

**VILLAGE OF TREMPEALEAU**  
**REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**MAY 3, 2010**

1. Roll Call and Call to Order

President Kurt Wood called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present: Kurt Wood, Tom Scherr, Joan Koelbl, Stacy vanBeuzekom, Bob Stellflug, and Lois Taylor. Absent: Cindy Wegner. Others: Administrator Travis Cooke, Clerk/Treasurer Vicki Freeman, and Police Chief Stan Ridgeway.

2. Open Forum

Kurt Wood opened the forum by asking for questions or comments from citizens in attendance. There were no comments and the open forum was closed.

3. Public Hearing

- A. Resolution #1-2010 - Final Resolution Authorizing Levying Special Assessment Against Benefited Property - First Street Curb and Gutter: Jo Smith stated they never received a letter for this project and would never have wanted curb and gutter. Since there was no drive-over curbing installed, they no longer have easy access to any of their four lots on First Street. Kathy Filkouski questioned if a percentage of the federal funds received for this project were supposed to cover the costs of the curb and gutter.
- B. Ordinance #4-2010 - An Ordinance Amending the Village of Trempealeau Code of Ordinances - Solar Energy Systems and Access: Travis Cooke passed on a phone conversation he had with Ann Prochowicz who was mostly concerned with aesthetics in residential zoning and safety of the arrays on pedestals.

4. Approval of Minutes

- A. Regular Village Board Meeting of April 5, 2010: Bob Stellflug made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Tom Scherr, motion carried 5-0 with Lois Taylor abstaining.
- B. Special Village Board Meeting (Re-organization) of April 20, 2010: Tom Scherr made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Stacy vanBeuzekom, motion carried 6-0.

5. Village Board Committees

- A. General Government
  - a) Committee Report: An update was given on the committee's activities.
  - b) Consideration of Vouchers: Joan Koelbl made a motion to approve the April cash disbursements of \$342,317.73, April payroll of \$35,887.26, and March cash disbursement journal entries of \$44,938.38, seconded by Bob Stellflug, motion carried 6-0.
  - c) Consideration of ICMA Annual Conference: Kurt Wood reported that this had been discussed in General Government and fell into the training category requirement under Travis' contract. It is a budgeted amount and the Committee recommended that Travis be allowed to attend this conference. Joan Koelbl made a motion to approve a budget of no more than \$1,800 for Travis Cooke to attend the ICMA Conference in California, seconded by Lois Taylor, motion carried 6-0.
- B. Water & Sewer
  - a) Committee Report: No meeting.
- C. Streets & Alleys
  - a) Committee Report: An update was given on the committee's activities.

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- b) Consideration of Resolution #1-2010 - Final Resolution Authorizing Levying Special Assessment Against Benefited Property - First Street Curb and Gutter: Travis Cooke stated that the Smiths probably did not receive the initial letter because it was sent to homeowners along First Street to discuss what was going on with this project. We were trying to alleviate problems with water on the north side of the street and would have tilted the road a lot more if anyone would have spoken against the curb and gutter. We tried to get the road as wide as possible to allow for walkers and bikers. The Board also reported that another layer is going to be put down on First Street.

Travis Cooke addressed Kathy Filkouski's question on the costs of the project. The costs were lower because of the grant funds we received. Kurt Wood stated that the biggest benefit was we were able to complete the whole project in one year instead of phasing it in. The costs were also lower because of the economy and the fact that the bids came in lower than expected. Jim Filkouski gave a heads-up on the fact that water is still washing out the bank along Hastings Street and we will look at that.

Joan Koelbl made a motion to adopt Resolution #1-2010, seconded by Stacy vanBeuzekom, motion carried 6-0.

## D. Electric

- a) Committee Report: An update was given on the committee's activities.

