

VILLAGE OF SOLDIERS GROVE, CRAWFORD COUNTY, WISCONSIN

Minutes of a Regular Board Meeting held March 6, 2025.

Meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

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

Public Input: Diane Coleman asked if there was any water shut offs in town. Sarah, the library director, provided the board with an annual report for 2024. She also mentioned that Senator Marklein was visiting Monday, March 10th.

CDC Report: Country Gardens is late on Quarter 3 and 4 for 2024. Campbell stated she would reach out to Marcey to see if she can get payment from them. Landscaping under the electric sign: Replacing the mulch with rock and putting down new weed barrier and planting some small bushes for color. Motion by Chapman, second by Heilman to approve replacing the mulch with rock. All present aye, motion carried.

Fire department: The schedule for Dairy Days is as follows: Friday evening will be the Southwest Truck and Tractor Pull, Saturday: Volleyball, bean bag tournament, parade, kids pedal pull, possible horseshoe tournament and softball tournament. Music by Crawford County Band and a carnival all weekend. We will be doing a walk through at the school next week, having a meat raffle at Country Gardens on March 16th, all proceeds will go to the department. During the BMW Rally we will be providing basket raffles, 50/50 raffle. Brian Copus wants to hold an antique tractor pull the weekend after dairy days; he cannot hold the pull during dairy days as no sled is available.

Public Works: Lift station 2 pump 2 needs repairs, got a quote from them, they took off \$1,000 due to good faith. Sewer plant blower motors they had Todd from McCormick Electric come take a look at them as they have been having issues, figured out it the issues have been the belts, so all belts have been replaced. Mark Udelhoven cut down 9 trees between the swamp and burn pile, they are currently working on getting the trees and limbs all cleaned up. Doing extra sampling in March for the Wastewater Permit renewal. Got the pictures of the sweeper, skid steer plow, and dump truck sander all sent to Kaitlynn so she can get them on the auction. Stussy Tree Service Bid: bid is for \$1,650 to cut down one tree in the park, pruning trees in the campground, by the sand box, and by the lion's shelter. Motion by George, second by Chapman to approve the quote from Stussy's Tree Service. All present aye, motion carried.

Garbage Contract/Garbage Rates: Town & Country provided a contract which would include the monthly cost of totes for \$15. The \$15 would be good for 2 years, then increases by 4% for the remaining 5 years after that. Reached out to Southwest Sanitation but they would not provide a contract but quoted \$20 per tote per month. Motion by Chapman, second by Heilman to approve the Town & Country Sanitation garbage contract. All present aye, motion carried.

With the garbage contract amounts going up, we currently charge \$13 a month for garbage, we will need to change the amount to \$15 to cover the costs. Motion by Chapman, second by Heilman to approve changing the garbage rates from \$13 to \$15. All present aye, motion carried.

Motion by George, second by Arndt to approve minutes of the February 6, 2025 meeting. All present aye, motion carried.

Motion by George, second by Heilman to approve bills General \$9,541.32, Fire \$620.98, Sewer \$17,804.12, Water \$1,021.57, and Library \$6,483.44. All present aye, motion carried.

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

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

Motion by George, second by Chapman to adjourn meeting at 7:45 pm. All present aye, motion carried.

Kaitlynn R Ott