

Minutes-August 5, 2024 (unapproved minutes)

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm by President Greg Brunner. Those present included Brunner, Stephanie Bohn, Al Riemer, Joseph Dowden, Jay Jochimsen, Doug Klemm, Tommy Runk, Alex Zenner, Brooke Klingbeil, Joe Harris, and Clerk Jan Tischendorf. Benjamin Petznick arrived a bit later.

The meeting was posted according to statutes. Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Wastewater Presentation by Medford Department of Public Works---Alex Zenner, Joe Harris, Brooke Klingbeil of WRWA—There was an initial discussion of “regionalization” in reaction to renewing the WPDES permit in July 2025. The board agreed to proceed with an ITA filed by Short, Elliot, and Hendrickson to test the viability as there are funds available now along with other CDBG funds that could be awarded. An information page prepared by Alex Zenner is included with the minutes. A lot of good information was shared by the Medford DPW personnel and Brooke Klingbeil of Wisconsin Rural Water Association.

Citizens’ Comments: Benjamin Petznick appeared with a complaint about neighbor issues. He was instructed to call the authorities as this is not a village issue.

The minutes were approved as printed. M/2nd Riemer/Bohn. All ayes, motion carried.

Old business: Peterson rezoning/property maintenance-Much of the debris at the Peterson property is being cleaned up, not sure what the DNR’s stand is on the removal of the fill material that was placed there by Ed Peterson.

Property Maintenance Report-Robert Christensen was not present, but a report from him outlined the visits made in response to the numerous property maintenance issues in the village. He did make contact with some of the residents and reported on the findings. The report is attached in the minutes. In addition, there was more discussion on other properties in violation in the village and the clerk was instructed to send out more letters warning those residents to clean up or expect a visit from Christensen.

Manhole lining report-Jay Jochimsen reported that he spoke with three references from the Summit Company and they all were very happy with the experience of the work that was completed by the Summit Company. An agreement for five manholes in 2024, and five for 2025 was agreed upon, with work starting soon.

Railroad tracks-it was discussed a bit about “will the tracks have to stay on CTH A” for the highway work that is to be completed in Summer 2026. It is unknown, but was mentioned that there is a section of track gone north of Spencer and that the train is not able to come this way because of that.

New business: Wastewater information was covered earlier in the meeting with Alex Zenner and others.

Clerk/Treasurer’s report as of 7/31/2024—Report is attached in meeting minutes. Report includes fund balance, and report on utility shut-offs. A question was asked about the interest revenue at the Prevail bank, it is more in one month that the village earned for a whole year! Trash/recycle fund is still holding it’s own for finances. m/2nd Dowden/McCarron . All ayes, motion carried. A YTD budget report was given to the board members to study in the next month in preparation for 2025 budget.

Municipal Water/Wastewater Report was presented by Jay Jochimsen and Doug Klemm (attached in records) Jay reported that all municipal water and wastewater test results are within the required guidelines. Hydrant flushing will happen again this month. Sludge removal is still going on. Cypher electric has switch partially done at the lift station, concrete walkway up by north lift station, fence and other landscaping to be completed at lift station easement.

Street and Maintenance Report was presented by Jay Jochimsen and Doug Klemm (attached in records). Play equipment painting worked on, weeds spraying on curbs and streets, possible new part time summer employee to help with maintenance and recycle site, painting curbs, roof on side by side, windmill and transfer switch in shop for the generator use. M/2nd to approve both reports- McCarron/Riemer. All ayes, motion carried.

Bill payments: Approval of Vouchers 1208 through 1243 and EfTS’s 08-01 to 08-16 including EFTPS/State Withholding payroll taxes and Eft bill payments were approved for payment, M/2nd Bohn/Dowden. All ayes, motion carried.

Adjourn meeting- m/2nd Dowden/Bohn, to adjourn meeting. All ayes, motion carried.

Member Al Riemer mentioned that he would not be available for the September meeting.

/s/ Jan Tischendorf, clerk/treasurer

Next meeting, Monday, September 9, 2024 at 4:00 pm at the Jean M. Thomsen Memorial Library.