

August 13, 2018

The Regular Board Meeting of the Butternut Village Trustees was called to order at 7:00 pm on Monday, August 13, 2018. The meeting was held at 301 West Michigan Street. At roll call the following were present: George Faltinosky, Lisa Hilgart, Kelly Meredith, Larry Meverden, Robert Peterson, Gary Vander Wyst, President Troy Scherwinski, Clerk/Treasurer Cindy Pritzl, and Public Works Supervisor John Furtak. Also, present was Frank Hirtreiter – Village Resident, Bryce Schoenborn – Slaby, Deba, Marshall, Reinhard & Writz LLP Law Firm, Justin Cegler – Ashland County Sheriff's Department, Gary Mertig – Ashland County Board. Motion was made by Vander Wyst second by Faltinosky, to accept the agenda as presented. Motion carried. The July Regular Board Meeting minutes were reviewed. Motion was made by Vander Wyst second by Meredith, to accept the minutes as printed. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

- Hirtreiter wanted to know if there is an ordinance regarding people parking over the sidewalk. Scherwinski informed him there is that they can't obstruct a sidewalk.
- Hirtreiter wanted to know what we are doing about the speeding and loud trucks. Office Cegler informed him that they have been monitoring the issue but they haven't been able to catch them when they are in the area. Cegler suggested the board to purchase a camera so they can catch the people who are doing it. Cegler also suggested calling in when it is happening so that they can get a time frame of when they are doing it.
- Hirtreiter informed board that when Xcel did the gas lines they ripped up the alleyway by the Catholic Church and there is a big hole that they have to drive around and when they do they drive on the lawn. Furtak will fill in the hole until Xcel gets here to fix them. They are set to fix them soon.
- Hirtreiter wanted to know what the time frame is for the two burnt homes in the Village. Board informed him that if the insurance company hasn't to finish up on their end and when we find out what is happening there we will address when work with be done.
- Gary Mertig wanted to inform the board about the referendum question on tomorrow's ballot. He informed our board that Ashland County authorized the following spending in 2018. \$1,500,000 for County garage, \$600,000 for purchasing the Human Services building, \$300,000 to remodel and build an addition on to the Human Services building, \$400,000 to Xcel energy to purchase solar, \$140,000 to purchase 20 acres south of Ashland. He said they authorized nearly \$3,000,000 in 2018 and now they want \$1,000,000 a year for the next 5 years for a total of \$5,000,000 from the tax payers. He said that if the referendum failed they would put it on November's election and better explain the increase and have a better amount figure for the public.

Clerk Report:

- ✓ Delinquent Utilities Report. Clerk went over delinquent utilities list and updated board.
- ✓ Bank Balances Report: Board reviewed bank balances & debt.
- ✓ Property Maintenance Update: Clerk informed board of what has been cleaned up. Board also informed clerk of new issues that have come up. Clerk will get in contact with those residents.
- ✓ Development Fund Report: Katy Taylor sent a monthly report which board reviewed.

Committee Reports:

- Public Works:
 - Alleys are to be repaired this month is what Curt from Xcel informed us.
 - Jace Scherwinski is still working for summer help and Issac Wegner is done.
- Public Safety: None
- Other: None

7. Unfinished Business

- A. Discuss Options for Legal Counsel: Bryce Schoenborn was here from Slaby, Deda, Marshall, Reinhard & Writz, LLP to make a presentation to the board. He informed that board that he is a municipal attorney. He is the attorney for the City of Park Falls. He does not require a retainer he would just draft a general retainer. He would charge \$180.00/hour and he would represent the Village

in court if we need them to. Board agreed they would make a decision in the near future, they would like this item tabled until September when they can get in contact with another local attorney.

- B. Review RLF Changes/Options: Clerk informed board that there was a change that would not get penalized for businesses that closed their businesses and left with an amount owed to the Village. That was the only new information that we were informed about. Clerk did talk to SEH to get them in the loop about the RLF if we needed to file an application for our RLF money. Board would like to come up with a project list and figure out if we can buy out the other loans.

8. New Business:

- A. Resolution to Approve Vouchers #V719-V722, Checks #20049-20076 and Debits #20180703-20180804. Motion by Meverden, second by Vander Wyst to approve vouchers, checks, and debits as presented. Roll call vote: Hilgart-yes, Meredith-yes, Meverden-yes, Peterson-yes, Scherwinski-yes, Vander Wyst-yes, Faltinosky-yes. Yes-7, No-0. Motion carried.
- B. Consider Project pay Requests: None
- C. Set Next Meeting Date: September 4@ 7:00pm

9. Correspondence: None

Motion to adjourn at 7:50pm was made by Peterson, second by Meredith. Motion carried.