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VILLAGE OF FRANCIS CREEK REGULAR BOARD MEETING

March 7, 2022

Call to Order: Village President, Matt Payette, called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. at the village municipal garage with Paul Rahmlow, Steve Holschbach, and Robert Dirkman. Eric Nelson was absent. Also, in attendance, David Endries, Tyler Duessing, Dean from REL, Mike Albers from the Francis Creek Fire Department, and Paul Wojta from the Francis Creek Fellowship Club.

Pledge of Allegiance: Everyone present stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Meeting Minutes from February 7, 2022: Motion was made by Steve Holschbach to approve, second by Paul Rahmlow. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Meeting Minutes from February 22, 2022: Motion was made by Robert Dirkman to approve, second by Steve Holschbach. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Agenda: Motion was made by Paul Rahmlow to approve, second by Robert Dirkman. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.

Public Input:

- None

Sewer Update:

- In February the East Lift Station pumps clogged with “rags”/wipes. Residents NEED to stop flushing “flushable” wipes. They are causing major back-up and clogs which are costly to fix and if it continues to happen it could cause severe damage. Saturday 3/5 the pumps went out because the VFD box overheated, the East Lift Station alarmed 4-5 times. An electrician is coming this week to look at the VFD and fix the issues at the East Lift Station.
- Dean with Robert E Lee handed off the manuals to Dave, Tyler, and Margaret. The warranty is for 2 years and started January 2022.
- The DNR permit report was released, the do-do list is on page 27 &28 for the Village to maintain their compliance with the permit issued. The report indicates that the Village needs to develop a Manganese Pollution Minimalization Plan. REL is working on it and will come next month with their progress. There has been some turn over within the DNR so we’re working with our new contact at the department.

Items for Action or Discussion:

- a. Paul Wojta with the Francis Creek Fellowship Club and Mike Albers from the Francis Creek Fire Department had a discussion with the Village Board about replacing the bleachers in Pla-Mor Park. Fellowship Club doesn’t conduct fundraisers anymore. They are more service geared now, they will participate in those activities when asked but can’t contribute financially. The Francis Creek Fire Department is stretched thin this year financially because they have to spend a significant amount on SBA’s (breathing apparatuses).

There was discussion about how the Village could find funding options, possibly ask for community contribution or fundraise. Other community organizations will be attending the April meeting.

The board asked the clerk to check with our insurance company about liability insurance requirements or cost differences for bleachers with and without railings.

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- b. The board reviewed the list of ideas and projects that the ARPA funding the Village is receiving could be used on and prioritized the projects. They will review the list again in April.
- c. The board tabled the request until the Town of Kossuth agrees to their contribution amount.
- d. Motion was made by Paul Rahmlow to approve the replacement of the gutters on the Village Office, second Steve Holschbach. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.
- e. Motion was made by Paul Rahmlow to approve the water softener rebate application for Kathy & Jeff Juul of 306 Oakwood Dr, Manitowoc, second Robert Dirkman. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.
- f. Motion was made by Paul Rahmlow to approve the operator license for Patricia Bowen, Amy Brunner, and Mark Keuntjes, second Robert Dirkman. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.
- g. Carson Payette's employment application for Back-up Sewer Operator discussion was led by Steve Holschbach, Matt Payette abstained from discussion and voting. Motion was made by Robert Dirkman to approve the employment of Carson Payette for Back-up Sewer Operator, second Paul Rahmlow. All in favor, motion carried unanimously, Matt Payette abstained.

Village Clerk/Treasurer Report:

- a. Clerk submitted invoices and payroll to the board.
- b. April 5th election is approaching. Any person interested in joining the Village Board they can be written in as a Write-In on the ballot.

Village Update:

- None

Adjournment: Meeting called to adjournment at: 9:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Margaret Peroutka, Village Clerk and Treasurer