that will remain. The water line is about 3 foot into his property. Shawn agreed to pay to have this line moved into the easement. This will be tabled until there is more information on where the sewer line runs.

Finance: Chair Ki. Raab presented the Clerk and Treasurer Reports. Ki. Raab made a motion to approve the Clerk and Treasurer Reports, second by Ke. Raab. Roll call was taken, all responding yes. Motion passed and carried.

Public Safety: Chair Ki. Raab presented the March Police Activity Report.

Buildings: Raisbeck reported that there was an issue with the furnace at the Community Building after the power outage that happened, this was looked at and a new switch was put in and seems to be working properly. Fernstaedt commented that there are vehicles parked across the sidewalk on the corner of Railroad and Johnson Streets, this makes it hard to see traffic. Chief Bohnsack will check into this.

Streets: Albrecht reported that across from Carter there is a hole in the street. Raisbeck will notify Jeff. Fernstaedt also commented when the storm grate gets repaired, this will be a good time to put in a handicap accessible ramp in the sidewalk on the corner of Railroad and Johnson Streets.

Ordinance: Chair Albrecht commented that there will be a meeting in the near future.

Local Improvements & Economic Development: No Report

Personnel: Chair Doubler reported the Village is accepting applications for Water Operator until May 1st.

Sewer: No Report

Water: Stone reported with the lead issues in Michigan, the state EPA is requesting a survey to be done on how many lead service lines are in town. He does not recall any lead services in town but the EPA would like to have numbers whether the lines are lead, copper, or plastic. He will be going house to house and will be starting this week.

TIF: Chair Doubler presented a letter from Kathy Orr in regards to Tom Rillie's TIF application. His application was denied due to not following the TIF guidelines. He bought the building before applying for TIF assistance.

Zoning: Andrews reported that the Zoning Board of Appeals met on April 16th to hear a petition request from Tim Brown and Angie Rowley asking for a variance from zoning ordinance 151.023 Section B & D to allow construction of an accessory building taller than 15 feet on a lot without a principal building. On a vote of 4-0 the request was approved by the Zoning Board of Appeals. It is a recommendation of the Zoning Board of Appeals that this board approves this request. Ki. Raab made a motion to approve this request, second by Albrecht. Roll call was taken, all responding yes. Motion passed and carried.

Raisbeck announced Gary Gast replaced Mike Morgan on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

New Business: Raisbeck presented the Police Union Contract for approval. Ki. Raab made a motion to approve the Police Union Contract, second by Wubbena. Roll call was taken, all responding yes. Motion passed and carried.

Raisbeck presented the Public Works Union Contract for approval. Ki. Raab made a motion to approve the Public Works Union Contract with changes under drug testing, change officer to employee, second by Ke. Raab. Roll call was taken, all responding yes. Motion passed and carried.

Ki. Raab presented the sealed loader bids:

1. Bob Albrecht-\$4,050
2. Dave and Joe Aurand-\$5,150

3. Gene Komprood-\$5,263
4. Shawn Saunders-\$6,225
5. Stietz Tree Service-\$15,850

Albrecht made a motion to approve Stietz Tree Service's bid for \$15,850.00, second by Ki. Raab. Roll call was taken, all responding yes. Motion passed and carried.

Albrecht made a motion to allow Donna to transfer up to \$25,000 from the Street Special Contingency Savings Account for the April expenses with the stipulation Donna reports back to the board on the actual total that had to be transferred, second by Ke. Raab. Roll call was taken, all responding yes. Motion passed and carried.

Unfinished Business: Raisbeck presented the 2018-2019 Budget. Ki. Raab made a motion to approve the 2018-2019 Budget with all the changes that were made prior to the board meeting, second by Ke. Raab. Roll call was taken, all responding yes. Motion passed and carried.

Raisbeck reported that next week is Municipal Clerk week. He would like approval to purchase flowers for Donna and Tracie. Albrecht made a motion to approve purchasing flowers, second by Doubler. Roll call was taken, all responding yes. Motion passed and carried.

Raisbeck announced that Donna Piefer was retiring the first of April from cleaning the Police Department and Village Hall. Since this is a vendor position he asked Kindra Hamilton to clean the Police Department and Village Hall. She agreed to clean both offices at the same wage as Donna Piefer. Albrecht made a motion approve that Wayne has hired a new vendor for cleaning, second by Ki. Raab. Roll call was taken, all responding yes. Motion passed and carried.

Albrecht asked for an update by the next meeting on the pumps that were to be fixed by the Amish.

Albrecht also asked if part time help is being considered. Since the new hire for the Water Operator will be busy training for this position, it was agreed to hire a part time person for summer. Doubler reported that the committee agreed to hire Brad Bartell back to finish his out his 200 hours that he had left over from the 999 hours that he can work since there is mowing that needs to be done. Albrecht asked when Bartell's date of hire was. Breed confirmed his date of hire is March 17th. He is now on a new year and his 999 hours has started over. Albrecht commented that the board passed a motion last year that part time summer help will be advertised and the new hire will be approved by the board and not have Bartell come in and work since it was not approved by the board. Albrecht made a motion to advertise for part time help and follow through what was agreed last year, second by Doubler. Roll call was taken, all responding yes. Motion passed and carried.

Wubben made a motion to adjourn, second by Albrecht. A voice vote was taken, all responding aye. Motion passed and carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:06pm.

