

## FULL BOARD - MINUTES

March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021

At 7:00 p.m. Chairman Dahlke called the meeting to order and noted compliance with the open meetings law.

Present: Dahlke, Arndt, Bowers, Allen, Bauman, Bulin

Others Present: Owen Mergen, Jeremiah Conley, Steve Zach (Virtual), Darren Hornby

Absent: Beard

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Moved by Bowers, second by Bulin, to adopt the agenda as posted. Motion carried.

Moved by Allen, second by Dahlke, to adopt the minutes of the 2/11/21 Village Board meeting, pending a correction regarding a clerical attendance error. Motion carried.

### NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Darren Hornby, Director of the Baraboo Area Chamber of Commerce presented their annual financial and activity report for year end 2020.
- B. Moved by Arndt, second by Bulin, to approve Operator License applications for Lawrence L. Gross, Rebecca A. Tyler, Isaac J. Brewer, Trinity J. Ruff, Kelsey A. Colsch, Trina K. Anderson, Van A. Adrian, Dawn M. Neumaier, Dante A. Spence & Jessica R. Gavin.
  - Aye – 6 (Arndt, Bulin, Dahlke, Allen, Bowers, Bauman)
  - Nay – 0
  - Motion Carried
- C. Consider Personnel/Finance recommendations regarding:
  - a. Clerk/Treasurer Mergen presented his request for work accommodations pertaining to the upcoming delivery of his child. Moved by Arndt, second by Allen, to authorize Clerk/Treasurer Mergen to use 1 week of sick pay following delivery. The 5 weeks following he is authorized to work from home as well as in the office, with a minimum 8 hours worked in office per week. He is also directed to purchase and use a Village owned computer and cell phone.
    - Aye – 6 (Arndt, Bulin, Dahlke, Allen, Bowers, Bauman)
    - Nay – 0
    - Motion Carried
  - b. Steve Zach shared information with the Board about possible changes to the Village Handbook and governance structure that were discussed with the Finance/Personnel Committee. DPW Conley & C/T Mergen both shared their input as staff representatives. No action was taken regarding the matter.

### OLD BUSINESS:

- A. No new information provided regarding the Pelton Development Update, Hwy BD, Parcel #191-0002-30610 & 002-0827-12000
- B. Moved by Allen, second by Arndt to raise Board Meeting pay to \$45/meeting, with the increase to take effect at the earliest legal start date for each board member. Ordinance 21-01.
  - Aye – 6 (Arndt, Bulin, Dahlke, Allen, Bowers, Bauman)
  - Nay – 0
  - Motion Carried

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**BEDC/CHAMBER/SCDC/BARABOO ACTS:** Bowers noted that recent BEDC meetings have been cancelled and informed the Board that the Chamber of Commerce intends to create a diversity committee in the near future.

**AMBULANCE:** Dahlke noted that Friebig has recently been promoted within the BDAS to Captain and that the BDAS recently authorized a financial study.

**TRUSTEE/STAFF COMMENTS:** Jim Allen provided comments about the need for the Village to create protocols regarding the process for cancelling and rescheduling meetings. DPW Conley

mentioned that he has been generally receiving good feedback about the work they've done at the village forest. Mike Arndt spoke about expansions of local manufacturing companies Teel and Seneca.

Trustee Mike Arndt mentioned the need for the Village to continue trimming trees in the Village and removing trees afflicted by the Emerald Ash Borer.

**APPROVE MONTHLY EXPENDITURES:** Moved by Arndt, second by Bowers, to approve monthly expenditures.

- Aye – 6 (Arndt, Bulin, Dahlke, Allen, Bowers, Bauman)
- Nay – 0
- Motion Carried

Adjourn: At 7:24 p.m., it was moved by Arndt, second by Bauman, to adjourn. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Owen Mergen, Clerk/Treasurer