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APPROVED

Town Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, June 22, 2021

Time: 5:00 p.m.

Location: 2800 Ward Ave, La Crosse, WI 54601

Town Officials Present: Chairman Tim Candahl, Supervisors Renee Knutson, Marlene Heal, and Tim Ehler, Clerk Fortune Weaver, Treasurer Sara Jarr, Administrator Christina Peterson, and

Assistant Fire Chief Travis Proksch.

Town Officials Excused: Tim Padesky

Attendance List: Jackie Eastwood, LAPC

1. Board Meeting called to order by Candahl at 5:03 p.m.

- 2. <u>Proposed Regional Bike Route- Jackie Eastwood, LAPC.</u> Eastwood has been working on bike routes that connect our communities. Explained past projects. This current project would be an extension of their existing routes. Signage is being planned currently. Small section of Bank Drive, Burr Oak St and Markle Rd that will require signage in the Town right-of-way. Motion by Heal to allow LAPC to put signage into our right-of-way, second by Ehler. Motion carried unanimously.
- 3. <u>Approve Minutes from 6/8/2021</u> Motion by Heal to approve minutes, second by Knutson. Motion carried unanimously.
- 4. <u>Bills Payable</u>. Motion by Heal, to approve open invoices: \$33,431.73 and paid invoices: \$15,777.59, and umpire payroll \$2,854.00, second by Knutson. Motion carried unanimously.
- 5. <u>Citizen's Concerns</u>. None.
- 6. <u>Fireworks Policy 2021.</u> Peterson discussed what we have learned regarding other municipalities and their policies regarding fireworks. Peterson noted what requirements exist in the statute. Discussion on what parameters should be included in the policy. See attached. Motion by Knutson to approve 2021 Policy, second by Heal. Motion carried unanimously.
- 7. <u>Fireworks Use Permit Application.</u> Town Chairman denied fireworks use permit application due to not meeting requirements of 2021 Fireworks Policy.
- 8. Police Department Report. Officer Horton reviewed his report from May 2021. (See attached)
- 9. <u>Fire Department Report.</u> Proksch noted last week La Crosse County Fire Officers resumed meetings, joint opportunities and trainings discussed. Chief Holinka was elected Secretary/Treasurer of the group. Hiring/Open House event at the station during this week's training, about 4 new people attended. Weather being monitored, if no rain comes, potential for burn ban. DNR stated that we are at an elevated fire risk currently. Long term budget planning is starting. Call volume has increased as of recently.

10. Administrator Report.

- a. Peterson noted new Office Hours for Fridays. Fridays between Memorial Day and Labor Day will be open 8:00 a.m. to noon. Staff may be in the office all day.
- b. Battlestone Station Rd. using tanker while their well is undergoing maintenance.
- c. Peterson reviewed projects ongoing for roads.
- d. Parks Committee received an application to serve on committee.
- e. Discussion on July 6 about shared EMS study.
- f. Update on the Trespassing claim. Other party no longer has representation. No action taken.

11. Chairperson/Supervisor Reports.

- a. Knutson mentioned tennis courts. Lines still need to be painted, cracks need to be filled in, and courts need to be cleared out. Candahl directed office staff to hire person or company to complete project.
- b. Candahl discussed necessity of potentially hiring another full-time road crew member.
- c. Candahl noted that concrete pad outside shelter will be pushed back to 2022 because the dirt will settle better if left for a year to settle naturally.
- d. Ehler noted questions about ditches on Cedar and Peterson noted they must confer with Public Works before any projects begin, if there is an unacceptable ditch, it will not be considered for town approval.
- e. Candahl noted drainage problems around town that will need to be addressed in the next few years.
- f. Candahl mentioned the National Night Out on August 3rd.
- g. Ehler noted potential buyer for five pines is seeking out funds to purchase land for recreation and development. Tiff districts, mixed use development, etc. will be investigated. Comprehensive plan would need to coincide. Sewer/water capacity would need to be addressed.
- Knutson discussed Eagle Scout Project proposal with Little Free Library, bench, and landscaping. Two possible locations; near the enclosed shelter or near the bridge.
 Consistency in little free libraries and benches. Making sure that we have uniformity.
- 12. Adjournment. Motion by Knutson, second by Heal to adjourn 7:32 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Next meeting will take place Tuesday, July 6, 2021 @ 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Fortune M. Weaver, Clerk