

Village Announcements

- Advantage Community Bank will be collecting non-perishable items for local food pantries through December 15th. Please drop off items during regular business hours.
- Santa will be at Village Hall on Saturday, December 12, 2015, from 11 am to 1 pm.
- Reminder: There is NO PARKING allowed on Village streets from now until April 15th between the hours of 2:00 am and 7:00 am.

Village of Dorchester Finance Committee Meeting

Date: December 2, 2015 (Wednesday) 6:30 pm

Clerk's Office 228 W. Washington Ave, Dorchester WI

Minutes:

1. Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Schauer at 6:30 pm.
2. Present were Chairperson Schauer, Trustee Cook, Trustee Derrico and Clerk-Treasurer Ruge.
3. After review and discussion, a motion was made by Trustee Derrico, seconded by Trustee Cook to approve the bills & vouchers from November 2015. Motion carried 3-0.
4. Motion was made by Trustee Cook, seconded by Trustee Derrico to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Brooke Ruge, Clerk-Treasurer

VILLAGE OF DORCHESTER BOARD MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, December 2, 2015; following the Public Hearing on the 2016 Village Budget

Clerk's Office, 228 W. Washington Ave, Dorchester WI

Minutes:

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was stated.
3. Clerk-Treasurer Ruge took roll call with the following board members in attendance: President Rau, Trustee Underwood, Trustee Cook, Trustee Schauer, Trustee Derrico, and Trustee Schwoch. Trustee Seubert was absent. Also present were Public Works Supervisor Dean Faude, Water/Sewer Manager Rick Golz, Police Chief Gary Leichtman, Clerk-Treasurer Ruge, Kevin O'Brien – TP Printing, and other members of the community.
4. Jamie Decker took the opportunity to speak about the possibility of increasing the rate for Decker Sanitation when they dump "grey water" into our sewer ponds. He stated that so far in 2015, he has paid bills totaling over \$22,000 and that is only through October. He prefers to dump in Dorchester as it is closer to where he lives, and the rates are the same for him to dump in Medford or Stetsonville right now.

5. Minutes from the November 4, 2015, meeting had been previously sent to board members for review. A motion was made by Trustee Schwoch, seconded by Trustee Schauer to approve the minutes from November 4, 2015. Motion carried 6-0.
6. The audit report for November 2015 was reviewed. A motion was made by Trustee Schauer, seconded by Trustee Derrico to approve the November 2015 audit report. Motion carried 6-0. The December 2015 audit report was included in each packet for board members.
7. President Rau stated that as was discussed last month during our budget process, Clerk-Treasurer Ruge had prepared a resolution to increase the rate for sewer use within the village. Resolution 279: Authorizing an increase in the Village Sewer Usage Rate, stating the rate would be \$9.34 for every 1,000 gallons of usage, plus the \$13.98 access charge per quarter for all metered usage within the Village. A motion was made by Trustee Schauer, seconded by Trustee Cook to approve Resolution 279. Motion carried 6-0.
8. Clerk-Treasurer Ruge stated that the tax levy amount for 2016 is the same as it was in 2015. A motion was made by Trustee Schwoch, seconded by Trustee Underwood to approve Resolution 280: Authorizing the Adoption of the 2016 Budget and Setting the Tax Levy. Motion carried 6-0.
9. Chief Gary Leichtman stated that there is not much to report. His department is finishing up on some investigations and working on other ongoing incidents.
10. Chief Leichtman stated that in order to get state pricing for a new squad car in 2016, the order needs to be placed immediately. He has been working with Medford Motors as they are one of a few dealers in the area that accept state bid pricing. Chief Leichtman stated that almost all equipment from the current squad should transfer over except the cage. President Rau stated that even if the motion was made to approve this purchase, because it is budgeted for 2016, no money can be spent until then. Chief Leichtman stated that we will most likely not be able to take ownership of the new car until at least March of 2016. A motion was made by Trustee Schauer, seconded by Trustee Derrico to approve the ordering of a 2016 Ford Explorer through Medford Motors for \$27,953. Motion carried 6-0.
11. Public Works Supervisor Dean Faude stated that they are just about ready for winter. He expressed concerns for who would be liable if damage was done to a car parked on the roads during the prohibited hours by one of the village plow trucks. President Rau stated he would have Clerk-Treasurer Ruge look into this and get back to him. Also, a notice will be included with the tax bills that will remind residents about the parking regulations, not to flush wipes, even if they say disposable and licensing dogs.
12. An ice rink will have to wait until the weather will cooperate. The public works department will try to create a rink along Washington Avenue if we get enough snow to create a boundary, and it gets cold enough. President Rau stated they needed to start with about a ¼" at a time to create the base.

13. Dean Faude stated that he would like to replace a small drill press that is at the shop. He received prices from two companies the village orders from. After further discussion, a motion was made by Trustee Schwoch, seconded by Trustee Underwood to approve the purchase of a 15" ¾ HP Floor Model Table Drill Press from Fastenal for \$688.30. Motion carried 6-0.
14. Water/Sewer Manager Rick Golz stated that the green sand was recently recharged and a valve was found to have a leak. The valve has been replaced. He also stated that this is the first time in many years the sewer ponds were not froze over yet, but it will come soon enough.
15. President Rau stated that because of recent increases in the sewer rates for residents, the board needed to look at possibly increasing the rate it charges for outside companies to dump holding tank waste into the village sewer ponds. Currently our rates are the same as what Medford and Stetsonville charge for the same service. Rick Golz stated that, when tested, the loads brought in by Decker Sanitation were right in line with what comes from our sewer lines within the village. President Rau recommended keeping our rates the same so that we do not lose the income to a neighboring municipality. Clerk-Treasurer Ruge stated that if the rates had to be raised to account for the lost revenue from outside companies, they would need to be increased by an additional 13%. No action was taken, so rates will remain the same as in previous years.
16. A building permit was approved by Jim Jantsch for 709 W. Center Avenue to extend the driveway, and put up a possible fence along the property.
17. President Rau stated that although the petition to rezone a property within the village was withdrawn, there are still some concerns the planning commission needs to address with the village zoning ordinance. They hope to have a meeting yet in December and a better update should be available at the January meeting.
18. Trustee Seubert who is the chairperson for the employee committee was out sick, so President Rau asked Trustees Derrico and Schwoch to inform the board on what was being recommended for wages. After much discussion, a motion was made making the following adjustments to wages for 2016:

