

**VILLAGE OF NORTH PRAIRIE
REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 12, 2019**

The meeting was called to order by President G. Nickerson at 7:01 p.m. in the Village Board Room. Roll call was taken with the following members present:

President G. Nickerson

Trustees: F. Rewasiewicz, J. H. Taylor, A. Pellegrino, D. Stellpflug, D. Hall and K. Singh.

Clerk: R. Bagley

Others Present: Police Chief S. Tamez and Fire Chief P. Buchholtz

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by J. H. Taylor, seconded by D. Stellpflug, to approve the August 8, 2019 Village Board minutes as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by J. H. Taylor, seconded by F. Rewasiewicz, to approve the August 26, 2019 Special Joint Village Board minutes with the Town and Village of Eagle, as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by G. Nickerson, seconded by D. Hall, to open the meeting to Public Comments. Motion carried. No comments.

Motion by G. Nickerson, seconded by D. Hall, to close the Public Comment section of the meeting. Motion carried.

Mukwonago River Initiative (MRI) presentation- Jacki Lewis and Barb Holtz, members of the Mukwonago River Initiative and landowners along the Jericho Creek, presented some facts regarding sustaining the quality of water in the Jericho Creek. The creek currently contains 33 species of fish along with exceptional water quality. The MRI members are requesting that the Village Plan Commission and Village Board continually update the Comprehensive Plan and zoning codes to protect the watershed. The information which was provided contains suggested language for any updates.

D. Hall asked if any other municipalities have adopted any of the suggested language or updates. The Town of Eagle is updating their zoning codes. Some municipalities are under County zoning.

A watershed map was provided which includes part of Waukesha County and part of Walworth County. The Jericho Creek headwaters begin with the springs in the Broadlands Subdivision and collects additional water as the stream heads south. For more information, contact Friends of the Mukwonago River.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT REPORT: President G. Nickerson mentioned that the Village received a 2018 insurance dividend of \$1,543 from the League of WI Municipalities Mutual Insurance. The League has also provided a scholarship application to their 2019 annual conference in Green Bay. The Municipality again has some good articles in it this month.

VILLAGE CLERK: Clerk R. Bagley provided the 2019- 2020 budget worksheets to the Board members in preparation for the first workshop on Monday, Sept. 16th.

PUBLIC SAFETY & PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE: The Committee met on September 5th to work on budgets for 2020.

Fire Dept. Mergers/Consolidations/Options: G. Nickerson mentioned that the Village Board met at the Eagle Municipal building on August 26th with the Town of Eagle Board and the Village of Eagle Board to discuss a possible merger of the Fire Departments. All members agree to continue discussions with the merger, but cannot agree on a mutually agreeable formula to share the operating expenses. The

Committee will continue to meet to work on a formula which will be financially agreeable to all three communities involved.

Resolution No. 2019-03R Setting Ambulance Fees- President G. Nickerson provided information from the Village Attorney reminding the Board members that generally fees cannot exceed the cost of providing the service. The last increase in ambulance fees was July 14, 2016. Since that time, the part-time personnel wages have increased, EMT tuition and training has increased 28%, and the medical equipment and supplies have steadily increased each year. The Village has borrowed money for a new remounted ambulance and power-load system to improve service. The Fire Chief has been working on this for years and provided a rate survey of surrounding ambulance/EMS rates and the Village is below average on all of the rates listed.

Motion by J. H. Taylor, seconded by F. Rewasiewicz, to open the discussion to the Fire Chief. Motion carried. Chief Buchholtz stated that he reviewed the current costs of all of the supplies, staffing and equipment utilized by the Fire Dept. for providing service. Trustee F. Rewasiewicz mentioned that all of the fees were reviewed and the proposed rates are fair and still the lowest in the area. The rates are based on needs. The consensus of the Board is to review the ambulance fees on an annual basis. D. Hall would prefer to have costs increased at the same percentage.

Motion by J. H. Taylor, seconded by K. Singh, to approve Resolution No. 2019-03R to set the ambulance fees for the Village of North Prairie. The rates will become effective September 13, 2019. Motion carried. Opposed: Trustee D. Hall.

PUBLIC WORKS, BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS, CIVIC PRIDE COMMITTEE: D. Stellpflug mentioned that he is working on the 2019 recycling grant and the Street Certification Map.

PERSONNEL & POLICY COMMITTEE: No report.

FINANCE AND FEE COMMITTEE: F. Rewasiewicz mentioned the Committee met prior to this meeting.

Monthly Bills and Payroll-

Motion by F. Rewasiewicz, seconded by D. Hall, to approve checks 14358-14365 to Registration Fee Trust, Verizon, Town of Mukwonago Court Costs, TIAA Commercial, U. S. Cellular, WE Energies, and Sun Life paid at the end of August for \$11,921.52, September payroll checks from 14366-14391 for a total of \$25,031.63, and Accounts Payables for August and September checks 14392-14448 for a total of \$45,113.11, as recommended by the Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS: Building Inspector, Fire, Police and Department of Public Works reports were filed for the record.

Motion by A. Pellegrino, seconded by J. H. Taylor, to adjourn at 7:56 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Rhoda Bagley, Village Clerk/Treasurer