

VILLAGE OF DORCHESTER BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, April 15, 2014 (immediately following organizational meeting)
Village Clerk's Office, 228 W. Washington Avenue, Dorchester WI 54425

President Rau called the Board Meeting to order at 8:14pm. Pledge of Allegiance was stated. Roll call was taken with the following Trustees present: Seubert, Schauer, Kussrow, Dunlap, Schwoch, and Koncel. Also present were Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Wiersma, Rick Golz, Dean Faude, Chief Gary Leichtman, and Kevin O'Brien of the Tribune-Phonograph.

Public Input. There was no public input.

Memorial Hall Lease. One application for the Memorial Hall lease was received; after a background check, this applicant was denied. Another potential applicant is talking to a financial consultant before moving forward; this person is not viewed as a serious applicant.

Discuss & possible action on purchase of P25 digital radio for police squad. Chief Leichtman approached the Board with a request to replace the squad car radio, which is no longer compatible with the Sheriff's Dept (since it went digital at the beginning of April). The shoulder radio may be able to be converted, but will need to be replaced eventually, too. The cost of the squad radio is approx. \$3200, with an additional \$2500 for the shoulder. Chief Leichtman recommended several cost-cutting measures to cover the radio expense(s), including running the squad for an additional year (scheduled to be replaced in 2015). The Board felt having updated equipment is a safety issue & necessity. A motion was made by Seubert, seconded by Schwoch to approve the purchase of both the new digital squad and new shoulder radios.

Discuss & approve Operator's License for Alicia Cornwell. A motion was made by Kussrow, seconded by Schauer to approve an operator's license for Alicia Cornwell (C-Store). Motion carried.

MSA rep to present bids for Linden, 2nd Avenue, and Vircks street projects with financing updates. MSA rep, Jeremy Haas, presented the bids for upcoming projects on Linden, 2nd Avenue, and Vircks Street. Steen Construction was low bidder.

Discuss & approve contractor on upcoming projects. A motion was made by Koncel, seconded by Schwoch, to approve Steen Construction, Inc. for both Project A (Linden/Front and 2nd Avenue) and Project B (Vircks Street). Motion carried.

Discuss & approve available Block Grant Funding. Applications for a new Block Grant are due June 1, which will cover up to 50% of the cost, up to \$500,000. The project has to have community-wide benefit; MSA will charge \$5000 to write the grant. No action taken; Wayne will talk to MSA rep Justin when he is in Dorchester on April 28th.

Discuss & approve MSA Construction Services. MSA will provide observation and administration of work performed by Steen at an estimated cost of \$57,000 (for both projects). Motion was made by Seubert, seconded by Kussrow to approve MSA providing these services. Motion carried 6-1 (with Rau in dissent).

Update on Community Gardens. The Community Garden volunteers (Ted – treasurer, Connie – secretary) have opened their own bank account. Since they are volunteers, the Village Gardens will be covered under the Village policy.

Adjournment. A motion was made by Schwoch, seconded by Kussrow, to adjourn the meeting at 9:13pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Terri Wiersma
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer