

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF SURING BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2024 AT 5:00 PM

1. **Meeting Called to Order** by Village President Steffek at 5:00 pm.
Roll Call: Bengtson, Kohlwey, Kramp, Nieling, School, Schuettpelz, and Steffek, Also present: Clerk-Treasurer Kim Gruetzmacher, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Pat Sleeter, Police Chief Kevin Schneider, and Public Works Foreman Jeff Tienor. Also present: Tammy Young and Dallas Hazelrigg.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** was recited by all, and the invocation provided by Clerk-Treasurer.
3. **Agenda** motion to approve agenda was made by School and second by Kramp. All ayes. Motion carried.
Open Meeting Notice statement made by Clerk-Treasurer.
4. **Public Input** Clerk informed board that the Sportsman's Club thanks the Village for allowing them to place the dumpster for deer carcass drop off.
5. **Minutes** of the DECEMBER meeting(s) were approved with a motion by Schuettpelz and second by Kramp. All ayes. Motion carried.
6. **MSA Art Bahr**: Bahr not presented, no new report.
7. **Sexual Predator Appeal**: Dallas Hazelrigg presented to the Village Board that his father, Dale Hazelrigg, was convicted of a misdemeanor crime, and while he is not trying to minimize the problem; he is looking for the Village Board to allow Dale Hazelrigg to live at his current address once he's released from his sentence. Dallas stated he spoke with numerous people in the trailer park and they all stated they would sign a petition to allow Dale to return to his home. Dallas stated his father is not a repeat offender nor violent. Dallas is asking the Village Board to work with him. Dallas stated Dale's expected release date is March 9th. Tammy Young presented to the Village Board that she is currently staying in Dale's home and all Dale does is go to doctor appointments and some shopping. She stated Dale would help anyone at any time.
8. **CLOSED SESSION**: Motion to convene in closed session on the following matters: State Statute 19.85(1)(a) – deliberating concerning a case which was the subject of any quasi-judicial trial or hearing before that government body. Motion to go into closed session to include full board, clerk, deputy clerk, police chief and public works director made by Nieling and second by Schuettpelz. All ayes. Motion carried. Went into closed session at 5:13 PM.

NO PHONES OR OTHER RECORDING DEVICES ALLOWED

9. **OPEN SESSION**: Motion to convene in Open Session to make motions from closed session. – Returned to open session at 5:24 PM. Motion to deny appeal and that Village has to abide by the ordinance that is in place made by Bengtson and second by Kramp. All ayes. Motion carried.
10. **Janitorial Contract for 2024**: Motion to approve janitorial contract with Heise Cleaning, LLC for 2024 made by Bengtson and second by Nieling. All ayes. Motion carried.
11. **Ordinance Relating to Special Charges**: Discussion and possible action on ordinance relating to special charges for emergency response. – No action taken.
12. **Treasurer's Report * Clerk's Report**: DECEMBER 2023 treasurer's report was given by treasurer and motion to approve was made by Schuettpelz and second by Bengtson. All ayes. Motion carried. DECEMBER 2023 clerk's report was given by the Clerk-Treasurer and motion to approve Clerk's report was made by School and second by Kramp. All ayes. Motion carried. Clerk reported past due utility accounts, delinquent mobile home park license, park plan update, redesign of website is live, and upcoming clerk's office training.
13. **BILLS**: were reviewed by the Finance Committee and bill report was presented to each board member. Motion to approve the following made by Schuettpelz and second by Bengtson:

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General Fund:	\$	79,807.05 (January tax district settlements included)
Fire Dept:	\$	2,164.77
Water Dept:	\$	2,771.28
Sewer Dept:	\$	1,989.12

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Bengtson, Kohlwey, Kramp, Nieling, School, Schuettpelz, and Steffek. NAYS: None.
Motion carried.

14. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- **POLICE DEPARTMENT:** Chief Schneider gave report for DECEMBER, 2023, noting 65 calls for service, 3 citations, update to board on parking warnings, and informed board on Shop with a Cop program being a huge success for our first year. Motion to approve police department report was made by Bengtson and second by Nieling. All ayes. Motion carried.
- **FIRE DEPARTMENT:** report for DECEMBER 2023, was presented noting 1 regular meetings, and 1 Town of How woodpile on fire, and 4 EMS Life Assist calls; along with 2023 annual activity report was given to all board members. Motion by Kramp and second by Schuettpehlz to approve the Fire Department report as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.
- **PUBLIC WORKS:** Public works director gave report for DECEMBER 2023 which included arsenic sample results came back with very low amounts, Red Maple meter needs to be changed, wells working well, SCADA isn't working correctly and requested B&M come and review since Energenics isn't fixing the issue, water town is good, sewer plant is running good, VFD has been changed, new dump truck update, added amber/green lights to equipment to assist with visibility, due to weather ice rink will not be going up, and gave Veteran Park Plan update, and post recycle center attendant opening. Motion to approve public works report was made by Kramp and second by Nieling. All ayes. Motion carried.
 - Review and approve catch basin behind Nifty Cone and run to the North - Leave Lay, no action taken. Public works director stated that J.J. Grunwald still has not had time to put together a quote for the Village yet.
- **WATER DEPARTMENT:** DECEMBER 2023 (included in public works director report)
 - Review and approve 2024 water and sewer budget – no action taken, place on February Village Board meeting agenda.
- **SEWER DEPARTMENT:** DECEMBER 2023 (included in public works director report)
- **STREETS:** DECEMBER 2023 (included in public works director report)
- **PARKS:** DECEMBER 2023 (included in public works director report)
- **RECYCLING:** DECEMBER 2023 – no new report, clerk to post part-time recycle center attendant opening
- **TID #1:** DECEMBER 2023 - no new report

15. Other information requiring NO board action:

- 16. CLOSED SESSION:** Motion to convene in closed session on the following matters: State Statute 19.85(1)(c) – Personnel – Motion to go into closed session to include village board, clerk, deputy clerk, and public works director made by School and second by Nieling. All ayes. Motion carried. Went into closed session at 6:08 PM.

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- 17. OPEN SESSION:** Motion to convene in Open Session to make motions from closed session. – Returned to open session at 6:21 PM – no action taken from closed session.
- 18. ADJOURNMENT** – next board meeting Tuesday, February 13, 2024, at 6:00 PM. Motion to adjourn made by School and second by Kramp. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:21 PM.

Minutes prepared by Clerk-Treasurer, Kim Gruetzmacher