



Village of Maine Minutes

Monday, August 31, 2020

Village of Maine Special Board Meeting

Maine Municipal Center

6111 N. 44th Avenue

Wausau, WI 54401

AGENDA

1. Call the meeting to order – Betty Hoenisch, Village President
2. Discussion and possible action on dust buster for granite roads due to excessive speed and fall crop trucking
3. Discussion and possible action on Animal Ordinance and possible meeting with Marathon County Animal Control Deputy
4. Discussion regarding a Fall Newsletter verses Informational Meetings due to COVID-19 gathering limitations
5. Discussion and possible action on Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources NR208 – Compliance Maintenance Resolution
6. Discussion and possible action to approve the Kerber Rose Audit Agreement
7. Discussion and possible action on USDA Loan Closing and approval of required documents
8. Adjournment

I certify that this agenda was posted at the Brokaw Post Office, Brokaw Village Hall, Red Granite Bar & Grill, Richard's Restaurant & Bar, Schmidt's Bar, the Maine Municipal Center, 6111 N. 44th Avenue, Wausau, WI on August 29, 2020. (Note - Bars and Restaurants that are posting locations may not hold regular hours due to COVID-19.) Agenda was also posted on Maine's website.

Betty Hoenisch, Village President

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Item 1: Call to Order

The August 31, 2020 Special Board of Trustees Meeting of the Village of Maine was held at the Maine Municipal Center, 6111 N. 44th Ave, Wausau, WI. The meeting was called to order by President Betty Hoenisch at 6:12pm.

Present at the meeting:

Trustees Jon Graveen, Tom Mullaley (by phone), Wes Schoepke; President Betty Hoenisch, Clerk Cindy Bailey, Administrator Keith Rusch, Constable Jim Behrendt, Office Assistant Merriebeth Russ

Item 2: Discussion and possible action on dust buster for granite roads due to excessive speed and fall crop trucking.

The Board discussed the need for a road treatment for N 72nd avenue following a resident's complaint about excessive dust. The road is shared with the Town of Berlin. Residents have complained of air quality from the dust on the unpaved road. Most of the roads in the Village of Maine have been paved and money is no longer budgeted for dust buster treatments. Board members offered several suggestions including the cost of treatment in next year's budget, cost sharing the treatment this year with Berlin, advising residents to ask VanDerGeest to water the road during the coming crop hauling season, and negotiating an official agreement with Berlin to manage the treatment. The Board agreed that the Village should pay for half of the cost of the dust buster treatment if Berlin pays for half. The Board requested President Hoenisch to schedule a meeting with the Berlin Board of Trustees and affected residents of N 72nd Avenue to discuss this and possibly negotiate an agreement on how future road maintenance will be managed.

Motion was made by Trustee Schoepke to pay for half of the dust buster treatment of N 72nd Avenue if Berlin will pay for the other half and to schedule a meeting with Berlin's Board of Trustees to discuss an agreement. Trustee Graveen seconded that motion. Motion carried.

Item 3: Discussion and possible action on Animal Ordinance and possible meeting with Marathon County Animal Control Deputy.

The Board discussed the need to address the nuisance dog issue in the Village. President Hoenisch explained the information she has received to date from the County Sheriff Deputy Cody Hornik about addressing the issue. The Board considered a variety of options to handle the nuisance dog issue including hiring a deputy for the Village, approaching Rib Mountain to share the deputy they have hired, abolishing the existing Nuisance Ordinance, and rewriting the Nuisance Ordinance to exclude animals and revising the Animal Ordinance to include provisions for dogs that are kept outside.

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President Hoenisch explained that she had invited Animal Control Deputy Hornick to meet with the Village Board at their September Board Meeting. The Trustees will begin work on a sample ordinance for review at the meeting so it can then be prepared for the October meeting agenda.

No further action was taken.

Item 4: Discussion regarding a Fall Newsletter verses Informational Meetings due to COVID19 gathering limitations.

Due to the current COVID19 restrictions, the Board feels it is best to rely on a newsletter and the website to provide information to residents that was previously shared in informational meetings. The Board discussed and provided direction on the content for the newsletter including the following items:

- Election information as provided by Clerk Bailey
- Proper mailbox installation and road right of way information
- County Ordinance on pushing snow in across the road and into the road right of way
- Garbage and recycling issues to include:
 - Placement of garbage and recycling containers
 - Disposal of cardboard recyclables
 - List of potential sources for large item, appliance, and miscellaneous recyclable items
- Update from Administrator Rusch on the projects in Brokaw
- Businesses in the Village of Maine –
 - Welcome to new businesses
 - Offer of a spotlight article in future issues
- Permit and ordinance reminder
 - Reminder to get permit for projects
- Direction to website for current information

No action was taken on this item.

Item 5: Discussion and possible action on Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources NR208 – Compliance Maintenance resolution

Administrator Rusch explained that forms for the WI DNR Resources NR208 Compliance Maintenance Resolution need to be voted on, certified, and submitted by a certified operator by midnight tonight August 31, 2020. The forms must be certified and submitted by a certified operator. Clayton Laszewski is a certified operator and has agreed to submit the form for the Village. The Village received a D grade on the influent intake rating from the DNR for the Brokaw utility at the beginning of 2020. Clayton has been monitoring and managing the situation and as a result, the numbers are improving. The response

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to the DNR is that we will continue to monitor and manage the levels to improve our ratings. The second component is the financial aspect. The utility rates do not cover the normal operational costs. The response to the DNR is that the utility is under an assessment. When it is complete the Village will determine the direction of the utility in the future and rates will be adjusted to cover costs. The resolution number is 2020-03. With Board approval, Administrator Rusch will complete the forms and Clayton will certify and submit to the DNR to meet the deadline.

Motion was made by Trustee Graveen to approve and submit the WI Department of Natural Resources NR208 Compliance Maintenance Resolution information. Trustee Schoepke seconded that motion. Motion carried.

Item 6: Discussion and possible action to approve the Kerber Rose Audit Agreement for 2010, 2020, and 2021.

Motion was made by Trustee Schoepke to approve the Kerber Rose Audit Agreement for 2010, 2020, and 2021. Trustee Graveen seconded that motion. Motion carried.

Item 7: Discussion and possible action on USDA Loan Closing and approval of required documents.

President Hoenisch is scheduling a group meeting with Attorney Frokjer, Administrator Rusch, Clerk Bailey, and Julie Geese (by phone) regarding the USDA Grant & Loan. If the necessary items are completed by the end of September, the interest rate will drop from 2.125% down to 1.125%. To accomplish this process, a generic motion is needed approving the group to execute the necessary documents for the USDA grants and loans.

Motion was made by Trustee Schoepke moved to approve the Village President, Village Clerk, and Village Administrator to approve the required documents for the USDA Loan Closing. Trustee Jon Graveen seconded that motion. Motion carried.

Item 8: Adjournment

Motion was made by Trustee Schoepke to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m. Trustee Graveen seconded that motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted and approved September 14, 2020.



Merriebeth Russ, Office Assistant