

VILLAGE OF SOLDIERS GROVE, CRAWFORD COUNTY, WISCONSIN

Minutes of a Regular Board Meeting held October 3, 2024.

Meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

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

Public Input: Phil Carey attended the meeting again, asking about permission to mow willow thicket. Asking about if engineers got back to Village regarding the meeting Delta 3 and Carey had, the Village has not heard word back from Delta 3 on plans. Carey asked about the drainage, Chapman stated there is no ditch so the water will not drain properly to the creek. There used to be a ditch going through the field, but it has filled in over the years. Chapman stated the ditch needs to be dug out again to allow proper drainage to the creek and it will be an expense to do so. Campbell asked Carey if they were aware of the flooding before they purchased the property, Carey stated no. Carey said that in 2025 there will be more FEMA grants available, Village will investigate what grants will be available for the Village. Carey's concern is that the drainage issue gets maintained, George stated the trees from the creek will be cleaned out in the next couple of weeks.

Fire department: Fundraiser will be November 9th at the American Legion 2-6 pm. There will be raffle tickets, basket raffles, and a pulled pork dinner. Crawford County will be hosting a youth program to get younger people involved in the fire departments. Fire prevention day at North Crawford will be October 25th. Will have a truck in the park for Trick or Treating again this year. Have 2 members taking entry level class. Looking at purchasing new air packs. The fire department has not purchased new air packs since 1984, which is now a safety concern as the old packs are very heavy. Had a call with Boscobel Fire and the air packs were so bad, members could not breathe with them on. Two quotes: Scott for 8 packs: \$76,619.74 and McQueen MSA: 75,176.00. Had the monthly fire meeting last night and the fire members voted on the McQueen packs as they are quick connect, also have a deal running buy 1 pack with cylinder get one free. Motion by Arndt, second by Heilman to approve purchase of new air packs from McQueen for 75,176.00. All present aye, motion carried. Chapman abstained.

Public Works: Water meter installations have completed 60. Eliminating brush from the Wonder Bar hill. Repaired wash out best they could on Dull Road. Got the brush hog from the Highway Dept, did the side of roads and cemetery. Flushing hydrants on October 14. The campground closure will be October 18th. Will remove flowers and start getting things ready for winter.

Motion by George, second by Chapman to set Halloween Hours for October 31 4-7pm. All present aye, motion carried.

Motion by Arndt, second by Chapman to approve picnic license for the Big Buck Rod-n-Gun Club Fall Festival. All present aye, motion carried.

Motion by Chapman, second by Heilman to approve water tower cleaning quote of \$4,850.00 for Complete Restoration, LLC. All present aye, motion carried.

Library: Had a group of people that went to the county for more funds, got a raise from 72% to 78%, the increase is allowing library to up AV and other budget expenses. Moved cleaning to the maintenance line instead of in the wages line, that is why there is a decrease in the wages line. Not asking for an increase from the Village this year. 53% of the budget is Village funded. Reserve accounts have been paying bills outside of budget. The library board approved the budget at the meeting on October 2.

Budget reviews set for the special meeting on October 24th at 6:30pm.

Motion by George, second by Chapman to approve minutes of the September 10th, 2024 meeting. All present aye, motion carried.

Motion by George, second by Heilman to approve bills General \$9,946.48, Fire \$273.03, Sewer \$8,611.61, Water \$418.15, and Library \$6,182.93. All present aye, motion carried.

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

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

Motion by Chapman, second by George to adjourn meeting at 8:16 pm. All present aye, motion carried.

Kaitlynn R Ott