



MINUTES OF VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, November 7, 2023

TIME: 6:30pm

LOCATION: Combined Locks Civic Center,
Council Chambers, 405 Wallace Street

MINUTES

- A. Call to order:** Meeting called to order by Village President Neumeier at 6:30pm.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance:** Pledge of Allegiance recited.
- C. Roll call:** Board members present – Neumeier, Schinke, Stutzman, Heckner, Rietveld, Vander Zanden, and Ponto. Board members absent – none. Village staff present – Public Works Director Swick, Administrator Shampo-Giese and Sergeant Ross. Others present – resident D. Hopfensperger.
- 1. Public comment for matters not on the agenda:** None
 - 2. Review and consider approval of minutes and bills:** C. Vander Zanden made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. T. Stutzman seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. B. Schinke made a motion to approve the bills as presented. C. Vander Zanden seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
 - 3. Administrator, Public Works Director and Law Enforcement reports – accept and file:** The Administrator and Public Works Director reviewed the activities within the Village for the previous and current month. Sergeant Justin Ross introduced himself as our new Law Enforcement Specialist and reviewed the October Incident Report. All reports were accepted and are on file in the Clerk's Office.
 - 4. Review draft of letter of opposition to SB455/AB457; consider approval to support:** The Administrator reviewed the draft letter of opposition with the trustees. The matter was discussed. T. Stutzman made a motion to send the letter of opposition to SB455/AB457 regarding storm water and the Public Service Commission. M. Rietveld seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
 - 5. Review and consider approval of operator licenses for J. Rivera and Z. Erickson:** J. Ponto made a motion to approve the operator licenses as presented. C. Vander Zanden seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
 - 6. Review proposed 2024 General Fund Budget – adjust as necessary:** The Administrator reviewed the budget in detail with the trustees. Several line items were discussed. The expected levy is 5.73% higher than the previous year, and the resulting tax rate is 4.9% higher than the previous year.
 - 7. Review proposed 2024 Water Utility Budget – adjust as necessary:** The trustees reviewed the draft of the Water Utility Budget. It was noted that a water rate increase is not part of the proposed budget.
 - 8. Review proposed 2024 Sanitary Sewer Utility Budget – adjust as necessary:** The trustees reviewed the draft of the Sanitary Sewer Utility Budget. It was noted that a rate increase is not part of the proposed budget, and it can absorb the HOVMSD increased rates for 2024.
 - 9. Other business, updates and future agenda items**
 - a) 2024 Budget Public Hearing 11/21/2023**
 - b) Expiring terms: Tim Stutzman, Mike Rietveld and Jim Ponto**
 - c) Moving forward with TID 3 amendment to include Wolfinger Development**
 - 10. Adjourn:** C. Vander Zanden made a motion to adjourn the meeting. T. Stutzman seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.