VILLAGE OF PARK RIDGE
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
January 22, 2024

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MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – President Steve Menzel called the Park Ridge Village Board to order at 5:30 pm. The Village Board meeting was held in person at the Village Hall. After the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance by members present, a roll call was taken. Trustees Barb Friedrich, Gordon Renfert, Kristin Paulson and President Menzel were present; Clerk Katie McKelvey, and residents Shawn Paulson, Bob Gifford, Jim LaMar and Chief Moody from the Stevens Point Fire Department were also present. Trustee Dan Holloway was not in attendance.

AGENDA ITEM #1 - APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY AGENDA – Menzel asked the Board members if there were any changes regarding the January agenda. Paulson made a motion to approve, with no changes. Renfert seconded the motion. Motion carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

AGENDA ITEM #2 – PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD - The public comment section was opened to anyone who wished to speak on any agenda item. No comments were made.

AGENDA ITEM #3 – PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD - The public comment section was opened to anyone who wished to speak on any non-agenda item. Resident Bob Gifford and County Board Representative, spoke about the following topics:

- Retain county nursing home or sell it / privatize it due to rising costs of operation.
- On-going problem of contaminated water in Nelsonville, WI
- Relocating the criminal justice center

AGENDA ITEM #4 – REVIEW & APPROVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 11, 2023 – After minor changes, Friedrich made a motion to approve the minutes. Renfert seconded the motion. Motion carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

AGENDA ITEM #5 – REVIEW AND ACCEPT DECEMBER TREASURER'S REPORT – Friedrich made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Motion was seconded by Paulson. Roll call was taken, Paulson – yes, Friedrich – yes, Renfert – yes, Menzel – yes.

AGENDA ITEM #6 – REVIEW AND APPROVE DECEMBER & JANUARY BILLS/PAYMENTS – Renfert made the motion to approve the payment of the bills. Seconded by Paulson. Roll call was taken, Friedrich – yes, Renfert – yes, Paulson – yes, Menzel – yes.

AGENDA ITEM #7 – REVIEW AND APPROVE QUARTERLY REPORTS - Friedrich Made the motion to approve the quarterly reports; Motion seconded by Renfert. Roll call was taken, Friedrich – yes, Renfert – yes, Paulson – yes, Menzel – yes.

- Building Permits
- Fire Department
  - Chief Moody explained the fire protection contract.
  - Chief Moody is willing to provide safety inserts for our village newsletter.
  - Reach a Child Program Implemented (Keeps kids preoccupied during an emergency with books, coloring, etc)
  - In 2023, SPFD had 15 calls to the Village of Park Ridge
  - SPFD calls are up 17%
  - EMS calls are up 10%
- Zoning Committee – nothing to report for 4th quarter 2023.
- Payroll

DISCUSSION AND/OR POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

AGENDA ITEM #8 – SPRING PRIMARY ELECTION – FEBRUARY 20, 2024 – Stevens Point School District $14 Million Operational Referendum

AGENDA ITEM #9 – APPROVE OPERATOR'S LICENSE – Friedrich moved to approve; Motion seconded by Paulson. Motion carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

AGENDA ITEM #10 – VILLAGE HALL LOCK SYSTEM – Authorize up to $1,000 to change the lock system. Paulson moved to approve; Friedrich seconded the motion. Roll call was taken, Paulson – yes, Friedrich – yes, Renfert – yes, Menzel – yes.

AGENDA ITEM #11 – EXPLANATION OF VILLAGE TAX INCREASE – 55% of the increase was due to the referendum that was passed in early 2023. The remaining percentage increase was due to the $200,000 loan the Village of Park Ridge acquired to fund expenses until 2024 when the referendum would take effect.

AGENDA ITEM #12 – UPDATE ON MUNICIPAL WATER AGREEMENT – City council voted to approve the city staff putting together an agreement for providing water mains to Park Ridge

AGENDA ITEM #13 – DAMAGED SIGN ON GREENBRIAR TO BE REPAIRED IN SPRING – Will be fixed once the ground thaws.

AGENDA ITEM #14 – VILLAGE CAUCUS UPDATE – Dan Holloway and Barb Friedrich were nominated to run for the two trustee positions in the upcoming Spring election.

AGENDA ITEM #15 – CHIEF ELECTION INSPECTOR – Resident Shanna Behrend is the Chief Election Inspector for the upcoming election year. The Village is looking to have a back-up Chief Election Inspector as well. The Village is currently looking for volunteers.

AGENDA ITEM #16 – CLARIFICATION/DISCUSSION OF SNOWPLOW CONTRACT – Zblewski sands/salts the intersections when needed – cost is in addition to our annual snowplow contract. May need to adjust budget for next year.

AGENDA ITEM #17 – SANTA 2023 – Discussed items that could be purchased and used for next year. Suggested items were additional information for each child so Santa can make conversation with the children. Label male or female next to each name. New, larger Santa hats have been requested as well as Santa beards/wigs. Ideally hats with beards/wigs attached.

AGENDA ITEM #18 – SET DATE FOR NEXT BOARD MEETING – Thursday, February 15, 2024, at 5:30pm

The meeting adjourned at 7:14 pm.

KATIE MCKELVEY
VILLAGE CLERK

STEVE MENZEL
VILLAGE PRESIDENT