VILLAGE OF PARK RIDGE
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
March 21, 2022

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 and via Zoom. After the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance by members present, a roll call was taken. Trustees Charm Fournier and Gordon Renfert were present along with Clerk Shanna Behrend, Bill Dunham attended by phone. The meeting was also attended via Zoom by Trustee Kristin Paulson, Fire Chief Brian Lepper, AJ Hawley, Richard Marsolek, Matt Bentivegna, Brian Kozlowski, Dan Holloway and the Metro- Wire.

AGENDA ITEM #1 - APPROVAL OF THE MARCH AGENDA - Menzel asked the Board members if there were any questions regarding the March agenda. Fournier made a motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Renfert. 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 non-agenda item. No comments from the public. The public comment period was closed.

AGENDA ITEM #3 – REVIEW & APPROVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 21, 2022. Fournier noted an omission and misspelling of names. Paulson made a motion to approve the changes to the minutes. Fournier seconded the motion. Motion carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

AGENDA ITEM #4 – REVIEW AND ACCEPT FEBRUARY TREASURER'S REPORT – The Treasurer provided a spreadsheet comparing the cash (bank accounts) equal to the total reserve accounts. Renfert made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Fournier. Roll call was taken, Paulson – yes, Dunham – yes, Fournier – yes, Renfert – yes, Menzel – yes.

AGENDA ITEM #5 – APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY & MARCH BILLS/PAYMENTS - Dunham made a motion to approve the bills/payments. Seconded by Renfert. Motion carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

AGENDA ITEM #6 – PRESENTATION BY STEPHEN SAWYER – Sawyer, who was running for Circuit Court Judge, gave a brief presentation on his campaign platforms. Molepske arrived after this agenda item, so the board returned to this agenda item so he could speak.

AGENDA ITEM #7 – DISCUSS AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON FIRE DEPARTMENT NEXT STEPS – Menzel gave an update on meetings and conversations he has had regarding the fire department. Several groups and individuals will and have been contacted. They are as follows:

1. Paul Stroik from the Village of Whiting regarding their merger with Plover in 2012.
2. Dave Wilz, Chairman from the Town of Hull. Their Board voted unanimously to stand ready for fire protection for the Village if needed.
3. Mayor Mike Wiza, Fire Chief J.B. Moody, City Public Utilities Director Joel Lemke and Corey Ladick, City Comptroller/ Treasurer to discuss options from the Stevens Point Fire Department on February 23, 2022. The city said they are ready to help in the short and long term if needed. They would need to be moved up on MABAS to the first tier. They are currently in the second tier of departments called. A long-term arrangement would require adding hydrants and upgrading streets.
4. On February 21, 2022, Menzel spoke with Dave McFadden, retired Department Chair in Fire Protection Technology from Fox Valley Tech. He referred Menzel to his successor, Tim Franz, retired chief from the Oshkosh Fire Department and educator at the tech school. He would be available as a paid consultant.
5. Menzel had an email conversation with Clarke Crandell, Training Officer for the Stevens Point Fire Department (retired). He has done an assessment of the fire department in the past.
6. Menzel spoke with Jeff Roemer formerly of RW Management Group inc. He is available as a paid consultant.
7. Menzel spoke with Betty Bruski-Mallek of Junction City. They merged with Rudolph.
8. Future meeting with Rob Henker of Wisconsin Policy Institute.
9. Future potential meeting with the Plover Fire Department.

Menzel said the board will have to decide if the Village deems it necessary to pay for a consultation or base a decision on already acquired information.

RETURNED TO AGENDA ITEM #6 – Louis Molepske, running for Circuit Court Judge, arrived after agenda item #6 had been completed. The Board returned to agenda item #6 to allow Molepske to speak

AGENDA ITEM #8 – UPDATE AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON BIL (BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE LAW) – Menzel updated the Board on the status of the grants for the BIL. It is an ongoing process and hoped that the Village would be able to apply by next year, possibly this year.

AGENDA ITEM #9 - DISCUSS AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON REPLACEMENT FOR THE APPOINTED HUMAN RESOURCE'S ROLL – Menzel recommended replacing Fournier with Paulson in the Human Resource Role. Fournier has opted to not run for re-election. Fournier made a motion to approve Paulson as the replacement. Seconded by Renfert. Motion carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

AGENDA ITEM #10 – UPDATE AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE ARPA FUNDS PROCESS – Behrend discussed the online trainings available regarding ARPA funds available. The Village also requires two designees for the account that has been set up.

AGENDA ITEM #11

2022 Spring Election

- March 22, 2022, first day of early in-person voting
- March 31, 2022, last day of early in-person voting
- April 5, 2022, Election Day
- All absentee ballots must be returned in person or by mail

AGENDA ITEM #12 – UPDATE ON HOUSE FIRE AT 302 SUNRISE AVE – Menzel gave an update on the house fire with the information that Chief Lepper had been able to acquire up to that point. He gave response times and what departments responded. Menzel said that there would be further updates as more information was gathered.

AGENDA ITEM #13 – VILLAGE UPDATES:

- The Park Ridge Rummage Sale is scheduled for May 7th from 8am – 2pm. The event is coordinated by Village residents. Any questions, please contact Charm Fournier at charm@fourniers.org
- The light pole from Hazelwood and Sunset is still a work in progress
- Reminder to get your dog license before March 31st to avoid the late fee

AGENDA ITEM # 14 – SET DATE FOR THE NEXT BOARD MEETING – The date for the next Board meeting is set for April 18, 2022, at 5:30pm.

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm.

SHANNA BEHREND
VILLAGE CLERK

STEVE MENZEL
VILLAGE PRESIDENT