

VILLAGE OF GRAFTON

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

***Amended**

JULY 18, 2016

President Brunnquell called the Village Board meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Board members present: Jim Brunnquell, David Liss, Thomas Krueger, Dean Proefrock and David Antoine

Board members excused: Lisa Harbeck and Sue Meinecke

Staff/Officials present: Village Administrator Jesse Thyges, Director of Administrative Services Paul Styduhar, Police Chief Charles Wenten, Utilities Program Coordinator Larry Roy, Attorney Mike Herbrand and Village Clerk Kaity Olsen

Others present: Ozaukee Press Copy Editor Steve Ostermann and members of the public

MINUTES

Motion by Trustee Antoine, seconded by Trustee Proefrock to approve the 07-05-2016 Village Board meeting minutes; and file the 06-27-2016 Joint Library Board, 07-11-2016 Board of Public Works meeting minutes, as presented. Motion carried.

PERSONS REQUESTING TO BE HEARD

None

BUSINESS PRESENTED BY THE PRESIDENT

President Brunnquell welcomed the new Village Administrator, Jesse Thyges, to the Village of Grafton.

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES/ACTION ITEMS

President Brunnquell asked to approve items one and two together. There were no objections to this.

Item 1/Report of the Board of Public Works

Exception to the concrete requirement for driveway improvements at 325 Prairie Run and allow asphalt

A motion was made by Trustee Liss, seconded by Trustee Krueger to approve the exception to the concrete requirement for driveway improvements at 325 Prairie Run and allow asphalt. Motion carried.

Item 2/Report of the Board of Public Works

Change orders 1, 2, and 3 for Dorner Inc. adding various pay items to the contract in the amount of \$10,400

A motion was made by Trustee Liss, seconded by Trustee Krueger to approve change orders 1, 2, and 3 for Dorner Inc. adding various pay items to the contract in the amount of \$10,400. Motion carried.

Item 3/Report of the Board of Public Works

Resolution supporting the Wisconsin RPC and DNR Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Mitigation Grant Program was offered by Trustee Liss

A motion was made by Trustee Proefrock, seconded by Trustee Antoine to adopt the resolution supporting the Wisconsin RPC and DNR Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Mitigation Grant Program.

President Brunnuell thanked Department of Public Works Administrative Assistant Melissa Depies for finding this grant.

Motion carried.

Item 4/Report of the Board of Public Works

Five percent sewer rate increase and publishing a public notice and filing of a simplified rate case with the PSC that would increase water rates by three percent effective September 20, 2016

Utilities Program Coordinator, Larry Roy, commented that the water rates were last increased in 2014*. The Utilities Department did not get the rate of return they were expecting from that rate increase. The reason for the poor rate of return is surmised to be due to the good spring rainfall that was apparent for last three years. This has resulted in less watering of lawns which has resulted in lower revenues for the water utility. This year the Utilities Department would like to take advantage of a simplified rate increase of three percent for the water rates and would like to increase sewer rates by five percent. Next year the Utilities Department would like to look at having a conventional rate study done.

Trustee Krueger commented that this is a reasonable explanation for low rate of return for the water portion of utilities but does not justify a sewer rate increase and *clarification to the public.

If water rates were to increase, this would increase the Public Fire Protection Fee by three percent as well. This information would have to be discussed with the Town of Grafton as they pay a portion of the Public Fire Protection Fees as well. Director Styduhar will get some feedback from the Town of Grafton on this item.

A motion was made by Trustee Krueger, seconded by Trustee Liss to approve the five percent sewer rate increase and publishing a public notice and filing of a simplified rate case with the PSC that would increase water rates by three percent effective September 20, 2016. Motion carried (Nay-Trustee Antoine).

DEPARTMENT AND OFFICERS REPORT

None

LICENSES

Approval to issue Operator’s Licenses, as presented

Motion by Trustee Antoine, seconded by Trustee Krueger to approve the issuance of the Operator’s Licenses, as presented. Motion carried.

REPORT OF BILLS

Motion by Trustee Proefrock, seconded by Trustee Antoine to approve the payment of Village expenditures in the amount of \$664,572.97. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Liss commented that the Grafton Area Live Arts is entering its third week. This Thursday’s music will be Copper Box at 6:30 p.m.

CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by Trustee Liss and seconded by Trustee Krueger to convene to closed session at 6:13 p.m. under Wisconsin Statute section 19.85(1)(c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility (Employee Grievance).

President Brunquell-Aye
Trustee Krueger-Aye
Trustee Proefrock-Aye

Trustee Liss-Aye
Trustee Antoine-Aye

Motion carried by roll call vote.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

A motion was made by Trustee Liss, seconded by Trustee Proefrock to reconvene to open session at 6:24 p.m. under Wisconsin Statute Section 19.85(2)

President Brunquell-Aye

Trustee Liss-Aye

Trustee Krueger-Aye
Trustee Proefrock-Aye

Trustee Antoine-Aye

Motion carried by roll call vote.

ACTION PERTAINING TO CLOSED SESSION

No action was taken pertaining to the closed session discussion.

ADJOURN

Motion by Trustee Liss, seconded by Trustee Krueger to adjourn at 6:25 p.m. Motion carried.