

MINUTES

Regular Village Board Meeting and Annual Caucus January 8, 2014

The Village of Blue Mounds Meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order by Audra Anderson, Village President, at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 8, 2014. The meeting was posted on Friday, January 3, 2014.

2. Roll call: Audra Anderson, Glenn Ignatius, Tim Klecker, Phil Solchenberger, and Gary Friske
Absent: None

Citizens and Others Present: Amy Foster, Dan Foster, Jim Frame, Rick Kelly, Monica Solchenberger, Meg Ipsen, Andrea Flickinger, Karen Riek, Pluma Cool, Kim Ipsen, Jason Richie-Mount Horeb Mail.

4. Motion to convene to Caucus: Phil Solchenberger moved to open the annual caucus. Motion was seconded by Gary Friske. Roll call vote was taken: Votes in the affirmative: Audra Anderson, Glenn Ignatius, Tim Klecker, Phil Solchenberger, and Gary Friske. Votes in the negative: None. Motion carried 5-0.

The method of tie breaking was decided by conducting another secret paper vote.

5. Village Caucus to nominate Two Trustee Positions: Due to a procedural error the caucus will be reconvened on January 18, 2014 at 8:00 a.m. at the Village Hall.

6. Motion to Close Caucus: Audra Anderson moved to close the annual caucus, Phil Solchenberger seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

7. Public Forum: None.

8. Correction and approval of minutes:

8a. Village Board Minutes 12/11/2013: Phil Solchenberger moved to approve the minutes of the Village Board Meeting of 12/11/2013, seconded by Glenn Ignatius. Motion carried.

8b Special Village Board Minutes 12/30/2013: Gary Friske moved to approve the minutes of the Special Village Board Meeting of 12/30/13, seconded by Phil Solchenberger. Motion carried.

9. Reports: Police, Water and Sewer, Streets and Parks, Treasurer, and Fire District reports presented.

Discussion was held regarding snow plowing complaints on Country View and Mounds View. Due to the extreme cold the salt that has been used thus far this season is not working. Discussion was held among the board members regarding upcoming deadlines for the plant. They may want to schedule an informal meeting to discuss the plan on the upcoming deadlines. President Anderson said she would schedule such a meeting. The Strand Contract will be discussed at the February Board meeting. Dan Foster will be able to handle the upcoming deadlines. There is going to be a tour of surrounding plants on January 14, possibly two board members will attend. The digesters were frozen and there was a temporary fix put in place to thaw them. Citgo cards have been cancelled due to the monthly service charge of \$7 even if you don't use the card.

10. Approval of bills presented for payment: Motion made by Phil Solchenberger, seconded by Tim Klecker to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried.

11. Unfinished Business:

11a. Unison Site Management: Discussion was held on Unison's offer to purchase the Village's current lease with U.S. Cellular. Motion by Tim Klecker, seconded by Glenn Ignatius to reject Unison Site Management's offer to purchase the lease. Motion carried.

11b. Land Adjoining Sewer Plant: There was discussion regarding the land west of the plant, as the land owners approached Tim Klecker regarding the purchase of the land. Further discussions will take place with the adjoining land owners and with Warren Myers regarding the land.

11c. Nominations for Committees: This will be on the February agenda for further discussion.

12. New Business:

12a. Resolution R14-01 Authorizing Elections Inspectors: Motion by Tim Klecker, seconded by Glenn Ignatius to approve R14-01. Motion carried.

12b. Changing of Ordinance 2.04 – structure of committees: Discussion was held regarding the changes to this ordinance. It would eliminate the personnel committee and instead there would be two other committees; one would oversee Public Works and the other would oversee Police and the Administrative Offices. This will continue to the February meeting.

12c. Pay Rate for Working on a Holiday: Motion by Glenn Ignatius that employees who work on a holiday be paid time and one half for hours worked. Discussion was held on the difference between new and old handbook. Motion seconded by Gary Fiske. Motion carried.

12 d. Replacement of Tube Heaters in Maintenance Room: The tube heaters are no longer functional and parts can't be found for repairs. One estimate was provided and additional ones should be brought to the February meeting.

12e. Vehicle Purchases: Kim Ipsen asked for this item to be on the agenda. The Sterling will need to be replaced and he asked for direction when watching for vehicles available for purchase. Clerk Michek was instructed to check with other clerks on the best procedure to follow.

12f. Mounds View Park Playground Equipment: Kim Ipsen informed the Board that wood chips need to be replaced at the park and that he was in contact with Kittleson regarding the same. The Board discussed whether or not the Village could purchase the material and have volunteers put it down. Kim also told the Board that mats may need to be placed under the swings. This item will be on the February Park and Recreation Committee agenda.

12g. Court Fines/Fees: This item was tabled until the February Board meeting.

13. Motion by Phil Solchenberger, seconded by Tim Klecker to go into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(f). Motion carried. 8:00 p.m.

Motion by Phil Solchenberger, seconded by Gary Fiske to reconvene to open session. Motion carried. 8:30 p.m.

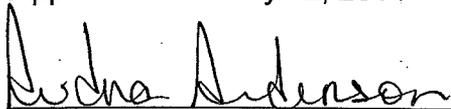
14. Future agenda items: None at this time.

15. Adjournment. Time: 8:30 pm

Minutes taken by Mary Jo Michek

Typed by: Mary Jo Michek

Approved: February 12, 2014



Audra Anderson, Village President