

VILLAGE BOARD MINUTES Tuesday, March 19, 2024 – 7:00pm

PRESENT: Meeting called to order at the Auditorium by Village President Jim Jonasen at 7:00pm. The following answered the roll call: President Jim Jonasen, Trustees Adam Buchanan, Jim Smith, Jake Fuller, Nancy Paulson, and Nathan Sapik. Also present were: Village Administrator/Clerk Daisha Nolan, Village Treasurer Kari Hufnagle, Village Attorney Kyle Torvinen and Village Marshall Pete Witt. Trustee Jason Vee was absent.

POSTING: The agenda was posted at 2:00 PM on March 8, 2024 at the Auditorium, Post Office, Midland Marketplace and the Village Website.

REVIEW OF AGENDA: Item #9(b) will be moved to proceed the Treasurer Report.

PUBLIC INPUT:

- Neal Anderson - Neil provided photos and explanations about issues with Dahlberg, Light and Power and Charter and the effects of their utility work on his property. He expressed that he was not notified properly ahead of time from DLP and they did not leave material in a manner that could be cleaned up and that Charter caused damage, some suspected to be outside of the utility easement, and did not send someone to repair the property in a timely manner, resulting in the repairs having to be done himself. Neal is requesting that a policy, ordinance or permit process be implemented within our Village that will hold utility companies accountable to
- Barb Anderson - Barb shared Wisconsin State Statute regarding ornamental trees in response to the memorial trees cut down in the cemetery in the fall of 2023 by Dahlberg Light and Power. History of cost and process to have trees incorporated into the cemetery was shared and the despair felt after they were removed due to the utility easements. A resolution was requested to be found.
- Sarah Anderson - Sarah's comments mirrored those of Barb and she also shared that through her experience with her work at a power company, she did not find from her observation that the trees were a danger and felt that Dahlberg should have trimmed the trees rather than remove them.
- Volmer Anderson - Volmer explained his work experience with easement and Right of Ways through pipeline contracting. He suggested that Dahlberg consider an underground as a resolution and for the loss that's been suffered.
- Barb Resheske - Barb commented that Dahlberg Light and Power has also left poor conditions on her property after removing trees. She then shared a reading from "others" regarding an immigrant policy and suggested that we form a committee to make decisions for our community about immigrants being accepted.

Approval of Clerk's minutes: A motion was made by Fuller and seconded by Buchanan to approve the open session minutes, as presented, from February 13, 2024. MCU

Treasurer's Report: Hufnagle presented the Treasurer's Report, no abnormalities.

Approval of Invoices: Invoices for March were reviewed. A motion was made by Fuller to approve the payment of invoices, as presented, seconded by Buchanan. MCU

PUBLIC WORKS: Public Works Chair Sapik reported on the February committee meeting including an update on the inventory process put in place for the upcoming bridge project.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Village Trustee and Fire Chief Jake Fuller reported on February's Committee meeting.

- Village Marshall Pete Witt gave his report for February.
- Fuller reported for the LNFD. There has been an increase in fires due to weather conditions.
- Crosswalk Options - Lake Ave to County Road F: Jason Jackman and some of his county crew met with Nolan to present a suggestion for installing the new crosswalk from Lake Ave to County Road F near the post office. A quote was provided and the suggestion to forgo the curb installation due to future highway work, the possibility of it becoming damaged from weather, and the maintenance costs was suggested. A motion was made by Smith to accept the proposed construction of the cross walk with a budget not to exceed \$2500 for materials and labor (excluding sign materials and supplies), seconded by Fuller. MCU

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Finance Chair Jonasen reported on the February meeting.

- **Reallocation of 2023 Surplus funds:**

- **NCA Fireworks Donation Request:** A recommendation was made by the Finance committee to make a one time donation to the NCA for the requested \$5000.00 towards the 2024 fireworks, with funds from the 2023 surplus. A motion was made by Sapik to accept the recommendation, seconded by Fuller. MCU
- **Playground Equipment - Quotes:** Three quotes from 2 companies were reviewed. A motion was made by Fuller to allocate an additional \$12,000.00 from the 2023 surplus towards new playground equipment for the community beach area, seconded by Fuller. MCU This will create a funded total of \$40,700.95. The presented quotes will be reviewed further by the Finance committee in March to make a recommendation to the board in April. Quotes are good through April 15th.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: No February meeting was held.

ZONING COMMISSION MEETING: No February meeting was held.

SEWER COMMISSION MEETING: Nolan provided an update on the February sewer meeting, the commission is going to begin discussing the construction of a new equipment storage building on Village property in the Industrial Park.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

OTHER BUSINESS:

- **Cemetery Tree Removal by Dahlberg Light and Power** - Nolan reached out to Dahlberg Light and Power to request any easement paperwork on record or details from the days the trees were removed. A letter was provided by Dahlberg Light and Power and shared by President Jonasen at the Board Meeting. We will most likely not be able to replace all the trees that were removed due to utility easement violation, but suggestions were made to do the following to work towards a resolution for the loss:
 - Incorporate the current Cemetery Sexton Dan Bergsten to locate new locations for memorial tree replacements.
 - Draft a letter to Dahlberg Light and Power to request a donation towards replacements
 - Utilize surplus funds from 2023 and funds that have grown in the cemetery financial account
 - Could mowing services from the Village in the cemetery be done free of charge to allow for funds to be put towards replacement trees
 - Forming a committee to assist with the labor and planning portions of the project.
- **CPR Class June 15th** - Grethcen Takkunen will be the Point of Contact for this community event. Costs per a person are still being determined. Nolan secured the Auditorium as the location with Tom Renz.

INFORMATION FROM THE PRESIDENT:

- The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be on Tuesday, April 9, 2024. This will be the last meeting for those that complete their current board terms.
- Spring election will be held on Tuesday, April 2, 2024. In person absentee voting will be available from March 19th through March 31st.

CLOSED SESSION: No closed session.

ADJOURNMENT: The Board adjourned at 8:24pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Daisha Nolan, Village Clerk
Village of Lake Nebagamon