

Village of Withee

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The Village of Withee Board met on October 14, 2024, in the Municipal Building Conference Room at 6:30 pm for the regular board meeting.

ROLL CALL- President Lindgren called the meeting to order. Roll call was answered by Trustees Lindgren, Shelton, Mueller, Kroeplin, and Kalepp. Clerk Niemi recorded the minutes. Also present were DPW Derek Schad, Cindy Cardinal, and Larry Klabon, Sr.

MINUTES-A Kalepp/Kroeplin motion to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2024, regular meeting and September 23, 2024 special meeting carried with all ayes.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS-A Shelton/Mueller motion to approve the monthly financial statements for the General, Water, and Sewer Accounts carried with all ayes.

PAYMENT OF BILLS-A Kroeplin/Mueller motion to approve General Account checks 36949 thru 36997, Water Account checks 7426 thru 7440, and Sewer Account checks 2596 thru 2597 and online payments as presented carried with all ayes.

PAYROLL REPORT-The board reviewed the employee time cards and payroll report.

COMMUNITY INPUT-Larry Klabon commented on the tire pile and dirt clumps at 509 3rd St, messy yards at 413 Division St and 805 Dania St, cement steps by road at 418 1st St, and street sign missing at corner of 1st and Pine. He questioned the progress of culvert replacement for Clover and Pine which were completed by Ovyns. Klabon thought that the culvert at 408 1st Street had to be replaced but the resident isn't required to replace it, so there is no issue.

COMMITTEE REPORT-Trustee Kroeplin reported the library had 100 plus visits with the passport program run through the county, has Lego kits from a grant, and the board is working on the budget. Trustee Mueller will attend the Clark County Economic Development meeting and mention that the She Shed building is for sale.

POLICE REPORT-There was no report and no officers present.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS-DPW Schad reported that the sewer on Eastwood St. between Dania and Clover Streets was lined by Visu-Sewer. The City of Owen's water tower continues to not be in operation for a couple more weeks while being painted. N.L. Stock will install the three pumps this week at the water plant for the high-service pumps for filters. Schad reviewed the sanitary sewer report with the board. A Kalepp/Shelton motion to approve the sanitary survey report as presented carried with all ayes.

GENERAL DEPARMENT- A Shelton/Kroeplin motion to approve the 2025 Statement of Work agreement for CLA not to exceed \$19,850 for the 2024 financial audit carried with all ayes. A Kroeplin/Kalepp motion to approve the assessor contract with Bowmar Appraisal for 2025 (\$4,300), 2026 (\$4,400), & 2027 (\$4,500) carried with all ayes. A Kalepp/Mueller motion to approve the annual maintenance and support contract with Yellowstone Computing and pay the monthly rate of \$205 per month carried with all ayes. The new garbage/recycling contract with GFL will charge the Village \$17.65/month/residence. A Kalepp/Shelton motion to increase the garbage and recycling fee to \$17.65 per month per residence effective January 1, 2025, carried with all ayes. The Village can invest their savings into a government investment pool for possible higher interest and more flexibility. A Kalepp/Mueller motion to approve Resolution #01-10-2024 to participate in the Local Government Investment Pool carried with all ayes. A Kroeplin/Shelton motion to approve an operator license for Teresa Pries carried with all ayes. A Kalepp/Mueller motion to approve Resolution #02-

10-24 Appropriations to 2023 budget carried with all ayes. A Kalepp/Mueller motion to set the first budget meeting for November 4, 2024, at 6 pm carried with all ayes.

A Kalepp/Mueller motion to adjourn at **7:07 pm** carried with all ayes.

Ellen Niemi, Village Clerk

*** These minutes are unofficial and will be formally approved at the next regular board meeting, which is scheduled for **Monday, November 11, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.** ***