

Village of Spencer
Minutes of the Regular Board of Trustees
April 7, 2014

Meeting was called to order by Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer Thaddeus Kubisiak at 6:30 p.m.

(Hagen)(Frome) was carried to appoint Trustee Pokallus to preside over the meeting

Roll Call:

Trustees Frome, Pokallus, Hagen, Maurer were present. Trustees Staples, Gilbert and President Kilty were not present

Pokallus read a resignation letter from Ron Staples

Pokallus read a resignation letter from James Kilty

Pokallus read a resignation letter from Dianne Gilbert

Minutes:

(Hagen)(Frome) was carried to dispense the reading of the minutes and approve them as printed

Citizen Comments:

Matt Bychinski inquired about having Harry Toufar being appointed at tonight's meeting rather than wait until the third Tuesday of April to take office

Mary Schillinger spoke about the damage to Buse Street. Thaddeus mentioned that the matter will be assessed. Mary stated that the standing water has slowed traffic down on Buse Street, which she deemed as a positive effect

Randy Reckner inquired about his yard drain. John Dunbar mentioned that there are some high and low spots in that area. Chris Helgestad added that that yard drain may be connected to the 4" drain tile that runs parallel with the street, rather than the storm sewer. Public Works will look at the drain in the morning

Todd Rahm presented an idea about a snow mobile drag race during the weekend of antique show event. Todd offered a few potential locations

Adam Miller expressed his concern about the recent resignations of the Board members. He cited that the newspaper article left some questions about signed checks. Wayne Hagen explained that the Personnel Committee dealt with this issue, but he stated that he did not know anything about the matter, despite being a Personnel Committee member. Frome countered the allegations and further explained to Adam the actual events that occurred

Perry Hinrichsen inquired about the current signage ordinance

Public Works Report:

John Dunbar reported that the compost facility road is getting bad. The Board felt that the road could be closed for up to 2 weeks to let it dry out as long as it does not hinder the new businesses. John also talked about the frozen water lateral status. The residents that were told to run the water should continue to do so

Mike Voss, from MSA Professional Services, reported on the E Kobs Street project.

Police Chief's Report:

Chief Bauer reported the recent burglaries. Chief Bauer also spoke about a sexual assault case that he was working on. Shawn mentioned that part-time Officer Chris Brandner has been hired full-time by the Colby-Abby police department. Chief Bauer highlighted that the replacement squad car is at Jensen Motors. Shawn has also applied for grant funds for a course at Fort McCoy

President's Report:

There was nothing to report

Old Business:

None

New Business:

(a). (Hagen)(Maurer) was carried to appoint Pauline Frome to the vacant office of Village President

(b). No action was taken. Thaddeus recommended that the appointment of the vacant Trustee positions be done at the next Board meeting

(c). 1. (Hagen)(Maurer) was carried to send Thaddeus to a borrowing and debt management class on April 30 for a cost of \$69.00

2. (Frome)(Maurer) was carried to allow Chris Helgestad to view a water utility webinar (2 water certification credits) for a cost of \$20.00

(d). Discussion was held about the request by David Grieser for a forgiveness on sewer charges for a broken water pipe in his basement. Trustee Hagen does not want to veer from the existing policy. Trustee Maurer agreed. Trustee Pokallus inquired about the amount of water that went down the drain

(Hagen)(Maurer) was carried to not approve a forgiveness for the sewer charge

(e). (Hagen)(Pokallus) was carried to approve the renewal of the police union contract

(f). Discussion was held about the proposal for a snow mobile drag race. Jim Day inquired about the area near the snow mobile club house. The Board will wait until the club gets back with further details

(g). (Pokallus)(Maurer) was carried to approve and authorize MSA Professional Services to continue and rebid the Highway 98 sidewalk project

(h). (Pokallus)(Maurer) was carried to approve an "Operator's" license for Mary Jane Young (My Brother's Place)

(i). (Hagen)(Pokallus) was carried on a unanimous roll call vote to approve vouchers totaling \$149,677.80

Clerk's Report:

(a). Building permit issued to Dan and Pauline Boushon, located at 604 West Clark Street for a kitchen remodel at an approx. cost of \$20,000

(b). No provisional "Operator's" licenses

Committee Reports:

A. Personnel – Police negotiations meeting – Trustee Hagen read a letter from Thaddeus Kubisiak that officially rescinded his resignation. Wayne explained the Personnel Committee meeting where this matter was discussed

B. Utilities and Equipment Committee – Trustee Hagen spoke about the cancelled utilities meeting

C. Parks and Buildings Committee – Trustee Pokallus was in communication with a contractor who contacted Pokallus about the corner park as it relates to Veteran's Memorial proposal. Greg also talked about the playground equipment for Madison Park

D. Health, Safety, Recycling and Downtown Revitalization Committee – Trustee Frome had nothing to report

E. Economic Development and Industrial Parks Planning Committee – Chairperson Maurer will wait until the next meeting to schedule a committee meeting

F. Streets and Sidewalk Committee – Trustee Hagen will wait until the next meeting to schedule a committee meeting

(Pokallus)(Hagen) was carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Clerk _____

President _____