

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF OCTOBER 7, 2015

**Call to Order:** President Vanden Berg called the Regular Board Meeting to Order at 6:00 p.m.

### **Pledge Allegiance to the Flag**

President Vanden Berg led members in the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Roll call of Trustees**

PRESENT: Michael Vanden Berg, President

Larry Van Lankvelt, Trustee

John Elrick, Trustee

Skip Smith, Trustee

James Hietpas, Trustee

Bill Peerenboom, Trustee

EXCUSED: David Peterson, Trustee

### **Roll Call of Officers and Department Heads**

PRESENT: James Fenlon, Village Administrator

Eric Misselt, Fox Valley Metro Police Department

Jim Moes, Community Development Director

Laurie Decker, Village Clerk

Roy Van Gheem, Director of Public Works

Charles Koehler, Village Attorney

Teri Matheny, Finance Director

Beth Carpenter, Library Director

### **Public Appearance for Items Not on the Agenda**

None

### **Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of September 30, 2015

*Moved by Trustee Smith, seconded by Trustee Van Lankvelt to Approve the Minutes as presented.*

Ayes 6, Nays 0 – Motion Carried

### **Operator License Approvals:**

Vanden Heuvel, Jeri	Village Lanes	Little Chute
Parker, Kayla	Village Lanes	Little Chute
Luedtke, Holly	Village Lanes	Kaukauna
Kempf, Tressa	Pine Street	Kimberly
Marker, Ross	Save-A-Lot	Kaukauna
Novak, Christy	Gentleman Jacks	Little Chute
Becman, Brett	Super 41 Shell	Little Chute
Van Sistine, Lisa	Seth's Coffee	Appleton

Ayes 6, Nays 0 – Motion Carried

### **Discussion/Potential Action—Storm Lateral at 1518 Violet Lane**

Administrator Fenlon stated that Mark and Tracie Polomis reside at 1518 Violet Lane and their parcel that borders Violet Lane was part of the 2014 reconstruction effort. On 7/21/14, the Village was notified by its utility contractor that a mini storm connection for the property at 1512 Violet Lane did not exist and that the connection was located farther to the east abutting 1518 Violet Lane. It was determined the both parcels were connected to the pipe and that the connection belonged to the owners of 1512 Violet Lane. The 1518 pipe connection served a second sump pump located on the west side of the house. Because the mini storm was being abandoned and a new storm sewer lateral was being constructed, the existing pipe connection had to be moved back to the owner's property at 1512 Violet Lane. This left the owner of 1518 (Mark and Tracie Polomis) with no connection for their second sump pump. Mark Polomis stated they had no time to look into other options and they are formally requesting their assessment be lowered. Director

Van Gheem stated this is not the only property in this condition and some homeowners decided not to take the second lateral because of cost and if one is addressed the others need to be addressed. Administrator Fenlon stated the Village records are hand scribbled notes for Violet Lane and states that their second lateral on Violet connects with 1512 Violet Lane's lateral. President Vanden Berg asked if 1512 paid for a lateral and if 1518 paid for a lateral. Director Van Gheem replied that 1518 paid for a lateral on Carol Lynn and when it is reconstructed they won't have to pay for it and 1512 paid for a lateral on Violet. President Vanden Berg asked if they can abandon the one on Carol Lynn and have Violet be the primary. Attorney Koehler stated he has seen boards make adjustments in situations when equity and fairness was required and when it is a unique situation that other property owners haven't experienced. Trustee Elrick stated part of the trouble that he has is if he was to put himself into the homeowner's shoes and someone knocks on his door and tells me I have five minutes to decide what to do and it's over a \$1000 expense he would have a challenge with that. If a choice would have been to leave it open and the total project assumes \$300 and then the assessment is divided up between the number of connections that would have been a more fair position to put the owners in. He added by all indications of what he is hearing is that it was either do it now or it will cost you more later. Director Van Gheem said from his understanding the owners were told you can do it now or it may cost you more if they have to come back and no one knew how much it may have cost. Trustee Peerenboom agreed with Trustee Elrick stating if the Village can give the owners a certain amount of time before Carol Lynn comes along they can have the Carol Lynn connection switched over to the Violet connection. Trustee Elrick proposed to the owners to pay for it now and the Village will not put one in on Carol Lynn and the owners could reroute some plumbing to get to the other sump pump. Tracie Polomis stated she prefers the reduction because they lost an entire summer and could have started the work before the Village starts working on Carol Lynn. Administrator Fenlon stated there are some shifting of priorities within the Village and although no formal decision has been made at this point, Carol Lynn may be getting pushed out another year. Trustee Elrick proposed to maintain the original assessment charge and when Carol Lynn gets done, regardless of the year, if the owners don't put in the new connection the Village would credit them back the money. Tracie Polomis stated that this adds to her bill on Carol Lynn if the Village isn't going to reimburse them the money they paid for two or three years from now. Trustee Elrick stated the Village has other instances in similar situations and this would set precedence and proposed the owners receive a credit at that point and time if they do not put it back in. The board agreed to move forward with the proposed plan.

