

VILLAGE OF SOLDIERS GROVE, CRAWFORD COUNTY, WISCONSIN

Minutes of a Regular Board Meeting held July 9, 2024.

Meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Roll Call: Present: Shayne Chapman, Steve George, Vicki Campbell, Howard Arndt, and Harrison Heilman.

Public Input: Diane Coleman asked about the dog issue with her dog attack. Campbell read the email back from the Village Attorney regarding the issue, stating that the Village had gone above and beyond what they were supposed to do for the dog attack and there is nothing further the Village nor Animal Control can do as it has already gone to court and restitution was ordered.

Motion by Heilman, second by George to adopt the Crawford County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan 2022-2026. All present aye, motion carried.

Pete Flesh and Mark Lee: Mark Lee introduced himself as the new executive director for Driftless Development as Carol Roth has stepped down, she is still helping in the background for now. Mark made it a purpose to tell the board that Driftless Development is here for the community. They are currently working with the orchards for marketing campaigns, Gays Mills on a new pavilion.

Library: Bart and Joe explained the plans for the library expansion in the public hearing, no further questions were asked. A. motion by Chapman, second by Heilman to approve concept/preliminary plans and estimated costs. All present aye, motion carried. C. motion by Heilman, second by Arndt to approve Resolution 2024-01. All present aye, motion carried. E. motion by Chapman, second by George to approve Resolution 2024-02. All present aye, motion carried. F. motion by Chapman, second by Heilman to approve submittal of Flexible Facilities Program Application. All present aye, motion carried.

Fire department: Meeting is tomorrow July 10. Engine 16 repairs are now complete. Pump testing will be done soon on all trucks. The library Summer School class visited the Fire Station, it went very well, the kids asked a lot of questions. Crawford County Dispatch did a test page so the kids could hear how the fire department is paged out. Fun Days, we came out ahead, stood by for 2 firework shows. Plan on applying for grants for new SCBA and PPE. Will start discussing a fall fundraiser. Need to purchase a fire extinguisher for electric vehicles as there are more and more around now days. Motion by Heilman, second by George to purchase a electric car fire extinguisher. All present aye, motion carried. Chapman abstained.

Public Works: Keeping up with the endless mowing. Sewer plant phase 1 project has begun. Hydrant on Church Street was dug up, we need to order the parts to fix it as it has snapped at the bottom. Baker Creek walk path has been washing out due to the flash flooding and heavy rain, wondering if want to keep getting gravel to fill in the holes or what they should do. The board stated to keep maintaining it with gravel. Trimmed trees around town. DAAF requested the tree to be removed for their event, it was talked about moving the tree, but it will be cheaper and easier to cut the tree down and replace it with a different tree in a different spot. B. 3rd Street discussion has been tabled until information from the attorney is received on how to further proceed.

Motion by George, second by Heilman to approve minutes of the June 11th, 2024 meeting. All present aye, motion carried.

Motion by George, second by Arndt to approve bills General \$18,531.52, Fire \$228.07, Sewer \$3,618.52, Water \$1,298.43, and Library \$5,978.48. All present aye, motion carried.

Motion by Chapman, second by Heilman to adjourn to closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(f) for personnel matters. All present aye, motion carried.

Motion by Chapman, second by Heilman to reconvene to open session pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(2). All present aye, motion carried.

Motion by Chapman, second by George to adjourn meeting at 7:37 pm. All present aye, motion carried.

Kaitlynn R Ott