

VILLAGE OF MONTICELLO BOARD MINUTES
DECEMBER 2, 2015

President LaVerne Crooks called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Present: LaVerne Crooks, Robert Harvey, Larry Strause, Greg Bettin, Doreen O'Brien, Teresa Dunlap, Rene Nicholson

Absent: None

Also present: Clerk DaNean Naeger; Public Works Director Kevin Komprood

Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Nicholson, seconded by Harvey and carried by voice vote to approve the agenda.

A motion was made by Dunlap, seconded by O'Brien and carried by voice vote to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2015 regular board meeting.

Hearings, public appearance & citizen comments:

1. Ernest Gempeler request for utility easement by drainage ditch. Ernest indicated Alliant Energy would like a verbal commitment to allow a pole and anchor to be placed on Village property located by the drainage ditch. It will be located 3-4 feet from the property line and will have an overhead wire. It will be run underground from the pole to the shed on the north side of the building. Gempeler to cover all costs, no cost to the village. Motion made by Strause to approve easement to Alliant Energy to install pole/anchor along drainage ditch. Seconded by Nicholson. Motion carried.
2. Greenwoods State Bank –Discuss financing for N Monroe Street project. Warren Laube presented a loan proposal from Greenwoods State Bank compared to Ehlers and WRWA-Simple Loan. Indicated there is a \$5,000 loan fee but with no underwriter, attorney, financial fees it is a savings of \$51,053.40 from Ehlers and a savings of \$19,036.95 from WRWA. Noted the interest rate was lowered from prior proposal to 1.81-2.87%. Interest rates will vary dependent on time of loan is drawn and total cost to borrow. Did not provide a 15-year option due to not seem real interested at this time. Indicated can go with 2 payments per year vs. 1x/yr. to reduce interest costs of \$8-9,000 life of the loan.

Discussed the refinancing of the water and sewer utility loans. Could save some interest with refinancing to 3.25% interest. For water - \$3,000 savings, sewer - \$3,377.50. Given the sewer utility is running in the red would need documentation/plan of how the village is going to get into the positive. This quote is good for 60 days.

Committee Reports

Robert Harvey Finance Report –

- a) Motion made by Harvey to approve Dec invoices CKS#14701-14733 + Manual in the amount of \$20,090.98. Seconded by Nicholson. Motion carried.
- b) Motion made by Harvey to approve Nov payroll Vouchers #V695-709 in the amount of \$11,432.01. Seconded by Nicholson. Motion carried.

Doreen O'Brien Personnel Report – None

Teresa Dunlap Public Works Report: Kevin gathering samples for testing soluble and insoluble. Discussed e-cycling, plan is to do with 2x/year with clean up days. Working on details.

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Larry Strause Fire/ /Public Safety – None

Larry Strause Library - None

Rene Nicholson Park & Rec – None

Administrative Report by DaNean Naeger –

- a) Motion made by Harvey to approve Resolution #2015-1202 Authorizing Chief Inspectors & Election Inspectors. Seconded by Nicholson. Roll call vote: Nicholson – I; Dunlap –I; O’Brien –I; Bettin –I; Strause –I; Harvey –I; Crooks –I. Motion carried 7-0.
- b) Request to attend training, Brian Grossen – Wastewater in Madison Feb 8-12, 2016. Motion made Strause to approve Brian Grossen to attend wastewater training in Madison for \$460.00, seconded by Dunlap. Motion carried.

President’s Report by LaVerne Crooks: Second board meeting in December has been cancelled unless an emergency comes up. Next meeting with be held January 6th.

Unfinished Business

New Business

- a) Set date for 2016 caucus. Motion made by Dunlap to hold caucus on Wednesday, January 6, 2016 at 6 p.m. with snow date of January 20th. Seconded by Nicholson. Motion carried.

Adjourn

A motion was made by O’Brien, seconded by Nicholson to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. Motion carried.

Submitted by DaNean Naeger, Village Clerk/Treasurer