July 21, 2025—4:00 pm—Jean M. Thomsen Memorial Library Community room

Public Hearing for proposals for Wastewater Treatment Regionalization Project

President Greg Brunner called the hearing to order. Those present said the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call sheet was passed around with eighteen persons signing it.

The hearing notice was posted in three public places, plus the website, according to statutes and also printed in the Star News two times as per required. Affadavit of posting is on file.

Dylan Friss and Nate Nickerson of Short, Elliot, and Hendrickson (SEH) introduced themselves to the assembly. Alex Zenner of the Medford Department of Public Works was also present; Joe Harris of same arrived shortly after.

Friss and Nickerson's presentation included the three options included in the Wastewater Study performed by SEH. Each proposal's pros/cons/costs were presented to the assembly. The third proposal, to route the wastewater to the Medford Wastewater Plant proved to be the most economical solution in regards to the three proposals, especially when factoring in the grants and moneys available to implement the plan. The village board needs to vote on this in their regular meeting as this is a "hearing".

Plan three proposes that the wastewater will be routed to Medford. Reasons cited were, 1. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources continued strict guidelines; 2. Medford's plant can handle the volume of Stetsonville's flow; 3. Currently the village is operating under a variance which includes very low level requirement of phosphorous because Stetsonville is located at the headwaters of the Eau Pleine River; 4. Joe Harris noted that sump pumps will have to redirected away from wastewater since they add extra cost to the treatment process; 4. Mentioned was principal forgiveness in regards to the financial costs of the proposal #3.

Once approved by the Village Board, SEH will handle the administration of the next steps including the Intent to Apply for clear water funding.

A few questions; would cost be based on volume? Medford would charge Stetsonville the same rate that City of Medford residents pay. That rate would more than likely remain constant for twenty years with a contract/agreement. Another question; how would volume be blled….at present the wastewater charge is based on the water gallons measured by the meter at person's properties.

M/2nd to adjourn meeting—Stephanie Bohn/ Tyler Lemke. All ayes, motion carried.

/s/ Jan Tischendorf, Clerk/Treasurer