**VILLAGE OF PARK RIDGE**
**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**
**February 17, 2025**

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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, roll call was taken. Trustees Gordon Renfert, Dan Holloway, Barb Friedrich and President Steve Menzel, and clerk Lisa Lucht were present in person. Trustee Kristin Paulson and village treasurer Melissa Clark attended the meeting by zoom.

**AGENDA ITEM #1 - APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY AGENDA** – Menzel asked the Board members if there were any changes regarding the February agenda. Holloway 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. No comments were made.

**AGENDA ITEM #4 – REVIEW & APPROVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES FROM JANUARY 20, 2025** – Menzel motioned to approve the minutes with minor changes to be made. Seconded by Holloway. Motion carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

**AGENDA ITEM #5 – REVIEW AND ACCEPT JANUARY TREASURER'S REPORT** – Friedrich made the motion to accept Treasurer's Report, seconded by Renfert. Roll call was taken; Paulson – yes, Holloway – yes, Friedrich – yes, Renfert – yes, Menzel – yes.

**AGENDA ITEM #6 – REVIEW AND APPROVE JANUARY AND FEBRUARY BILLS / PAYMENTS** – Holloway made motion to approve January and February bills / payments. Seconded by Friedrich. Roll call was taken; Holloway – yes, Friedrich – yes, Renfert – yes, Paulson – yes, Menzel – yes.

**DISCUSSION AND/OR POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:**

**AGENDA ITEM #7 – DISCUSS ROAD PROJECT UPDATES** – Dan Knoeck is working on a presentation explaining the project for the public meeting that takes place on February 19, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at Iverson Lodge to discuss road projects on Hillcrest and Greenbriar streets. All village residents have been invited to attend public meeting. Seating will accommodate elderly and disabled individuals. Residents will be offered multiple ways to have questions answered, for example email, telephone or in person. Dan Knoeck did inform Steve village president if residents ask questions about laterals, for example, when water hookup is required, and cost homeowner will inquire answers will be given with current information known at this time. Steve stated due to current water agreement with the City of Stevens Point currently being re-worked due to the road project, questions regarding city water will be addressed with information currently known. Planning Commission meeting is March 3, 2025. Joel Lemke Stevens Point Public Utilities Department is working with the Planning Commission.

**AGENDA ITEM #8 -APPLICATION FOR INNOVATION PLANNING GRANT** – The Department of Revenue offers a planning grant to a municipality under 5,000 population. A maximum of $100,000.00 could be awarded. The state legislature is wanting communities to look at ways to save taxpayers money. Steve proposed to the board to apply for the grant to hire a consultant to provide management counsel and feasibility of shared services and / or consolidation for the Village of Park Ridge. If awarded grant, the consulting firm would analyze expenses and determine areas the village could save money. The board in agreement to complete application for grant.

**AGENDA ITEM #9 – DISCUSS VILLAGE OF PARK RIDGE PROPOSED BURNING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT** – Steve informed the board that he is wanting to keep this on the agenda until the ordinance has been passed by the board. The board needs to review the current burning ordinance and compare it to proposed burning ordinance. Steve noted in previous minutes it was noted that Holloway would review and if any revisions were needed, Holloway would recommend revisions to the board. Holloway agreed to this plan.

**AGENDA ITEM #10– UPDATE ON HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN –** The county is wanting each municipality to update their hazard mitigation plan. Steve has updated information as requested. The village can apply for the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Steve noted the village currently has 3 residents in flood plain. Steve was informed that if the village applies to the program, if there is a disaster the village has a higher chance of receiving FEMA funding. No cost for application. Board in agreement to apply to program.

**AGENDA ITEM #11 –DISCUSSION OF THE CITY OF STEVENS POINT PLAN COMMISSION REZONING PUBLIC HEARING ON FEBRUARY 3, 2025, FOR PARCEL 3535 JEFFERSON STREET –** Paulson attended meeting by zoom. The meeting was about 1.5-2 hours long. 11 Park Ridge residents spoke out at this meeting. Multiple concerns were raised to the City of Stevens Point, for example truck traffic, no sidewalks noted on the street and the safety of residents performing outdoor activities on the street. Rezoning did pass 4 to 3. Holloway stated that the village should consider different options to limit truck traffic in the village. Menzel stated the traffic will depend on the route's trucks will use to get in / out of parcel. At this time Menzel stated will have to wait for site plans to be completed and watch for upcoming meetings by the city on this topic.

**AGENDA ITEM #12 – SPRING PRIMARY ELECTION – FEBRUARY 18, 2025** – Election hours 7 a.m. until 8 p.m.

**AGENDA ITEM #13 – SET DATE AND TIME FOR THE NEXT BOARD MEETING -** Monthly board meeting for March will be on March 17, 2025

**AGEMDA ITEM #14 – ADJOURN MEETING –** MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:00 P.M.

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VILLAGE CLERK

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