

## Community Announcements

- Congratulations to James Maurina, recipient of Abby Colby Crossings Chamber Lifetime Achievement award for 2016.
- REMINDER: No parking on any Village streets from November 15<sup>th</sup> thru April 15<sup>th</sup> between the hours of 2:00 AM and 7:00 AM.

## Village of Dorchester Finance Committee Meeting

**Date:** March 1, 2017 (Wednesday) 6:45 pm

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

### **Minutes:**

1. Meeting called to order by Chairperson Schauer.
2. Present were Chairperson Schauer, Trustee Cook, and Trustee Derrico.
3. A motion was made by Trustee Derrico, seconded by Trustee Cook, to approve the bills and vouchers for February, 2017. Motion carried, 3-0.
4. A motion was made by Trustee Derrico, seconded by Trustee Cook, to adjourn. Motion carried, 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:55pm.

Terri Wiersma, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

## VILLAGE OF DORCHESTER BOARD MEETING

**DATE:** Wednesday, March 1, 2017 at 7:00 pm

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

### **MINUTES:**

1. The meeting called to order by President Rau at 7:00pm..
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was stated.
3. Board members in attendance included President Rau, Trustee Seubert, Trustee Schwoch, Trustee Cook, Trustee Derrico, Trustee Underwood, and Trustee Schauer. Others in attendance were Kevin O'Brien from the Tribune-Phonograph, Water/sewer manager Rick Golz, Public Works supervisor Dean Faude, Todd Trader from MSA, Terry Recore, Cindy Dahl, Colby/Abby Police Chief Bauer, Chief of Police Gary Leichtman, 2 additional officers from Colby/Abby, and other Village residents.
4. During Public Input, Jeff Staab spoke regarding the Village's current police department. He heard the Village is looking at contracting with Colby/Abby, and hopes it goes through since he doesn't think the current police force is effective or responsive to Villagers' needs. Resident Terry Recore also asked if the Hall is booked for Easter Sunday.
5. A motion was made by Trustee Schwoch, seconded by Trustee Derrico, to approve the minutes from the February 1 and February 8 Board Meetings. Motion carried, 7-0.
6. A motion was made by Trustee Schauer, seconded by Trustee Underwood, to approve the February, 2017, audit report. Motion carried, 7-0.
7. Villager Mark Leichtman had requested a place on the agenda to discuss concerns regarding a Village employee. He didn't show up.

8. Cindy Dahl, niece of Terry Recore, spoke regarding the work she and her husband are helping Recore do to his home on South 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. They will be moving building materials and other things off the property and into a storage unit, and are working to clean up the property so it can be sold. They will continue making progress as weather allows.
9. Chief Leichtman passed out pictures of Mr. Recore's home from early February and the end of February to show the progress made. President Rau asked Mrs. Dahl to provide Clerk Ruge with interior pictures to do the same from the beginning of March and then at the end of the month to show progress to board. A motion was made by Trustee Schauer, seconded by Trustee Cook, to grant Mr. Recore a 30-day extension for the clean-up of the property, to be reviewed again at the April meeting. Motion carried, 7-0.
10. Chief Leichtman gave his monthly report, stating body cameras will be shipped in the next few weeks. He also asked about the property at 127 S. Front St., which has been sent tickets on a weekly basis due to lack of clean-up. He was informed that since it was not on the agenda for action, he would have to make a determination as to whether or not it was still violating Ordinance 200 and citations should continue.
11. Flyers for the upcoming EMS Fundraiser being held at Memorial Hall on March 18 have been reprinted to state that the music will end at 12:30 am. Raffle tickets that are being sold state 1:30 am and could not be reprinted, but Battalion Chief Rick Rinehart assured the board the music will end at 12:30 am according to the current terms of the lease. He hopes the board will consider changing the time for music since the air conditioning has been redone and the doors can be closed to reduce noise to the residents.
12. Colby/Abby Police Chief Jason Bauer spoke to the Board about the possibility of his department providing 24/7 police protection to the Village. President Rau stated Chief Leichtman has said he cannot guarantee coverage for all large events. Even if the Village hires another full-time officer, coverage is only 50% and 2 full-time officers would cost \$135,000-\$145,000/year. Currently, Abbotsford pays 55% of the police budget, while Colby contributes the other 45%. Chief Bauer said the department would hire 2 additional full-time officers if Dorchester decides to join with C/A. The main advantage would be 24/7 police coverage in the Village. They will also be able to provide a local K9 unit once Officer Wager completes the month-long training with the new K9.
13. A motion was made by President Rau, seconded by Trustee Seubert, to recommend that the Police Committee look into all options for better coverage for the Village. Motion carried, 6-1, with Trustee Schwoch dissenting.
14. Todd Trader from MSA reviewed street projects plans for S. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and W. 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue. Plans will be finalized and placed out for bids on March 8<sup>th</sup> and March 15<sup>th</sup>, with a bid opening planned for Friday, March 31, 2017, at 9:00 am at the Clerk's office.
15. No action was needed on project design related items.
16. Water/sewer manager Rick Golz gave his monthly report. Mr. Golz reported that the Village is not accepting gray water at this time because of the road conditions. This is also the time of year water is usually let out, but this is not being done because of the rain and snow.
17. Motion made by Trustee Schauer, seconded by Trustee Schwoch, to approve the rehab of Well #3. Municipal Well has an opening in March; otherwise, they would not be able to come until the end of the year. Motion carried, 7-0.