Dean Faude – increase of \$0.60 – 2016 wage of \$20.04 per hour

Rick Golz – increase of \$0.51 – 2016 wage of \$20.04 per hour

Jesse Rieck – increase of \$0.50 – 2016 wage of \$18.90 per hour

Brooke Ruge – increase of \$0.75 – 2016 wage of \$15.15 per hour

Terri Wiersma – increase of \$0.50 – 2016 wage of \$12.90 per hour

The pay for Pam Leichtman will remain the same as it was for 2015. The motion was made by Trustee Underwood, seconded by Trustee Schwoch. Motion carried 5-0, with Trustee Cook abstaining.

19. Dean Faude stated that he had asked Mike Arndt if he would be willing to help plow streets again this winter. Last year, we used him only for a few hours, but Dean stated it helps when someone is on vacation, or needs to leave early. A motion was made by Trustee Schwoch, seconded by Trustee Cook to use Mike Arndt when needed for plowing at a rate of \$15/hour. Motion carried 6-0.
20. President Rau stated that with the weather as warm as it is, the snowmobile races may not take place, but just in case they do, Dorchester Midnight Riders has applied for a Temporary Class "B" Picnic License for Saturday, January 2, 2016. A motion was made by Trustee Schwoch, seconded by Trustee Underwood to approve the Temporary Class "B" License. Motion carried 6-0.
21. President Rau stated that the snowmobile route through the village has worked well in the past few years, so he suggests that we keep it the same. A motion was made by Trustee Schauer, seconded by Trustee Cook to approve the same snowmobile route as last year. Motion carried 6-0.
22. President Rau stated that there is room in our 2015 Public Works Equipment budget to make the annual payment for the payloader before the end of 2015. This was briefly discussed during the budget process and a payment was not included in the 2016 budget in anticipation of making the payment early. A motion was made by Trustee Schwoch, seconded by Trustee Cook to approve making the January payment of \$14,565 before the end of December 2015. Motion carried 6-0.
23. Clerk-Treasurer Ruge stated that she became aware in early October that she was no longer eligible for HSA deposits. She would like the board to consider giving her a monthly bonus, as is given to Chief Leichtman, for the remainder of 2015 and going forward to 2016. A motion was made by Trustee Derrico, seconded by Trustee Schwoch to approve making a monthly bonus payment of \$500 to Clerk-Treasurer Ruge going forward and retro-active back to October 2015. Motion carried 6-0.
24. Clerk-Treasurer Ruge stated that the Caucus date needs to be set for some time in January. President Rau stated that in order to not have the call board members together for a special meeting it could be held the same night as the regular board meeting, and the meeting would immediately follow the Caucus. A motion was made by Trustee Schauer, seconded by Trustee Underwood to hold the 2016 Caucus on Wednesday, January 6, 2016, at 7:00 pm. Motion carried 6-0.
25. Clerk-Treasurer Ruge stated that the poll workers need to be appointed for the next 2 year term beginning in January 2016. All of the workers have completed the most of the training required, with some going to additional training in Neillsville next week. A motion was made by Trustee Schauer, seconded by Trustee Underwood to appoint, Nancy Cook, Deb Koncel, Diane Braun, Sharon Ellenbecker, Vera Jensen, Pam Leichtman, Kathy Schwoch, and Beverly Smith as poll inspectors for the 2016-2017 term. Motion carried 4-0, with Trustee Schwoch and Trustee Cook abstaining.
26. Clerk-Treasurer Ruge stated that based on her records, the poll inspectors have not received a wage increase since 2011. Current rates are just above minimum wage, and she would like the board to

consider increasing the rates for the new terms. A motion was made by Trustee Derrico, seconded by Trustee Schauer to increase pay for the Chief Inspectors to \$9.00/hour and all other inspectors to \$8.50/hour starting in January 2016. Motion carried 4-0, with Trustee Schwoch and Trustee Cook abstaining.

27. President Rau stated that discussions are moving along with the Fire Department Consolidations. There were two different draft agreements presented to the committee at the last meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for mid-January where they will hopefully get closer to putting one of the agreements into a better working document.
28. President Rau stated that so far, the Fire Department consolidation committee has not asked any of the municipalities for any money to help fund any of the ongoing meetings. The committee is now asking each municipality to contribute \$250 to help pay the President of the consolidation board, and the recording secretary for their time in putting meetings together. The money would be collected by the Town of Colby clerk, and they would not charge the consolidation board to manage and distribute the funds as directed. A motion was made by Trustee Schauer, seconded by Trustee Underwood to approve the payment of \$250 towards the Consolidation Committee. Motion carried 6-0.
29. The next regular board meeting will be on Wednesday, January 6, 2016, immediately following the completion of the Caucus.
30. A motion was made by Trustee Schwoch, seconded by Trustee Schauer to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 6-0. Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Brooke Ruge, Clerk-Treasurer