

MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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IN THE VILLAGE COMMUNITY ROOM

MAY 13, 2024

The regular board meeting of the Village Board, of the Village of Strum, Trempealeau County, was held in the Village Community Room on Monday, May 13th, 2024.

Meeting called to order:

The meeting was called to order by the Village President, Dean Boehne at 6:30pm. Village Clerk, Tish Nelson, took the minutes of the meeting. The following board members were present: Berge, Bjerke, Rindal, Stendahl (late), Thompson. Absent: Hanson.

Open Meeting Law Requirements have been complied with:

President Boehne announced the open meeting laws have been met for the meeting.

Approval of minutes:

A motion was made by Bjerke, seconded by Rindal to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on April 8, 2024, as printed. Motion carried.

Amotion was made by Bjerke, seconded by Rindal to approve the minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on April 22, 2024, as printed. Motion carried.

Reports from Officers:

- a. Zoning Commissioner
 - i. Construction Guys LLC (R. Fenske): A permit was submitted to build twin home on 3rd Ave S dead end (229 & 231). Motion made by Thompson and seconded by Bjerke to approve. Motion carried.
 - ii. Melissa Austin: A permit was submitted to build fence at 415 5th Ave S. Motion made by Stendahl, seconded by Thompson to approve. Motion carried.
 - iii. Timothy Rouse: A permit was submitted to build deck and ramp out front of the house at 133 W Hickory St. Motion made by Bjerke and seconded by Thompson to approve. Motion carried.
 - iv. Greg Libersky: A permit was submitted to widen the driveway to 28ft, which is beyond current ordinance. Discussion on this permit led to G. Libersky to submit a variance which will be on next month's agenda, provided G. Libersky provides it by then.
- b. Clerk
 - i. 2023 Audit- copies of said audit were provided to Finance committee member without further discussion.
 - ii. Summer hours will carry from Memorial day to Labor day, M-Th 8-4:30, F 8-12

Reports from Committees:

- a. Personnel
 - i. Keenan's phone stipend of \$50/month, a motion was made by Stendahl and seconded by Rindal to approve. Motion carried.
 - ii. Flexible Time off was presented, no discussion.

b. Public Works

i. 2023 CMAR

1. Strum Sewage Collection System-Resolution 2024-2 was presented to the board. The motion to approve Resolution 2024-2 was made by Bjerke and seconded by Stendahl. Motion carried.

c. Public Welfare

- i. Flower beds at Walnut Park and Village Hall- Open discussion about the school kids coming Friday, May 17th to help with raking, planting, weeding, mulch, ect. with help/supervision from C. Skoug & D. Berge
- ii. Rock placement in Woodland park- D. Berge asked to put another large rock along the path at the park.
- iii. Pickleball Court- The ARPA fund committed \$20,000 to the construction of the courts. The grant application for further funding fell through, leaving the project \$10,000 short. However, the remaining ARPA has been obligated to other things.
- iv. Hanging baskets for 5th Ave- D. Berge is picking up hanging baskets for 5th Ave Monday, May 20th to hang on the street posts.

d. Joint Sewage Commission

- i. 2023 CMAR Resolution 2024-1 was presented to the board. A motion was made to approve the 2024-1 Resolution by Stendahl and seconded by Bjerke. Motion carried.

Miscellaneous

- a. The sale of the dock was discussed, Tim Schiefelbein had inquired about buying this 30-35ft dock that the village no longer uses. The board decided it was fair to post this item as a 'sealed bid' for at least 10 days, ending May 31st
- b. The Elm St smear was discussed to patch up Elm St. It was made known it would be a 50ton load at about \$8,300 to have them come and do Elm. A motion was made to approve by Stendahl and seconded by Berge to go ahead with getting this set up for this year. Motion carried.
- c. New committee break down was presented, Stendahl chose to switch with Hanson, making Stendahl a part of the Joint Sewer and Hanson on the Personnel as Chairman and Berge being Chair of Recycling.
- d. Designation of Trempealeau County as the Village of Strum's building inspector. Motion made to approve by Stendahl and seconded by Thompson. Motion carried.
- e. Ferguson Waterworks quote was presented to the board for the new meter reader and new software to read meters quarterly as the current software installed is no longer supported. This quote was in the amount of \$10,904, a motion was made to approve this purchase by Stendahl, seconded by Thompson. Motion carried.

A motion was made to approve Vouchers and Journal Entries by Thompson and seconded by Stendahl. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Thompson to adjourn, seconded by Stendahl. Motion carried.

Dean Boehne, Village President

Tish Nelson, Clerk