

## MINUTES

Regular Village Board Meeting  
April 8, 2015

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 8, 2015. The agenda was posted on April 6, 2015.

**2. Roll call:** Audra Anderson, Phil Solchenberger, Jim Frame, Tim Klecker and Gary Friske  
Others Present: Janelle Mathews, Robert Noethe, Sue Kiry, Amy Foster, Karen Riek, Alan Downs, Warren Myers, Wendy Vredenburg, and Deborah Szarka

**4. Public Forum:** Karen Riek stated that she was very impressed with the progress at the Mounds View Park Shelter and thanked the Board for all their hard work on the project. President Anderson thanked her for the kind words.

**5. Correction and approval of minutes:**

**5a. Village Board Meeting of 03/11/2015:** Motion by Jim Frame, seconded by Gary Friske to approve the Village Board Meeting minutes of 3/11/15. Motion carried.

**6. Reports:** Reports were reviewed. Phil Solchenberger updated the Board on the screening at the sewer plant. He stated it depends on the installation schedule, but anticipated it would be done within a month. Tim Klecker told the Board he was impressed with the shelter. President Anderson thanked him for the kind words.

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

**8. Public Hearing on Zoning Code Change:**

**8a. Public Comments and Review Plan Commission Recommendations.** Village residents, A. Downs and S. Kiry questioned what the change was. President Anderson explained the change to the zoning code, which removed the two year renewal process for conditional use permits to prevent a change in the board causing issues with conditional use permits previously issued, the only reason to address future operation of a conditional use permit would be if there were violations. S. Kiry asked for an example of who had conditional use permits, several examples were given including auto repair, nail salon, yoga school, dog kennel and the motorcycle shop that use to be located in the village.

Motion by Phil Solchenberger, seconded by Tim Klecker to close the public hearing. All in favor.

Motion by Phil Solchenberger to approve Ordinance A-228, seconded by Gary Friske.

Carried by roll call vote, five in favor, none against.

**9a. Public Comments on Conditional Use Permit by Robert Noethe:** President Anderson opened the floor for public comments on the proposed conditional use permit request to build storage sheds in the commercial park, lot 100, by Mr. Noethe. President Anderson pointed out where the storage units would be located, multiple times. Sue Kiry questioned whether there was any other place to put the storage sheds. Mr. Noethe stated there wasn't. She then asked if the ones currently in Blue Mounds were full and was told they are. Discussion continued with S. Kiry stating she didn't have a problem with storage units but thought they were typically behind a structure. Mr. Noethe and board members stated the village would benefit from increased tax base. Karen Riek asked about security, he stated there would be lights and a camera. Questions and discussion continued. A. Downs asked if the Plan Commission was in favor of the storage units, he was told they were not was was told that the Board has the final decision making power. S. Kiry stated her business could keep a motel filled if it were built in the community. B. Noethe stated he lives in the community and wants to help his community, he suggested others who want a motel or restaurant should step up. Tim Klecker informed her that there are several other lots available. President Anderson explained the initial difficulty in selling the lots with the covenants attached to the properties. B. Noethe

stated the owner of the lots hasn't had any offers on any lots except for his. S. Kiry and A. Downs stated it would not draw anyone to the community. He was questioned on whether the property values would be lowered in the residential area. Questions continued towards Mr. Noethe in regards to the Village's dark sky night ordinance. Mr. Noethe stated the lights are low voltage and point down so it would conform to the ordinance. A. Foster stated, that perhaps she was in the minority but she likes the quiet solitude of Blue Mounds and doesn't want to see a lot of businesses and is in favor of the storage units as they are quiet buildings and they don't cause a lot of traffic.

Motion by Tim Klecker to close the public hearing, seconded by Gary Friske. Carried.

Motion by Jim Frame to approve the conditional use permit for Robert Noethe to construct storage units in the commercial park. Seconded by Tim Klecker. Motion passed on roll call vote, Frame, Solchenberger, Klecker and Friske for; Anderson against.

