

VILLAGE OF CAMERON
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
February 10, 2025 | 6:00 P.M.
300 N 1st Street, Cameron, WI 54822

1. Meeting called to order by Village President Russ Hulback at 6:00 p.m. Answering roll call were: Village President Russell Hulback; Trustees Randy Hill; Dave Ebner; Kathy Krug; Denise Paddock; Steve Johnson; Jessica Larson. All present. Staff present: DPW-Ebert; C-T Story. Guests present: Chris Fitzgerald. Citizens present: four.
2. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None
3. COMMITTEE / STAFF REPORTS
 - a. Building Inspector Report: Report in packet, not present.
 - b. Public Works Report: Frost depths vary from 36-50+ inches and water temps at village shop lingering in low 40's. We will continue to check the frost depths and water systems every few days. Water line at Food Pantry froze between Pantry and Hall as well as the sewer lateral line. The sump pump at the Hall stopped working the night we thawed out the services and the basement at the Village Hall took on some water. Clayton lift station panel heater stopped working one night but this has been resolved. Working on a paving schedule with Barron County Highway Department. We snow plowed and had no issues. Rear brakes on Truck 5 were nonfunctioning and had to be replaced.
 - c. Law Enforcement Report: Interim Chief of Police, Jessica Larson provided an update to the board regarding accessing PD accounts, warranty of vehicle, and misc. items.
 - d. Clerk Report: C-T Story provided update to the Park Equipment Fundraiser which is now \$7,110.00 of the goal of \$45,000.00. Election is February 18, 2025, most of the poll workers resigned or retired when Roger left, no time for training for the February election and still looking for one more. Public Test is scheduled. Per WI Stat. 985.02(2) it authorizes the village to post in either three public places OR post in one place and the website. Consensus of the board to move forward with posting in one place (village hall inside and outside) and on the website. Village Hall has been experiencing computer issues and much time has been spent on this. I have sent out over 600 notices of Intent to Collect Debt for old municipal court citations that are unpaid and we have been receiving many calls and payments. Still training both part-time employees. Tax season settlements were as follows: January (1st) Settlement for taxes collected in December: School District of Cameron: \$226,163.61; Northwest Tech College: \$6,851.31; Barron County: \$89,953.85; Village of Cameron: \$224,242.35. For the February (2nd) Settlement for taxes collected in January: School District of Cameron: \$440,910.41; Northwest Tech College: \$13,356.75; Barron County: \$196,646.83; Village of Cameron: 437,164.86. Auditors will be on site next week.
4. OLD BUSINESS: None
5. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. Consider/Act on Recommendation of Plan Commission for Bobcats Plus, Inc. Intent to Construct Building on Parcel # 111-8088-04-010;
Plan Commission met on January 20, 2025 and has made a recommendation to the Board to accept Bobcats Plus, Inc. to build on proposed parcel.
Motion by Trustees Larson/Paddock for consensus of the board pending formal application from Bobcats Plus.
 - B. Consider/Act on Dahlhouse Enterprises, LLC for \$1,460;
Motion by Trustees Hill/Ebner to hire Dahlhouse Enterprises for an aerial imagery in the

amount of \$1,460.00 using funds from unaffiliated from 2024. All aye. None opposed.
Motion carried. 7-0.

- C. Consider/Act on Public Works Management Training 3-day Course in Wausau May 13-14-15, 2025, totaling \$900 including lodging and travel expenses;
Motion by Trustees Ebner/Krug to approve \$1,115.00 for DPW-Ebert to attend a the management training meeting in May 13-14-15, 2025. All aye. None opposed. Motion carried. 7-0.

- D. Consider/Act to Closed Session pursuant to *WI Stat. 19.85(1)(f) considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons except where par. (b) applies which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations regarding discussion of departmental review and past chief practices including data access, logins, and passwords and WI Stat. 19.85(1)(c) considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility for the hiring for a chief of police;*
Motion to close at 6:20 p.m. by Roll Call: Ebner – aye; Krug – aye; Hulback – aye; Paddock – aye; Johnson – aye; Larson – aye; Hill – aye. All aye. Motion carried. 7-0.

- E. Consider/Act to Reconvene into Open Session and to take any action on Closed Session items as necessary;
Motion to open at 7:43 p.m. by President Hulback/Krug to reconvene into open session. All aye. None opposed. Motion carried. 7-0.
Motion by President Hulback/Trustee Krug to extend an offer to Anthony Engel for the Chief of Police position pending a background check and employment requirements. Aye: 5; Nay: 2; Motion carried 5-2.

- F. Discuss/Consider/Act on Outsourcing the Police Department to Barron County;
No action.

- G. Discuss/Consider/Act on Elimination of the Third Full-Time Patrol Officer Position;
Motion by Trustees Hill/Krug to eliminate the third full-time Patrol Officer position. An amended motion was made by Trustees Hill/President Hulback to include verbiage: for the 2025 Budget Year. All aye. None opposed. Motion carried. 7-0.

6. TREASURERS REPORT: No action

7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by President Hulback/Trustee Ebner to adjourn at 8:03 p.m. All aye. None opposed.
Motion carried.