

VILLAGE OF SOLDIERS GROVE, CRAWFORD COUNTY, WISCONSIN

Minutes of a Regular Board Meeting held April 3, 2025. Meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Roll Call: Present: Shayne Chapman, Vicki Campbell, Harrison Heilman, Marla Walsh, and Sarah Kemp.

Desperados Wonder Bar: Kathy came to ask for permission from the board to allow their music event again this year in the courtyard behind the office building. Wanting to have the event on May 31st, starting at noon and ending at 10 pm sharp. Motion by Campbell, second by Heilman to approve Desperado's Music event in the courtyard on May 31st. All present aye, motion carried.

Fire department: 2% audit has been completed and both Clayton and Utica townships have completed their self-certification for the 2% dues. Audit was passed! St. Patty's Day meat raffle went very well, raised just over \$2,500. Possibly have 2 new members joining the department. Looking at doing some raffle baskets/raffles for the BMW Rally weekend. Mabas cards have been renewed and sent to the county. Have started and will continue to do controlled burns in the park, around the river and swamp. Also did a 30-acre controlled burn at a property in Clayton Township, Gays Mills Fire assisted, it went really well. We are currently up to 13 calls this year so far, a lot of grass fires lately.

CDC: Country Gardens is still late on their 4th quarter 2024 Room Tax. Campbell stated she will reach out to Marcey again. The Brewery loan was brought up, not much we can do other than go after the Brewery for the money owed. Campbell also spent a little time explaining to the two new trustees what the CDC is and involves.

Public Works: Trees have been taken down and cleaned up by the burn pile, campground, playground and shelter. Bushes above the parking lot by the office have been trimmed down. UV disinfection started at the sewer plant. Clean up days will be April 12 from 7am-3pm, cemetery clean up is April 21st. Water and bathrooms in the park will be turned back on April 25th. Need to do maintenance on the ball field if we want to continue to have ball games, need to get lime on the field this year. Sandbox by playground equipment need to either be redone or taken out completely. Slide on the playground equipment has a massive crack in it, a playground grant has been applied for. Mike asked board what color mulch they would like to see this year, everyone agreed on dark brown. Will also be getting woodchips for the playgrounds. Campbell stated she will go to the Amish auction and get flowers again this year, then with the help of everyone else, get them planted before the BMW Rally. Working on getting everything ready for summer. Chapman explained what the County will be coming in and doing to the two new trustees. Mike mentioned to the board that a new mower needs to be purchased this year as if we wait until next year, it will be over 100 hours and will not get much for it. Received 3 quotes, Tractor Central offered a \$6,000 trade, leaving the cost at \$7,999.00. Motion by Campbell, second by Walsh to approve trading in old mower and purchasing new from Tractor Central for \$7,999.00. All present aye, motion carried. Motion by Heilman, second by Kemp to approve Gordon Burns Stump Grinding for \$925.00. All present aye, motion carried.

Motion by Campbell, second by Heilman to approve minutes of the March 6, 2025 meeting. All present aye, motion carried.

Motion by Campbell, second by Walsh to approve bills General \$19,011.92, Fire \$631.92, Sewer \$5,464.85, Water \$746.25, and Library \$7,483.44. All present aye, motion carried.

Motion by Heilman, second by Walsh to adjourn meeting at 7:05 pm. All present aye, motion carried.

Kaitlynn R Ott