**Unfinished Business:**

**10a. Country View Lane Property:** Wendy Vrendenburgh is interested in purchasing a lot on Country View Lane and asked that the Board to give her a variance on improving the public roadway that is in front of the property. The road ends just short of a proposed driveway. Warren Myers spoke to the Board regarding her requests and the issues surrounding the improvement of that particular lot. He stated that the road improvement could be such that in the event the adjacent land is developed the developer would be required to improve the road. In addition he stated that for water, it could come from the line from the tower. The sanitary sewer hookup may have some issues since it ends short of her lot. The questions for the board are does she have to extend the sanitary sewer and does she need to extend the roadway. For sanitary sewer she'd have to put in a grinder pump and she'd be responsible for service laterals to her property. Gary Friske expressed concerns that if the village allowed her not to improve the roadway to her property would others also be requesting the same treatment. Tim Klecker stated he was in support of the home being built there and was in favor of doing what had to be done should be so the home can be built without cost to the village. Warren Myers talked about deed restricting the property. Ms. Vrendenburgh stated she would like to build a small home approximately 800 square feet with a basement. Discussion was held regarding dead end streets and future development. Gary Friske asked Warren Myers for clarification on the road improvement, if the board agrees to allow her not to improve the road that's acceptable and any costs related to hooking up to utilities would be the landowners costs. President Anderson was in favor of the building. The lots have been vacant for ten years. The consensus of the board was to allow Ms. Vrendenburgh to connect into the sanitary sewer what it sits, pave the driveway and if the acreage beyond is developed the developer would pay costs of extending the roadway and utilities.

President Anderson then requested to suspend Robert's Rules of Order to deal with items 11.h. and 11.c.

**11h. Driveway Access 10983 Cave of the Mounds Road:** Warren Myers spoke to the request from a property owner who would like access to the vacant lot and was requesting a cut in the curb and gutter. Motion by Gary Friske, second by Phil Solchenberger to approve the driveway access request of Sarah Mand. Motion carried.

**11c. Resolution Declaring Intent to Exercise Special Assessment 2015-10:** Warren Myers explained that this was the first step in assessing land owners for curb and gutter on the CTH F project. Motion by Phil Solchenberger, seconded by Gary Friske to approve Resolution 2015-10. Motion carried.

President Anderson then returned to the regular agenda:

**10b. Post Issuance Compliance Policy for Tax-Exempt and Tax-Advantaged Obligations and Continuing Disclosure:** Motion by Phil Solchenberger, seconded by Jim Frame to approve the post issuance compliance policy. Motion carried.

**10c. CTH F update and cost sharing agreement:** Discussion was held on the cost sharing agreement, and questions were asked regarding the agreement if costs are lower or higher than expected, President Anderson shared

the answers received regarding the same from Dane County. Motion by Phil Solchenberger, seconded by Gary Friske to approve the agreement and jurisdictional transfer of CTH F. Motion carried.

**10d. Crack Filling/seal coating:** Gary Friske reported that an estimate was received from Scott. Mounds Road is in rough shape. He will be checking with Iowa County and Dane County to determine if they are doing any projects in the area and would be willing to work with the village on this road. He further reported that money may be available through a state program because the road leads to a State Park; however given the budget less money is available.

**10e. Screening Equipment:** Phil Solchenberger updated the Board during the reports section of the agenda.

**New Business:**

**11a. Election Results:** Board reviewed the election results, the village had an approximate 40% voter turnout.

**11b. Set Date for Board of Review:** The first meeting of Board of Review is scheduled for May 12 at 5:00 p.m. the Board will adjourn until July 29 when it's expected the assessment roll will be received.

**11c. Economic Development and Plan Commission:** Tim Klecker stated his endorsement of combing the two committees and to allow for a seven member commission. Clerk will work on the ordinance.

**11f. Vacation carryover requests:** The Board reviewed the letters from employees requesting carryover of vacation time. President Anderson stated that there should be a one year grace period since the manual was changed last year. Motion by Tim Klecker to approve all carryover requests, seconded by Jim Frame. Motion carried with Solchenberger refraining.

**11g. First Quarter Budget report.** Report was reviewed by the board.

**12. Closed Session under 19.85(1)(c):** Motion by Tim Klecker, seconded by Phil Solchenberger to go into closed session under section 19.85(1)(c) at 9:08 p.m. Roll call 5 yes, zero nays.

**13. Reconvene to open session:** Motion by Phil Solchenberger, seconded by Jim Frame to return to open session at 9:30 p.m. Carried. Motion by Jim Frame, seconded by Gary Friske to hire Tim VanDenBergh for the part time mowing position for \$12/hour and as a part time snow plower for \$15/hour. Motion carried.

**14. Future agenda items:** None.

**15. Adjournment.** Phil Solchenberger moved to adjourn at 9:35 p.m., motion was seconded.

Minutes taken by Mary Jo Michek

Approved: May 13, 2015



Audra Anderson, Village President