

**VILLAGE OF HORTONVILLE
VILLAGE BOARD
OCTOBER 3, 2024 MEETING MINUTES
APPROVED OCTOBER 17, 2024**

President Jeanne Bellile called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Center at 531 N. Nash St., Hortonville, Wisconsin.

Trustees present: Grace Abitz, Bob Jewell, Shauna Keel, Jim Moeller, Jane Olk, and Julie Arendt Vanden Heuvel.

Trustees absent:

Officials/Staff present: Administrator Nathan Treadwell, Clerk-Treasurer Jane Booth, Director of Public Works Aaron Steber, Chief of Police Kristine Brownson, Attorney Ashley Lehocky, and Sergeant Bahr

Officials Excused: Chief of Police Kristine Brownson, Library Director Alexandria Krause

Consent Agenda

Motion [Arendt Vanden Heuvel/Moeller] to approve with the changes noted. Roll call vote, 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

- A. September 19, 2024 Regular Board meeting minutes
- B. September 19, 2024 COW meeting minutes
- C. Presentation of accounts and other claims against the Village

Agenda Changes

None

Preregistered Citizens to be heard

None

Committee Reports

None

Unfinished Business from previous meetings

None

New Business

Discussion and possible action on Lights in Downtown

Jill Fitzsimons P.E., from McMahon Associates was here to talk about the light options to help the board decide on this. One of the light poles concerns was that someone couldn't climb the light pole. She suggested not to go any lower than 16' pole for streetlights. The higher the pole, the more the light spreads out resulting in needing fewer poles. Jill will do a fine tune option of version two and bring it back to the board.

Discussion on SRO Police Vehicle and Potential Sale

Administrator Treadwell said that Sergeant Bahr is here tonight to help discuss this. The other police vehicle came in and in years past we would sell the oldest vehicle. The thought was to try and keep the vehicle. We were quoted \$7,500 for a trade in, and it only has 40,000 miles on it. It has less mileage on it than our two newest vehicles.

Sergeant Bahr stated that he approached Administrator Treadwell because it is a \$7,500 vehicle and it is squad ready, and I feel it would be beneficial to keep it. We have four vehicles, and the

oldest car always goes to the SRO. This vehicle is a 2017, and we have a 2021 and a 2022 that are our primary vehicles, and they have 50,000 miles on and 40,000 miles on and then we just purchased a new 2025 vehicle. We also have the pickup that is a 2020 and has less than 8,700 miles on it. We need to split the vehicle mileage up between three vehicles. Every time we buy a new vehicle, the equipment within that vehicle is not compatible with the new vehicle. The radios can be transferred.

Discussion on the vehicles and what to do with the 2017 vehicle and mileage on the other police vehicles.

President Bellile said that what makes the most sense is to have the SRO use the 2020 truck. If you had to have the other SRO, use the 2017 and drive back and forth to Greenville.

Consensus is to keep the 2017 and to check into the value of the 2020 pickup truck and then bring it back to the board.

Discussion and possible action on Camera and Mic for recording Village Board meetings

Administrator Treadwell said that after looking at the microphone and/or the camera, I don't have the technical expertise to find out the issue on the current setup. I went back and asked the original vendor what our options are and the cost for a camera and microphone. This would be a whole new system; however, it is a very stripped-down option.

Attorney Lehocky said that we would need to be consistent in whatever we decide to do as far as taping committee meetings and board meetings.

Consensus was to tape the board meetings and also record the Village Board meetings on a recorder app as a backup.

Report of Village Officials

Clerk-Treasurer: The report is in the packet.

Director of Public Works: The report is in the packet. Mill Street and the Splash Pad at Alonzo Park are going really well, and everything is on schedule.

Chief of Police: The report is in the packet.

Library Director: The report is in the packet.

Attorney: We have a new attorney that started two months ago, his name is Tyler Plach, and he has a significant amount of municipal experience, and my life is feeling a lot better right now. I am hoping to have him come out for a meeting in the near future.

Administrator: We will be having Hortonville homecoming parade this Friday, and we will have staff working that.

Any other miscellaneous topics for future discussion

None

Communications and Miscellaneous Business

Black Otter Lake District news: Nothing new

Building permit report: The September Building report was submitted.

Hortonville-Hortonia Fire District news: There was a fire on Tuesday night.

Gold Cross Ambulance run reports and news: None

Hortonville Civic Association: Nothing new

Comments and suggestions from citizens present

I just wanted to introduce myself. My name is Sydney Bassel. I work for Senator Rachael Cabral-Guevara, and since the maps have changed this is now her district. Also, about 90% of our area is new, so I just wanted to reach out to you and see if there is anything that we can do for you.

Adjournment

Motion [Moeller/Olk] to adjourn. Unanimous voice vote, motion carried. The Board adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Minutes submitted by,

Jane Booth, WCMC
Village Clerk/Treasurer