## E. Plan Commission

- a) Committee Report: An update was given on the committee's activities.
- b) Consideration of Ordinance #4-2010 - An Ordinance Amending the Village of Trempealeau Code of Ordinances - Solar Energy Systems and Access: There was a general discussion on the fact that the reason for this ordinance was to allow for some local control. Stacy vanBeuzekom made a motion to pass Ordinance #4-2010, seconded by Bob Stellflug, motion carried 5-0 with Lois Taylor abstaining.

## F. Public Safety

- a) Committee Report : No meeting.

## G. Parks and Recreation Committee

- a) Committee Report: No meeting.
- b) Consideration of Pool Guard Hires: Joan Koelbl made a motion to approve the list of lifeguard candidates pending background checks and verification of lifeguard licensing, seconded by Stacy vanBeuzekom, motion carried 6-0 with Kurt Wood abstaining on Shilo Wood's approval.

## H. Committee of the Whole

- a) Committee Report: An update was given on the committee's activities.

## I. Southern Trempealeau County Solid Waste Commission

- a) Committee Report: An update was given on the committee's activities.

## J. Shirley M. Wright Memorial Library Board

- a) Committee Report: An update was given on the committee's activities.

## 6. Village President Business

- A. Informational Items Only: None.

## 7. Village Clerk Business

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- A. Month End Accounting Reports: Reviewed.
- B. Consideration of Outdoor Concert and Street Use Permit - Trempealeau Hotel Reggae Fest - May 15, 2010: Stacy vanBeuzekom made a motion to approve the permits, seconded by Lois Taylor, motion carried 6-0.
- C. Consideration of Outdoor Concert Permit and Street Use Permit - Trempealeau Hotel Blues Fest - May 29, 2010: Tom Scherr made a motion to approve the permits, seconded by Bob Stellpflug, motion carried 6-0.
- D. Consideration of Operator's Licenses:
  - a) Emily Smith - Hungry Point: Joan Koelbl made a motion to approve the license, seconded by Stacy vanBeuzekom, motion carried 6-0.
  - b) Ryan Nelson - Muddy Waters: Stacy vanBeuzekom made a motion to approve the license, seconded by Tom Scherr, motion carried 6-0.
  - c) Val Wood - Sunset Bay Marina: Bob Stellpflug made a motion to approve the license, seconded by Lois Taylor, motion carried 5-0 with Kurt Wood abstaining.

8. Village Administrator Business

- A. Meeting Times & Dates/Calendar: Meeting dates were scheduled.
- B. Informational Items Only
  - a) We received our order from the Public Service Commission for water rate changes. Public Fire Protection Service, which reimburses the Water Department for the use of hydrants and quantities of water for extinguishing fires within the service area, has been collected in the past through property taxes. The charge has been \$41,000 per year, but will now increase to \$108,000. We are no longer able to take that on as a general tax burden. Most people will pay \$10.16 per month starting in July when the rate increase takes effect. There will be a meter charge of \$7.50 and \$5.45 per 1,000 gallons for the first 7,000 gallons, \$4.80 per 1,000 for the next 60,000 gallons, and \$3.15 per 1,000 over 67,000 gallons. As an example, for a residence with a 5/8" meter using 4,000 gallons of water your charges will go from \$12.04 to \$29.30 which is a 143% average increase. This is in addition to the \$10.16 per month Fire Protection charge. There will be a public hearing on the rate changes on May 19<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. in the Village Boardroom.
  - b) Stan Ridgeway reported that Bicycle Safety Day is this Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Trempealeau Elementary School. The Fire Department, First Responders, and Police Department will be putting on demonstrations. Gundersen Lutheran Foundation and Franciscan Skemp donated \$800 to purchase bike helmets. A fire escape smokehouse is being loaned to us by Tomah and a Medlink helicopter will arrive at the end of the day.

9. Any Other Business Which Lawfully Comes Before the Village Board (No Action to be Taken)

None.

10. Adjournment

Bob Stellpflug made a motion to adjourn at 8:10 p.m., seconded by Joan Koelbl, motion carried 7-0.

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Vicki L. Freeman, Village Clerk