

CALL TO ORDER

The Village of Durand Board of Trustees met in Regular Session on Monday, March 8th, 2021. The meeting was called to order by the Village President, Bob Corwin, at 7:32 P.M.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Trustee Waller, Trustee Matteson, Trustee Hoffman, Trustee Meissen, Trustee Fritz

Present Via Teleconference: none

Absent: Trustee Slade

Employees: *Chief of Police, Jeff Schelling*

Public Works Supervisor, Aaron Kahl

Village President: Bob Corwin

Village Treasurer: Sherry Bessert

Village Attorney: Darron Burke

Village Clerk: Mary Sphatt

Public: *See attached sign-in sheet*

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MINUTES

The minutes from the February 22nd, 2021 Regular Session were inspected by the Trustees. Motion was made by Mrs. Waller and seconded by Mr. Fritz to approve the January 25th, 2021 minutes of the Regular Session as Amended. ROLL CALL: Matteson, yes: Slade, absent: Waller, yes: Fritz, yes: Hoffman, yes: Meissen, yes. MOTION CARRIED. APPROVED.

PAYMENT OF THE BILLS

The bills were reviewed by the board members. A Motion was made by Mrs. Meissen and seconded by Mr. Fritz to draw on the treasury to pay the February 8th, 2021 bills totaling \$47,699.76. ROLL CALL: Fritz, yes: Slade, absent: Meissen, yes: Hoffman, yes: Waller, yes: Matteson, yes. MOTION CARRIED. AUTHORIZED.

ZONING

Mayor Corwin is seeking a new Zoning Board administrator.

PUBLIC COMMENT

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. FINANCE

February financial statements were handed out and reviewed by the board members. Village funds cannot be used to promote a yes vote on the Sales Tax Referendum. The Budget was handed out for the Trustees to look over. Winnebago County will be reimbursing the Village \$5,000 for the new police radios.

B. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Declaration of Local State of Emergency has been extended. Sheila Hoffman is continuing to work with interested parties concerning a possible clock donation for the square. The Board likes the idea of putting up a pole clock. A candidate night for those on the next ballot is being planned. Local food pantry coordinators will be at the next meeting. President Corwin requested an announcement be put on the Village website announcing that the budget can be reviewed by citizens at the Village Hall. The Village President signed corrections to applications for the DSBS grant. DCEO states the applications look good. The ComEd grant is still open for park lighting, public safety, etc. The Village is discussing possibly updating some lighting to LED. The board is open to hearing new ideas on what to do with the Hello Folks Building. Kelly Giovanine was present to give a C.H.A.R.M. update and provided the board members with a handout.

C. BUILDINGS AND PARKS

A disc golf tournament will be held at the park on July 24, 2021.

D. STREETS AND ALLEYS

The fog seal is holding up well. Bid opening for upcoming street maintenance is on April 7, 2021 at 10 a.m. at Village Hall. All the Village trucks except the old orange truck will be re-lettered tomorrow, March 9th.

E. WATER AND SEWER

Sharon Pepin suggested a 3-year rate increase of \$1.50 on Village water. Village Attorney Darron Burke will work on drafting an Ordinance to increase rates for the next 2 years. This will help offset expenses for the Well Project since the Village has been financially affected by COVID.

F. POLICE

The monthly Police report for February was handed out and reviewed by the board members. The new portable radios are in operation. The Village is waiting for the installation of one more part on the Laptops.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. The local State of Emergency/COVID-19 has been extended.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Motion was made by Mrs. Hoffman and seconded by Mrs. Waller to approve Resolution 2021-10: Authorizing the Village President to sign the IEPA Sewer Loan 17-5827. ROLL CALL: Meissen, yes; Waller, yes; Fritz, yes; Hoffman, yes; Slade, absent; Matteson, yes. MOTION CARRIED. APPROVED.

MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MARCH 8th, 2021 REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

ROLL CALL: YEAS, 5; NAYS, 0; ABSENT, 1.

TIME ADJOURNED: 7:56 P.M.