18. Dean Faude gave the Public Works update. They have been taking care of potholes, and Clint has been working on repairing an old air compressor. New tires were also put on the forklift.
19. Discussion on blacktop options for E. Business County Road A was tabled until the April meeting. Randy Anderson will be here sometime in March to look at A and make recommendations.
20. Discussion was held on options for rehabbing W. 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue (2 blocks). It was chip-sealed a few years ago, but sewer trucks travel on it. Some basic cost estimates will be brought to the Board at the April meeting.
21. A motion was made by Trustee Schwoch, seconded by Trustee Derrico, to approve modifications to the Memorial Hall lease, including allowing music to be extended to 1:30am if renters pay an extra fee. Motion carried, 7-0.
22. A motion was made by Trustee Schwoch, seconded by Trustee Derrico, to approve a lease with Clark County to place communication equipment on the Village water tower. Motion carried, 7-0.
23. Discussion was held on updating Ordinance 145: Regarding Open Fires in the Village. The Board decided to table this item until the April meeting. Clerk-Treasurer Ruge will work with the neighboring municipalities and Attorney Wachsmuth to have a draft for the board to review.
24. A motion was made by Trustee Schwoch, seconded by Trustee Schauer, to pursue collection of water account #274 through the State Debt Collection program. Motion carried, 7-0.
25. A motion was made by Trustee Schauer, seconded by Trustee Derrico, to pay the dues of \$1,309.50 to continue membership in the Clark County Economic Development Corporation (CCEDC). Motion carried, 7-0.
26. A motion was made by Trustee Derrico, seconded by Trustee Schwoch, to approve sending Clerk-Treasurer Ruge to the Clerk's Institute in Green Bay, July 9-14, 2017, and to pay for her tuition, mileage, lodging, and evening meals. Motion carried, 7-0.
27. The next Village Board meeting will be on Wednesday, April 5, 2017.
28. A motion was made by Trustee Schauer, seconded by Trustee Schwoch, to invite Clerk-Treasurer Ruge into Closed Session. Motion carried, 7-0.
29. A motion was made by Trustee Schauer, seconded by Trustee Schwoch, to go into Closed Session. Motion carried, 7-0.
30. Reconvene to open session. Action taken during closed session was to have the appropriate committees review the employee handbook and policies to bring recommendations back to the board at a later time.
31. A motion was made by Trustee Schauer, seconded by Trustee Schwoch, to adjourn. Motion carried, 7-0. Meeting adjourned at 10:37pm.

Terri Wiersma  
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer