

VILLAGE OF NICHOLS -- Board Meeting
October 11, 2022

Call to Order: by President Terry Scheller at 6:30 p.m. with Trustees Jerry Krull, Kathy Krull, and Tom Daniels present. Also present: Roger Ort, Linda Hoes and NRRD Fire Chief Wayne Seitz.

Agenda: Motion by Kathy/Tom to approve the Agenda, carried.

Outagamie County Police Report: (no report)

Minutes: Motion by Tom/Jerry to approve the September 13th Board minutes, carried.

Treasurer's Report: Motion by Kathy/Tom to approve the September Treasurer's Report and bank statements, carried.

Bills to Approve: Motion by Kathy/Jerry to approve the bills and VISA charges, paid on Village checks #18725-18754 and four electronic withdrawals; and, Water Utility checks #2627-#2632, carried.

Black Creek Police Report: Reviewed the 3rd Quarter report received.

Water & Sewer Report (Roger):

- Hydrants: The hydrants were flushed.
- Sludge Tank: The sludge tank was pumped out today.
- Lift Station: The lift station will be cleaned tomorrow.
- Fall Prep: Will be starting the fall maintenance.

Unfinished Business:

- Star Communications (Star): tabled
- USDA Grant:
 1. Reviewed landscaping quote. Lawn area has been seeded.
 2. Motion by Terry/Kathy to approve the Language Access Plan Policy & Procedures, carried.
- Corporate Network Solutions (CNS): Most of the work is done.
- ARPA: tabled.
- Security Cameras: tabled. Clerk will check with Todd at CNS.
- Comprehensive Plan: tabled
- Storage Buildings & Containers: tabled

New Business:

- Storm Review: (Items discussed at the July 26 and October 3 Fire Committee meetings.)
 1. Generator: Agreed that service and maintenance of the generator will be split 50/50 between the Village of Nichols and the Nichols Rural Fire Department.

2. Radio: Purchasing a radio for emergency situations was unnecessary at this time as none of the phones or radios worked during the June storm.
 3. Financial Person: Terry said he would be the Village's contact person, with Roger as backup, to make decisions for the Village in emergency situations.
 4. WI Disaster Funding (WDF): It was decided the Village would use the funds received for emergency items, such as purchasing additional barricades, etc. which would be stored at the municipal garage and available for fire department use when needed.
 5. NRFD Overhead Doors: Replacing the overhead doors is not a maintenance item. As the NRFD is leasing the fire station for \$1.00 a year, replacement costs are the responsibility of the fire department.
 6. Alarm System: The Village is not interested in adding on to the fire department's alarm system.
 7. Generator Life Expectancy: The life expectancy could be 2,000 operating hours.
- 2023 Black Creek Fire & Rescue Service Agreement: Motion by Kathy/Tom to approve the 2023 Agreement.
 - Janitor: Motion by Terry/Jerry to hire Ginger Casper, carried.
 - 2023 Budget: The Budget Prep meeting will be on November 1st at 6:30 p.m. The Public Budget Hearing will be held November 8th with the Regular Board meeting immediately following.

Guests: Reviewed with Fire Chief Wayne Seitz the above decisions made by the Village board regarding the Fire Committee's "Storm Review" discussions.

Correspondence:

- 2023 County Sales Tax Revenue: The County is projecting the sales tax collections to increase by 9% in 2023.
- Trick or Treat: The Advertiser is running a free collective ad for Trick or Treat hours. The Village hours will be from 4 – 7 p.m. on Monday, October 31st.

Adjourn: Motion by Kathy/Terry to adjourn, carried.