

MINUTES

Regular Village Board Meeting
April 9, 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, April 9, 2014. The meeting was posted on April 7, 2014.

2. Roll call: Audra Anderson, Tim Klecker, Phil Solchenberger, Glenn Ignatius and Gary Friske

Absent: None

Citizens and Others Present: Dan Foster, Kim Ipsen, Andrea Flickinger, Karen Riek and Ben Heideman

4. Public Forum: None.

5. Correction and approval of minutes:

5a. Village Board Minutes 03/12/2014: Phil Solchenberger moved to approve the minutes of the Village Board Meeting of 03/12/2014, seconded by Tim Klecker. Motion carried.

5b. Park and Recreation Committee Minutes of 03/18/2014: Tim Klecker moved to approve the minutes of the Park and Recreation Committee Meeting of 03/18/2014, seconded by Phil Solchenberger. Motion carried. Discussion was held regarding the grant, Audra Anderson informed the Board that the Grant will be submitted.

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

Phil Solchenberger commended the public works employees on snow plowing, stating that Kim Ipsen did a good job, given it was his first year. Audra Anderson also thanked them. Kim Ipsen reported that he will be taking the second ground water exam. Kim also said there was a leak in the park shelter bathrooms that they are fixing and hope to have the bathrooms opened soon. Dan Foster told the Board that Mr. Foxen was told he could stop running his water.

7. Approval of bills presented for payment: Motion made by Phil Solchenberger, seconded by Gary Friske to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried.

8. Unfinished Business:

8a. Robert Noethe, zoning change update: Audra Anderson told the Board that she was going to have a telephone conference with the Village Attorney and would bring the information to the Plan Commission at the end of the month.

8b. Village Hall Remodeling: Gary Friske presented the outdoor and elevation concept prepared by Town & Country Engineering, Inc. The Board was pleased with how the plan looked and will be moving it to the Plan Commission for further input.

8c. Influent Grinder and Aerators at Plant: Ben Heideman from Town & Country Engineering, Inc. presented the Board with recommendations and cost comparisons for the treatment plant screening and SCADA upgrades. Currently the plant's screening is insufficient, a new system will make it a much better working environment, cleaner, drier and daily maintenance will be significantly reduced. Glenn Ignatius questioned Mr. Heideman on the increased electrical costs associated with the screening system because there will be a need to have consistent air exchange, Mr. Heideman stated the increased costs were dependent on which type of enclosure the Village decided on. There are three options for the installation of a new screening system, option one is using heat tapes to protect against freezing, the other options involve building some type of structure around the system. Mr. Heideman recommends the Village proceeding with the stand alone screening system. Then determine if the Village employees can do the additional work for the enclosure. Tim Klecker inquired on a timeline and what happens while it is being installed. Ben explained that the backup system will be used while it's being installed. Not included in the pricing is the cladding/siding for the building. Phil Solchenberger and Gary Friske agreed that the screening system be bid out. Mr. Heideman said that by

late May, early June bid prices could be received. Motion by Phil Solchenberger, seconded by Gary Friske to move forward with Town & Country Engineering, Inc. on bidding out the head works/screening equipment. Motion carried.

Ben Heideman then informed the Board on potential upgrades to the SCADA (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition system) and energy controls. He explained that the oxidation ditch is the largest energy user at the plant. Upgrades would allow the moving discs to go faster or slower depending on the usage. Glenn Ignatius questioned whether there would be grant money available for such a project. Mr. Heideman stated that there may be some grant funds available on a limited basis. The Board may want to implement this type of a program for the phosphorus reduction requirements. Discussion continued regarding waiting on upgrading the SCADA as other things need replacing immediately. Dan Foster then informed the Board that out of the three blowers or aerators, only one is currently operational. Motion by Glenn Ignatius to purchase aerators from Town & Country Engineering, Inc. Gary Friske seconded. Motion carried.

8d. UTV purchase: Discussion was held regarding the ball diamond, Gary Friske told the Board that he was recently at the park and there has been infield material that has washed away. He contacted Mount Horeb and was told that they drag their ball fields with a gator. The Board discussed that a UTV type vehicle would be a multi-purpose vehicle and could be shared between departments. Audra Anderson does not want the ball diamond dug with a UTV and found a used three wheeled vehicle used specifically for dragging for \$2,900.00. Kim Ipsen spoke to the Board and feels a multiple use vehicle is more economical. Audra Anderson voiced concerns regarding whether or not the vehicle could be driven on the roadway. Gary Friske stated that many other municipalities use UTVs on the roadway. It is hoped that streets, utility, parks and garden club could all use the UTV. Motion by Phil Solchenberger, seconded by Glenn Ignatius to purchase the 2014 Polaris for \$9,500.00. Motion carried with 4 for, and one against.

9. New Business:

9a. Request to Carryover Vacation time: Motion by Glenn Ignatius, second by Phil Solchenberger to allow Donna Skogen to carryover her vacation time until her anniversary date next year.

9b. Operator's License, Peggy Tobias. Due to the fact she didn't provide her certificate of training the Board took no action.

9c. Proclamation of Arbor Day: Motion by Gary Friske, second by Phil Solchenberger to proclaim April 25th, 2014 Arbor Day in the Village of Blue Mounds. Motion carried.

9d. Richard and Ruby Pleva request for extension on building permit: Motion by Tim Klecker, second by Phil Solchenberger to extend the Pleva's building permit for six months. Motion carried.

9e. Borders and Mulch at Mounds Park: Phil Solchenberger spoke to the Board regarding the need for new playground equipment borders and mulch. He measured the area and determined that 45 - 6 foot long pieces would be needed to re-border the equipment. With both the borders and mulch the total bill would be approximately \$5,500.00. Motion by Glenn Ignatius, seconded by Gary Friske to order 8 inch borders from AAA State of Play, Quote 38023 and to get the mulch from TJ Landscape. Motion carried.

9f. Date for Village Wide Clean Up: The date for Village clean-up will be May 3rd.

9g. Update Employee Handbook regarding carryover of vacation time: This item was tabled until the May meeting.

9h. Appoint Board of Review Members: President Audra Anderson nominated Thomas Flickinger and Alan Downs to the Board of Review. Board approved of the nominations.

9i. Set date for Board of Review: Assessor gave the dates of July 10 as Open Book and July 29 as Board of Review.

9j. Review CMAR reporting process: Discussion was held, Dan Foster is preparing the documents.

9k. Spring Election Results: Board reviewed the election results. President Anderson thanked Glenn Ignatius for his service to the Board.

9l. Influent Sampler for Plant: Dan Foster spoke to the Board regarding the need for a new influent sampler, he shared several options on what was available. Motion by Phil Solchenberger, seconded by Gary Friske to purchase the sampler from MSW in the amount of \$4,214.32. Motion carried.

Motion to Go Into Closed Session per §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. *Discussion regarding change of status for police department employee.*

Motion by: Tim Klecker to go into closed session, seconded by Gary Fiske, motion carried. Time: 9:10 p.m.

Reconvene to Open Session. Motion by Gary Fiske to return to open session, seconded by Audra Anderson. Motion carried, time 9:34 p.m.

Motion by Tim Klecker, seconded by Phil Solchenberger to change the status of Jeffrey Twing from Detective to Lieutenant. Motion carried.

12. **Future agenda items:** None.

13. **Adjournment.** Time: 9:45 p.m.

Minutes taken by Mary Jo Michek

Typed by: Mary Jo Michek

Approved: May 14, 2014



Audra Anderson, Village President