**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**IN THE VILLAGE COMMUNITY ROOM**

**January 8, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Village Board, of the Village of Strum, Wisconsin, Trempealeau County, was held in the Village Community Room on Monday, January 8, 2024.

Meeting called to order:

The meeting was called to order by Village President, Dean Boehne at 6:21 p.m., immediately following the Caucus Meeting. Village Board Trustee, Sherry Bjerke, took the minutes of the meeting. The following board members were present: Berge, Thompson, Stendahl, Nelson, and Bjerke. Absent, Rindahl.

Open Meeting Law Requirements Have Been Complied with:

Present Boehne announced the open meetings law requirements have been met for the meeting.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Stendahl and seconded by Nelson to approve the minutes from the regular Village Board Meeting held on December 11, 2023, as printed. Motion carried.

Appearances by Citizens and Other:

1. Barry Christianson – concerns about water run-off. Public Works will set a meeting with adjacent neighbors.

Zoning Commissioner:

Cynthia Huebner – New house at 740 Elm St  
 Not going to break ground until spring, tabled until February meeting to further review.

Committees:

1. Personnel Committee
   1. Flexible Time Off
   2. Update on Health Insurance  
      Premiums went up significantly for 2024. We are tied in with a coop for better rates.  
      Only three employees currently take the health insurance.

Will try to meet with Insurance Agent to further discuss options.

* 1. Update on Clerk/Treasurer Position – two additional candidates to be interviewed.

Hopeful to have an offer in the coming weeks.

1. Public Safety Committee
   1. Update from Meeting on January 3, 2024 – pertaining to a semi-permanent storage container by the new Synergy building. Public Safety Committee recommended allowing the container that will be replacing the existing semi-trailer. The container will be moved into place and painted in the spring to be conducive with surrounding buildings.  
      Motion by Berge, seconded by Nelson to allow the container to be used on commercial property. Motion carried.
   2. Rezoning North American Fly a/k/a Strum Hide & Glove
      1. Motion was made by Thompson, seconded by Stendhal to reschedule the  
         Public Hearing to January 29 at 6:00 pm  
         Motion carried.
      2. Boehne will provide information for the advertisement to be published in the  
         Tri County News as required.
      3. Notice will be given to adjacent property owners.
2. Public Works Committee
   1. Update from Meeting held on January 3, 2024
3. Public Works Committee
   1. Update from Meeting held on December 18, 2023  
      Light on capital at the end of 2023, due to added expenses occurred during the alley project. Moved out some capital improvements originally planned for 2024
   2. Farmland Lease  
      Current lease ran out in December 2023, previous rent of $2,475 per year  
      Motion was made by Stendahl and seconded by Thompson to increase the rent to $2,500 per year for Five-year lease 2024-28  
      Motion carried.

Approval of Vouchers:

Motion was made by Stendahl and seconded by Berge to pay the vouchers as presented.

Motion carried.

Adjourn:

Motion was made by Stendahl and seconded by Thompson to Adjourn

Motion carried.

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Dean Boehne, Village President

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Sherry Bjerke, Recording Clerk