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APPROVED

Town Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, August 10, 2021

Time: 5:00 p.m.

Location: 2800 Ward Ave, La Crosse, WI 54601

Town Officials Present: Chairman Tim Candahl, Supervisors Renee Knutson, Tim Padesky, Marlene Heal, and Tim Ehler, Clerk Fortune Weaver, Treasurer Sara Jarr, Administrator Christina Peterson, and Public Works Director Terry Wright.

Town Officials Excused: N/A

Attendance List: Dave Gebhart (W5482 Boma Rd), Kyle Sullivan (W5461 Boma Rd), Scott and Sara Wrobel (W5482 State Rd 33), Dustin and Denae Schultz (4001 Glenhaven Dr), Sue Suchy (N2179 Valley Rd), Thomas Schlesinger (N2176 Valley Rd), Matt and Jennifer Garson (2350 Redwood Ct), and Heidi Boorn (4091 Glenhaven Dr).

1. Board Meeting called to order by Candahl at 5:00 p.m.
2. Approve Minutes from 7/20/2021 Motion by Knutson to approve minutes, second by Padesky. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Bills Payable. Motion by Knutson, to approve open invoices: \$105,246.32 and paid invoices: \$20,489.26, second by Heal. Motions carried unanimously.
4. Citizen's Concerns.
 - a. Candahl made comments on the storm on August 7, 2021.
 - b. Thomas Schlesinger requested driveway debris be cleared.
 - c. Sue Suchy requested rocks and boulders be removed from her yard. Wright noted the right-of-way distance and what the Town is responsible for clearing, the Town is clearing both sides of the ditches where applicable.
 - d. Dustin and Denae Schultz noted amount of damage to their property and noted it is considered unlivable. Stated that neighbors have said similar damage has occurred previously. Noted that they believe the Town of Shelby is at fault. Candahl noted the sewer system worked the way it's supposed to work, the influx of the water from the amount of rainfall is not something the Town can control. Wright gave a brief explanation of what causes a backup from large rainfalls and why the system was not failing. Mr. Schultz asked if every time this happens it's a record-breaking rain, Candahl confirmed it has been record-breaking rainfall. Wright and Candahl also explained the measures being taken by the Town and Sanitary District #2 to be proactive to keep our lines clear and well maintained. Candahl also explained the process for filing a complaint.
 - e. Scott Wrobel, Dave Gebhart and Kyle Sullivan noted that the massive rain caused mud and water to overflow culverts. Culverts also got plugged and garages, basements and homes were damaged and retained water and mud. Some residents have met with Department of Transportation (DOT) engineer about the culvert issues and potential projects. DOT noted that larger culverts can be put in. Candahl noted the Boma Rd public hearing and project and how that could potentially assist in the drainage on Highway 33. Dave Gebhart also discussed the amount of mud along Irish Ct. Asked about the amount of mud, Wright confirmed mud is everywhere. Gebhart noted drainage way on his property overflowed. Gebhart and Sullivan will be removing a log dam to allow for flow. Gebhart requested the

ditch be cleared and would like to put a new culvert in under his driveway. Candahl commented on what options could be explored to be proactive. No decision made.

- f. Matt and Jennifer Garson noted rocks and trees down in their yard from the storm. Stated their sewage backup in their basement, received a \$7,500 estimate to repair. Garson noted approximately 14 houses in the neighborhood have sewage in the basement. Candahl reiterated that there is not a failure on the sanitary district. Kurt Knutson noted that the City of La Crosse also reported a sewer backup in that neighborhood. K. Knutson noted our systems feed by gravity into the City's system, if the city system backs up, it can cause backups in the Town's system. Gebhart asked if the county/ state/ town has completed the process to declare an emergency. Candahl explained the steps are being completed.
 - g. Sarah Wrobel suggested utilizing Town of Shelby Newsletter to educate the residents about backflow meters. Also noted that the Road Crew, Fire Department and Sheriff's Department stopping by to check on neighbors is much appreciated. It will appear in the next newsletter.
 - h. Candahl closed this portion of the meeting to move onto other business.
5. Parcel 11-2266-0 (Olson on Little Ave) Infringement on Right-of-Way. Peterson explained the right-of-way encroachment. The right of way is larger than most. We can draft an agreement that states the encroachment is allowed and can be retracted by the Town at any time. No objections.
 6. Shelby Youth Ball Committee Appointment-Kristy Holinka. Holinka would be filling a recent vacancy. Motion by Candahl to appoint Kristy Holinka to Shelby Youth Ball Committee, second by Padesky. Motion carried unanimously.
 7. Planning Commission Resignation/New Appointment. Marlin Helgeson resigned on August 7, 2021. Candahl thanked Marlin for his time served. Position needs to be filled. Rebecca Flege will no longer be an alternate, she will be a full member of the commission. No objections.
 8. Sanitary District No. 2 Resignation. Steve Lundsten resignation to take place on September 1, 2021. Accepted by the Town Board.
 9. Resolution 2021-6 Declaring an Emergency due to August 7, 2021, Flooding. Motion by Padesky to sign Resolution 2021-6, second by Knutson. Motion carried unanimously.
 10. 2021 Seal Coat Project-Bid Award. Wright noted the bids received and the low bid to Scott Construction bid price will be locked, because of the damage from August 7th the projected date would be Spring 2022. Motion by Heal to award the low bidder of Scott Construction (bid of \$125,574.53) second by Padesky. Motion carried unanimously.
 11. Public Works Report.
 - a. Wright discussed the damage report. See attached. If declared a federal emergency, FEMA will drive the roads with Terry Wright and give a price estimate, FEMA's estimate is the amount we need to go forward with.
 - b. Wright noted what subcontractors have been hired and what work has been able to be completed by our crew. Approximately \$790,000.00 in damages from the storm. Town crew will complete what they can.
 - c. Rain anticipated to delay complete redo of the line on 33 park.
 - d. Noted lines being camera-ed and they are fixing any problems area identified. Padesky noted that there would be approximately three months left to complete road work (based on weather). Wright noted that they will make sure that the roads are in good enough shape to snowplow. And they will also be looking into TRIP funds and FEMA documentation needed to get things moving.
 - e. Peterson noted that FEMA will allow individuals to apply for funding if it is declared a federal disaster.
 12. Chairperson/Supervisor Reports.

- a. All supervisors will send photos and videos of damage near their house for the Town to send to FEMA.
13. Fire Department Report. Peterson noted the emailed summary of calls. Knutson noted that Assistant Chief's summaries were helpful. Chief returning from training. Other members attending a training this week. Lieutenant and EMS officer positions being interviewed. Roof estimate for Fire Department coming soon.
14. Adjournment. Motion by Padesky, second by Heal to adjourn 6:26 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Next meeting will take place Tuesday, August 24, 2021 @ 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Fortune M. Weaver, Clerk