

MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING

VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

IN THE VILLAGE COMMUNITY ROOM

SEPTEMBER 9, 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, September 9, 2024.

Meeting called to order:

The meeting was called to order by the Village President, Dean Boehne at 6:31pm. Village Clerk, Tish Nelson, took the minutes of the meeting. The following board members were present: Berge, Bjerke, Rindal, Hanson, Thompson. Also present, B. Olson. Absent: Stendahl.

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 Berge, seconded by Thompson to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on August 12, 2024, as printed. Motion carried.

Appearances by citizens and others:

- a. Jim Hallis - Presented an opposed position on burning within Village limits due to the smoke, the soot and the temptations it could have for residents to also burn their garbage. He asks that if it will not be banned, that the possibility of better monitoring by village employees and village police will be considered. Members of board also discussed a possible ad going into the local paper reminding residents about what can and cannot be in a burn pit. No action taken at this time.
- b. Angie Torpen – No appearance.

Reports from Officers:

- a. Zoning Commissioner
 - i. Building Permit for Jean and Charles Julson located at 121 Butternut Dr was presented. Motion made by Bjerke, seconded by Hanson to approve permit as presented. Motion carried.
 - ii. Building Permit for Brian and Shawn Darling located at 208 Oak St was presented. Motion made by Berge, seconded by Thompson to approve permit as presented. Motion carried.
- b. Clerk
 - i. Election update – No discussion
 - ii. Letter to Stewarts – B. Olson spoke with C. Stewart about setting a meeting with Public Safety.
 - iii. Board of Appeals outcome was presented. No discussion.
 - iv. Board of Appeals meeting is TBD at this time regarding the Building Permit for E. Glosky.

Reports from Committees:

- a. Personnel
 - i. Flexible Time Off – No discussion.
 - ii. Ad for Deputy Clerk/Treasurer was in the 9/3 issue of the Ad*Delite. Personnel also suggested putting out on Indeed to widen the search.

- b. Public Safety
 - i. A motion by Bjerke and seconded by Thompson to approve purchase of new radios for the Strum Police Department. Motion carried.
 - ii. Discussion about a speed reduction outside of Village limits – G. Rindal will reach out to Trempealeau County for the requested 35mph sign to be placed on County Road D
- c. Public Welfare
 - i. Ball Diamond Update:
 - 1. Light Poles – The poles and light fixtures are here, need to line up, Xcel Energy, Public Works employees and East Hill electric to schedule a date to get them placed and wired.
 - 2. Bleachers – Need to be ordered yet. S. Bjerke asked if an invoice could be found for prior bleacher purchase in 2015-2016.
 - 3. Painting – Repainting of the building at the diamond is in place for this fall, waiting on volunteers to help with said painting.
 - ii. Woodland Park
 - 1. Railings – J. Husby is working with GFS in Osseo on this project
 - 2. Wildflower growth – Weeds/Wildflowers have overgrown onto the sidewalk, D. Berge suggested starting a Garden club which could help keep the growth off the sidewalk area and cut back.
- d. Joint Sewage Commission
 - i. Meeting set for September 19, 2024, to discuss Mag Meter purchase and 2025 budget

Miscellaneous:

- a. Pickleball Court concrete has been poured and nets are up. “Open House” set for October 8th. S. Bjerke asked to adjust the naming of the court to ‘Crystal Lake Park Pickleball’ instead of Eleva-Strum Pickleball. Name will be adjusted per D. Berge.
- b. Barry Christianson is still having drainage issues; a culvert was discussed for a more permanent solution.
- c. Eleva-Strum Cross Country Sectional Souvenir Program Advertisement was discussed and decided against.

Approval of the Vouchers and Journal Entries

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

Motion made by Thompson, seconded by Hanson to adjourn meeting. Motion carried.

Dean Boehne, Village President

Natisha “Tish” Nelson, Clerk