

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

The Regular Village Board meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Village Administrator, Gail Tamez

Board Members Present at the Community Center: Eugene Mayernick Wolfgang Henschik, John Reinbold, John Meyer, Al Theis and Alan Barrows

Excused: Jeffery Flaws

Also Present at Community Center: Administrator Tamez; Village Engineer, Mike Court; State Representative Cindi Duchow; Heather Nagel, 211 Kummrow Court and Cameron Schneider, 326 Llamberris Pass

Administrator Tamez noted that proper notice of this meeting had been posted in accordance with the open meeting laws of the State of Wisconsin.

ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF VILLAGE PRESIDENT JEFFERY A. FLAWS AND APPROVE AN APPOINTMENT TO FINISH OUT HIS TERM EXPIRING IN 2025

Motion by Trustee Mayernick to accept the resignation of Jeffery A. Flaws, Wales Village President and appoint Trustee John Meyer to serve the remainder of his term which expires in April 2025, as President for the Village of Wales, second by Trustee Henschik, passed.

Jeffery Flaws has continually served the residents of the Village of Wales for 34 years and presided as President for the Village of Wales for 30 of those years.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Rep. Cindi Duchow was present to give a Legislative update. She discussed the potential tax cuts for retired persons that was vetoed by the Governor and stated that she will bring it forward again during the next session. She also gave an update on the redistricting maps and stated that the Village will be in Assembly District 97 now and she will be running for that seat. She also stated that SB691 died (Urban Towns) and did not feel it would be coming back. She invited the members to the ground breaking for the new lodge at Lapham Peak State Park. She worked with the State and was able to secure \$250,000.00 to help build the lodge. The Board thanked her for coming and told her she was welcome anytime and they would like to see another Town Hall meeting held in the Village.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Trustee Theis, Board members approved the minutes of the Village Board meeting of March 4, 2024, and acknowledge receipt of the Park Commission minutes of the February 12, 2024, meeting and waived reading thereof, second by Trustee Mayernick, passed.

UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 BUSINESS

2024 Sewer Service Charge Rates

The Village's accountant, Mike Rotroff, prepared a report to assist the Board in setting the 2024 sewer service rates for the Wales Utility District. The members reviewed 2023 actual expenses and revenues.

Motion by Trustee Reinbold to approve the proposed 2024 Sewer Service Charge Rate as prepared by the Village's Accountant, second by Trustee Theis, passed.

The volume charge is proposed to decrease by \$.11, with the new quarterly rate being \$16.42, the quarterly REC charge will be increased by \$14.26, with the new proposed rate being \$144.16, and meter fees increased an average of \$.16 per quarter. Class 2 Charges will also be increasing. No one has come in yet to mitigate any of the Class 2 charges for their business.

Overall there is about a 3% increase in quarterly fees this year.

2024 Utility District Operating Budget

Motion by Trustee Barrows to adopt the 2024 Utility District Operating Budget as presented with a total budget of \$455,166.00, second by Trustee Reinbold, passed.

Sanitary Sewer Status—SEH

Mike Court, SEH, reviewed the monthly memo with the Board. Overall the system is functioning well. Work continues on monitoring grease in the system and understanding how it effects flow at the end of the pipes. Yearly education is sent out to users and the annual grease trap maintenance report will go out later this year to businesses.

VILLAGE BOARD BUSINESS

CONSULTATION WITH VILLAGE ENGINEER

Mike Court, SEH, reviewed the engineer's report with the Board members. The 2024 Roadwork and Maintenance bid opening will be on March 28, 2024. Mike updated the Board on the Salt Shed site public input meeting and President Meyer stated that based on feedback, potential sites, etc., the Village of Wales is not a salt shed community. Alternate negotiations with our current snowplow contractor are commencing for potential structure.

N. OAK CREST DRIVE EVALUATION ESTIMATED COSTS

Motion by Trustee Theis to accept the estimated costs in the amount of \$35,000.00 from SEH to perform an evaluation of N. Oak Crest Drive in conjunction with State LRIP-S funds, second by Trustee Reinbold passed.

FIRE CHIEF MONTHLY UPDATE

No Report was received. The department has purchased a new reporting program and is designing new reports. They will be more comprehensive and detailed. More information will be presented soon.

ADOPT MISSION STATEMENT FOR THE VILLAGE OF WALES

Our mission is to foster a vibrant and sustainable community that cherishes its unique Welsh heritage and preserves its rich history. We are committed to providing quality service and ensuring easy and open access to government activities for all residents. We aim to preserve our natural beauty and create a welcoming home that honors the past and embraces the future.

Motion by Trustee Henschik adopt the above statement as the Mission Statement for the Village of Wales, second by Trustee Theis, passed.

BILLS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT

Bills submitted for 2024 expenses were approved on a motion by Trustee Barrows, second by Trustee Reinbold, passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/UPDATES

Finance Committee

No new updates to report at this time.

Personnel Committee

The DPW Supervisor is in the process of accepting applications and setting up interviews for 2024 season help.

Sewer Utility

No new updates at this time.

Plan Commission

The Village's RV Ordinance is being reviewed by the Attorney. We should have more information by the April Plan Commission meeting.

Parks Commission

Out of 4 companies asked, SEH is the only one who submitted a quote to update the Village's Comprehensive Park Plan. The Commission is also checking with SEWRPC. Items being looked at to be in the plan are completion of the walking path, a pedestrian runway from the soccer fields to the playground; accessible playground, band shelter and their priority is a multi-use trail Brandybrook West of 83 and East to the Legend. Trustee Barrows also gave an update on the status of the Recycling facility and processing of materials.

Public Works Committee

No new update to report at this time.

Junk/Weeds

No new updates to report at this time.

Fire Department

Trustee Mayernick gave an update on ambo billing, new hires, the new ladder truck and ISO ratings.

Insurance

The renewal paperwork will be coming soon. Updates to equipment have been done.

Administrator

Updated the Board on the dog bite ligation.

VILLAGE BOARD AND UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 MEETING– March 18, 2024

Village President

John informed the Board of the new task group being formed to look at the possible need to have a referendum in April 2025 for a fire fee in 2026. The group will be 2-trustees and 2-village residents. More information will be coming.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned at 7:52 p.m. on a motion by Trustee Barrows, second by Trustee Theis, passed.

Submitted by:

Gail E. Tamez, Administrator Clerk