

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING – January 20, 2014

Village President Jeff Flaws called the Regular Village Board meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Members Present: Jeff Flaws, David Lang, Eugene Mayernick and Risa Kuhlman

Excused: John Reinbold and Ken Mace

Absent: Wolfgang Henschik

Also Present: Clerk Tamez; Fire Chief Jim Moon; and a Waukesha County Sheriff Department Representative

Clerk Tamez noted that proper notice of this meeting had been posted in accordance with the open meeting laws of the State of Wisconsin.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were received.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Trustee Kuhlman, second by Trustee Mayernick, Board members approved the Village Board minutes of the January 13, 2014, meeting and waived reading thereof.

FIRE CHIEF MONTHLY UPDATE

Chief Moon presented his monthly report and Board members reviewed the monthly totals. There were 43 calls for December 2013. Total runs for 2013—413, versus the 354 total calls for 2012. There were 8 fire calls (8 in the Village, 0 in Genesee), 7 motor vehicle accidents (2 in the Village, 5 in Genesee), 25 EMS calls (6 in the Village, 19 in Genesee) and 3 mutual aid calls given. Chief also updated the Board on the Department's staffing level, currently 41 members, and possible future apparatus replacement needs.

ANNUAL LOAN PAYMENTS

Annual principal and interest payments are due February 1, 2014. They consist of \$45,000.00 principal payment and \$15,960.00 in interest for the Community Park construction bond, and \$100,000 principal plus \$7,542.50 in interest for the construction of the new fire station. Additional loan interest payments are due on August 1, 2014, in the amounts of \$7,242.50 for the park and \$15,060.00 for the fire station.

Road project loan payments of \$268,083.33 in principal and \$4,691.46 in interest are due in June and an additional \$2,345.73 in interest is due in December.

Motion by Trustee Lang to approve the annual loan payments for the park bond, fire station debt and road construction debt, second by Trustee Mayernick, passed.

(The Town of Genesee reimburses the Village for a proportionate share of the fire station debt service obligation based on the ratio of the equalized value of each community's service area for the prior taxing year.)

ORDINANCE TO REGULATE BOW HUNTING IN THE VILLAGE OF WALES IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE PASSING OF ACT 71 BY THE STATE OF WISCONSIN PREEMPTING MUNICIPAL BANS ON BOW HUNTING

The State of Wisconsin has passed a law allowing bow and cross-bow hunting throughout Wisconsin. Municipalities can only regulate distance from buildings, require shooting downward and prohibit hunting on public lands. The Village has decided to regulate all three. Motion by Trustee Mayernick to adopt an ordinance regulating bow and cross-bow hunting in the Village of Wales in conjunction with the passing of Act 71 by the State of Wisconsin preempting municipal bans on bow hunting as drafted by the Village’s attorney, second by Trustee Lang, passed.

SNOW REMOVAL REVIEW—2013/2104 SEASON

The Board reviewed a memo listing the current season’s plowing times, and the Village’s use of material for snow and ice removal for the past 5 years. This winter has been extremely active with more snow and/or ice events in December alone than the total number of events in any one of the past four year’s entire seasons. As a consequence, the Village has used almost all of this season’s road salt reserves. We have made arrangements to obtain the necessary additional supplies, but increased demand from many municipalities in similar situations has increased our costs by \$25/ton. The Clerk will keep the Board up-to-date on any new developments.

BILLS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT

Bills submitted for 2013 and 2014 expenses were approved on a motion by Trustee Kuhlman, second by Trustee Mayernick, passed.

Correspondence and miscellaneous files were submitted.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned at 7:42 p.m. on a motion by Trustee Lang, second by Trustee Kuhlman, passed.

Submitted by:
Gail E. Tamez, Clerk-Treasurer