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2025-03-11 Board minutes

Roll Call

The meeting was called to order. The following members were present: Dan Quinn, Mary Litviak (via Zoom), Brandon Bindl, Adam Reno, Corey Ewers, and Brad Seymour.

Also in attendance: Esther Marshall, Chris Conner, Cameron Quinn, Sandra Creasey, Jen Merrison, Steve Morgenson, Christa Quinn, Tom Frieberg. Lisa Evans, Jeff Hackl, and Chris Hackl.

ZOOM: Linda Schwanke (Home News), and Valley Sentinels AI Notetake.

Approve Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda made by Harry Pulvermacher, seconded by Brad Seymour. Motion carried.

Approval of 02/11/2025 Minutes

Motion to approve February 11, 2025, minutes made by Brad Seymour, seconded by Brandon Bindl. Motion carried.

Finance Committee's recommendation regarding Treasurer position.

The finance committee recommended hiring Elizabeth Gieck for the Treasurer position. She was hired 24 hours a week.

Planning & Zoning recommendations

Jeff Lamont rezoning to commercial

The board discussed the rezoning of Jeff Lamont's property, JTL Welding and Fabrication LLC, located at 125 West Exchange Street. The recommendation was to rezone the property from R-1 single family residential district to B-1 Retail business district, and then to C-1 Central Business District upon adoption of ordinance 13-1-47 and approval of the required conditional use permit.

Additional conditions were discussed, including no outdoor storage of materials except in enclosed containers or properly screened areas, and restrictions on lighting to prevent excessive glare onto adjacent properties or streets.

Motion to approve the rezoning and conditional use permit for Jeff Lamont's property as recommended by the Planning Commission made by Brad Seymour seconded by Corey Ewers. Motion carried.

Chris Hackl conditional use permit (CUP) to have bees.

The board discussed a conditional use permit for Chris Hackl to allow beekeeping at 408 North Mill Street. The recommendation was to approve the permit with conditions, including a limit of five beehives and compliance with village ordinance 7-1-23. The board also reserved the right to review the permit annually.

Motion to approve the conditional use permit for Chris Hackl to keep bees with the specified conditions made by Brad Seymour, seconded by Corey Ewers. Motion carried.

Quarles Sewerage System Revenue Bonds, Series 2025 (Clean Water Fund Loan)

The board discussed the issuance of approximately $2,800,000 in Village of Lone Rock sewage system revenue bonds under the Clean Water Fund loan.

Motion to approve the proposed issuance of approximately $2,800,000 Village of Lone Rock sewage system revenue bonds series 2025 under the Clean Water Fund loan made by Brad Seymour, seconded by Mary Litviak. Motion carried with one abstention.

Johnson & Block Co, Inc, (CPA'S) Mineral Point – Engagement Letter from the Year Ended 12/31/24.

The board discussed engaging Johnson & Block Co, Inc. for auditing services. Tammy explained that the firm would conduct the required Public Service Commission (PSC) audit for water and sewer, as well as a Form C audit for the entire village. The cost for the PSC audit would be $4,000, which is comparable to previous audits. The board discussed the benefits of having a comprehensive audit and the firm's experience with municipal audits.

Motion to retain Johnson & Block, CPAs to prepare PSC, Form C, and annual reports as needed made by Brad Seymour, seconded by Harry Pulvermacher. Motion carried.

Operator's License for MH Friends to Donald Foster

Motion to accept the liquor license for MH Friends to Donnie Foster made by Harry Pulvermacher, seconded by Adam Reno. Motion carried.

School Forest Lots

The board discussed the proposed layout for the school forest lots. The plan was revised to include 6 lots in Block 4, 6 lots in Block 1, and a total of 14 lots in Blocks 2 and 3. The smaller lots would be against East Forest Street, and the larger lots would be against Dr. B. Reynolds St. Although the Southwestern Wisconsin Regional Planning was disappointed with the reduction in the number of lots from 30 to 24, the board decided to move forward with the revised plan.

Motion to move forward with the lots as approved by Planning and Zoning made by Adam Reno, seconded by Corey Ewers. Motion carried.

Farmer's Market and 4th of July Updates – Mary Litviak

Mary Litviak provided updates on the Farmers Market and Fourth of July committees. The Farmers Market will open on May 8th and run weekly through September or October in Central Park. Lisa Evans will chair the committee, with Sandy as co-chair, Christa Quinn as trustee, and Mary as treasurer and secretary.

For the Fourth of July celebration, Angela Larson is leading the committee. The event will include a 5K run/walk, a petting zoo, and potentially a kids' sand wrestling tournament. The fire department will support the fireworks display. More details will be posted on the LoneRockfourthofJuly.org website and Facebook page.

Tom Frieberg discussed the possibility of permanently anchoring donated picnic tables in the center park for the Farmers Market, but it was noted that they need to check with Mr. Glassbrenner and Richland County due to funding restrictions.

Zoning Administrator Report

Brad Seymour provided an update on the Chapter 13 zoning ordinance revisions. Due to difficulties in contacting Attorney Harvey, Brad will generate paper copies of the ordinances that need revision. The goal is to have the ordinances ready for public review and adoption at the May 13th village board meeting.

No new zoning approval permits were received, although one is expected soon. The JTL Welding and Fabrication LLC sign issue is no longer a violation due to the recent zoning change, but a permit will need to be issued for compliance.

The board discussed the ongoing issues with Attorney Harvey and the need to finalize the zoning ordinances. It was suggested that Harvey be required to attend a meeting to resolve the matter.

Fire District

There was no report for the Fire District, but a meeting was mentioned for later in the month.

EMS

Jen Merrison reported 21 patient contacts in the previous month, with the busiest days being February 26th, March 4th (3 contacts each), and February 27th (4 contacts). They are continuing to work on updating intercept and coverage agreements. A mutual aid agreement approved by the state of Wisconsin was mentioned and will be added to the next meeting's agenda for action.

Police

A letter from Clay was read, reporting five calls for service and two citations issued in the village during the billing period from February 2nd to March 1st, totaling $4,160. A board member mentioned some activity starting to happen at the park and suggested informing Clay about it.

Library

Brad Seymour reported on behalf of Troy Reinhart, the library director. Last month, the library had 108 visitors, 103 physical checkouts, and 95 checkouts on Libby (an electronic checkout system). The library is open to suggestions for summer programs and encourages community members to contact them with ideas or potential presenters.

Public Works Department – Chris Conner & Cameron Quinn

Cameron reported that the last two trees from the lift station were taken down, and there are no more trees to remove in the village.

Public Input

Mary Litviak asked about the EMS chicken barbecue for the Fourth of July celebration. The EMS representatives said it had not been discussed yet but would be addressed at their next meeting.

Tammy reminded the Fourth of July committee to reserve portable toilets for the event. Mary confirmed she had contacted Amy for a quote and would add it to the April agenda for village approval.

The Farmers Market meeting was confirmed for April 7th.

Next Board Meeting – April 8, 2025 - 7:00 PM at the Village Office

Review Check Register/Bills

The board reviewed the check register and bills.

Adjourn at 7:42 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Tammy Christianson, Clerk.