

MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING

VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

IN THE VILLAGE COMMUNITY ROOM

AUGUST 12, 2024

The regular board meeting of the Village Board, of the Village of Strum, Trempealeau County, was held in the Village Community Room on Monday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

Meeting called to order:

The meeting was called to order by the Village President, Dean Boehne at 6:30pm. Village Clerk, Tish Nelson, took the minutes of the meeting. The following board members were present: Berge, Bjerke, Rindal, Stendahl, Hanson, Thompson. Also present, B. Olson.

Open Meeting Law Requirements have been complied with:

President Boehne announced the open meeting laws have been met for the meeting.

Approval of minutes:

A motion was made by Hanson, seconded by Berge to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024, as printed. Motion carried.

Appearances by citizens and others:

- a. Diane Dryden – No appearance. Dispute resolved.
- b. David & Marlys Bjorklund – 814 Elm St – Clerk presented board with information regarding the Bjorklund’s water/sewer consumption and billings for the first quarter of 2024 (Jan-Mar) due to running water per village request to reduce the risk of the water pipes freezing up. A motion was made to credit Bjorklund’s bill by Stendahl, seconded by Thompson. Motion carried. -Public Works meeting will be set to further discuss how to handle Winter Water Trickle Credits
- c. Carolyn Boehne – Retiring – Carolyn wanted to give her notice to the board that she will be done volunteering at the Village Office as of August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024. She also wanted to let the board know how wonderful the residents of Strum have been during this transition, how great the village employees have been to work with and the importance of having a Deputy Clerk/Treasurer. The board, in return, thanked her for her hard work and appreciates all the time she has spent at the office making sure things kept running.

Reports from Officers:

- a. Zoning Commissioner
  - i. Mike and Sabeth Peterson – 314 Balsam St – Submitted a building permit for a fence. Motion made by Thompson and seconded by Bjerke to approve permit as drawn. Motion carried.
- b. Clerk
  - i. Motion made by Stendahl to remove Michelle Loken from the accounts at Coop Credit Union and replace with Natisha Nelson, seconded by Hanson. Motion carried.
  - ii. Waste Management submitted their Haulers Permit with payment. Stendahl motioned to approve permit with a second by Thompson. Motion carried.
  - iii. Fireworks Permit was submitted by Zimmerman’s of Campsite # 3 at the Crystal Lake Campground to light off small fireworks for August 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>. Motion made to approve by Stendahl, seconded by Rindal. Motion carried.
  - iv. Budget Meetings to be set by each committee with Finance Committee meeting on October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024, to go over all presented committee budgets.

Reports from Committees:

- a. Personnel
  - i. Flexible Time Off – no discussion
  - ii. Hiring a Deputy – Meeting set by Personnel Chair to meet with Finance Chair on Wednesday, August 21, 2024
- b. Finance
  - i. Water/Sewer Rate Increase - Motion made by Berge to increase Water Rate by 3% and Sewer Rate by 3% annually beginning January 1, 2025. Motion seconded by Thompson and carried.
- c. Public Safety
  - i. Discuss Miller/Dryden fence dispute- No discussion, dispute resolved.
  - ii. Conjoin lot 1A – Motion made by Stendahl, seconded by Thompson to approve. Motion carried.
    - 1. Proposed Spruce St Covenant changes as presented. Motion made by Stendahl, seconded by Thompson. Motion carried.
- d. Joint Sewage Commission
  - i. Meeting needs to be set to discuss Mag Meters. No date set yet.

Miscellaneous:

- a. Pickleball Court status, covid funding in the amount of 20,000 was set aside for this project. Placement of the court was discussed and decided.
- b. School State Signage was discussed but no decision was made.

Approval of the Vouchers and Journal Entries

Motion made by Thompson to approve vouchers and entries as presented, seconded by Berge. Motion carried.

Motion made by Rindal, seconded by Bjerke to adjourn meeting. Motion carried.

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Dean Boehne, Village President

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Natisha “Tish” Nelson, Clerk