**Action—Approval of Application from American Legion for Veteran's Day Event on 11-11-15**

*Moved by Trustee Smith, seconded by Trustee Elrick to Approve the Application from the American Legion for Veteran's Day Event on 11-11-15*

Ayes 6, Nays 0 – Motion Carried

**Action—Application for Temporary Class "B" Retailer's Licenses for Feeding America's VIP Grand Opening on 10-30-15**

*Moved by Trustee Elrick, seconded by Trustee Van Lankvelt to Approve the Application for a Temporary Class "B" Retailer's Licenses for Feeding America's VIP Grand Opening on 10-30-15*

Ayes 6, Nays 0 – Motion Carried

**Discussion/Action—Deer Culling**

At the board meeting last week it was discussed that Heesakker Park would have to close for two weeks if the Village has its deer culling hunt. The park is currently the only entrance to the to the Heritage Parkway Trail due to construction on the Mill Street Bridge. The board directed staff to reach out to residents on social media and received 3 comments to delay the 2015 deer culling season and a total of 4 people interested in participating. The board agreed the culling should be cancelled this year as a safety precaution.

*Moved by Trustee Smith, seconded by Trustee Van Lankvelt to postpone deer culling for the 2015.*

Ayes 6, Nays 0 – Motion Carried

## **Discussion—Health Insurance Opt Out**

Administrator Fenlon stated municipalities are now able to incentivize their employees monetarily by opting out of the State health insurance plan. State employees are offered \$2,000 to opt out of the healthcare plan. Administrator Fenlon polled other municipalities and 50 % do offer opt out provisions. An informal poll showed there are 15 employees that would consider opting out for incentive. The board was in favor of moving forward with staff to gather more information and report back.

## **Department and Officers Progress Reports**

Departments and Officers provided progress reports to the Board.

## **Disbursement List**

*Moved by Trustee Peerenboom, seconded by Trustee Van Lankvelt to Approve the Vouchers and Authorize the Finance Director to pay all vendors.*

Ayes 6, Nays 0 – Motion Carried

## **Call for Unfinished Business**

None

## **Items for Future Agendas**

None

## **Closed Session:**

19.85(1)(e) Wis. Stats. Deliberations or negotiations on the purchase of public properties, investing of public funds or conducting other specific public business when competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. *Bargaining/Negotiations*

*Moved by Trustee Smith, seconded by Trustee Elrick to Enter into Closed Session*

Ayes 6, Nays 0 – Motion Carried

## **Return to Open Session**

*Moved by Trustee Smith, seconded by Trustee Elrick to Enter into Closed Session*

Ayes 6, Nays 0 – Motion Carried

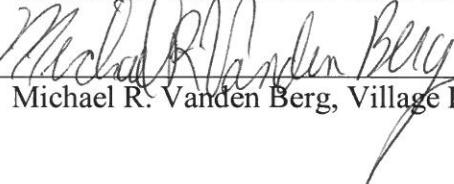
## **Adjournment**

*Moved by Trustee Smith, seconded by Trustee Elrick to Adjourn the Regular Board Meeting at 7:36 p.m.*

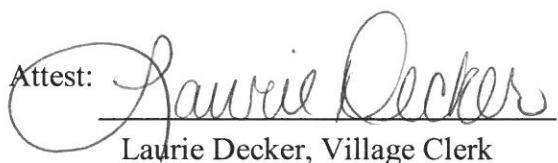
Ayes 6, Nays 0 - Motion Carried

**VILLAGE OF LITTLE CHUTE**

By:

  
Michael R. Vanden Berg, Village President

Attest:

  
Laurie Decker, Village Clerk