

**VILLAGE OF NORTH PRAIRIE  
REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 9, 2020**

The meeting was called to order by President G. Nickerson at 7:00 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 and K. Singh.

Clerk: R. Bagley

Absent: Trustee D. Hall

Others Present: Police Chief S. Tamez

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Motion by D. Stellpflug, seconded by K. Singh, to approve the December 12, 2019 Village Board meeting minutes as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion by G. Nickerson, seconded by J. H. Taylor, to open the meeting to Public Comments. Motion carried.**

**Chuck Wood**, 409 Karin Drive, mentioned that he enjoyed the past 4 years as a Waukesha County Supervisor but has decided not to run for another term.

**Joan Smart**, NP Auxiliary, thanked Trustee Frank Rewasiewicz for donating numerous hours to assist in converting the new 2000 RV to make it ready for the Auxiliary to take out on calls.

**Motion by G. Nickerson, seconded by J. H. Taylor, to close the Public Comment section of the meeting. Motion carried.**

**VILLAGE PRESIDENT REPORT:** President G. Nickerson mentioned that the first meeting of the Steering Committee for County-wide fire services will be February 3<sup>rd</sup>. President G. Nickerson stated that he will be a member on that Committee.

Discussions with the Town and Village of Eagle will continue here on Monday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, to continue working on a possible consolidation of fire departments. One item on the agenda will be how to fairly distribute costs for professional fees and other collections of data.

Trustee J. H. Taylor mentioned that the Court Committee selected a company to proceed with the review of the policies and procedures of the Joint Municipal Court. The company is in the process of creating a letter of engagement with a proposal not-to-exceed \$7,500.00.

**Eagle Fire District invoice for time spent on Fire Dept. consolidation-** President G. Nickerson explained that the invoice was sent to recapture some of the costs of the time spent by Deputy S. Kugel to provide various scenarios and percentages regarding a possible consolidation of fire departments. The Fire District believed that the cost should be shared 50/50 by the departments that would benefit. So, North Prairie received an invoice for 50% of the cost for the time spent. The Committee had no idea that it would take this long to reach the point where the three communities are in agreement to continue to move forward

Trustee J. H. Taylor does not feel that North Prairie has been delaying the progress with long gaps between discussions and additional research. He also does not want to continue at the 50% split, however, Deputy Kugel deserves to be paid.

Trustee A. Pellegrino stated this is an after-the-fact billing involving unbudgeted funds which should have been discussed ahead of time or during the budget sessions. Perhaps the information could have been gathered without Deputy Kugel's time being spent on this. A. Pellegrino was not aware that the discussions were going to become an expense. When did the billing begin? G. Nickerson stated that this information was vital to determine the value of consolidation to the municipalities involved.

K. Singh stated that the information is necessary for the three communities involved to make decisions and is in favor of paying the invoice. A. Pellegrino would like to know who asked Deputy Kugel to spend a significant amount of time on this project without sharing the time or costs for the ultimate invoicing. She believes that he was assigned the project and was not transparent about the billing.

F. Rewasiewicz would like to know the options to pay this invoice or not to pay. He would like more information. D. Stellpflug would like to know what the Town and Village of Eagle Boards feel about the expenses.

**Motion by J. H. Taylor to deny payment of the December 11, 2019 invoice from the Eagle Fire District and signed by Richard Spurrell for half of the Deputy Kugel's payroll expenses for time spent on the potential consolidated Fire Departments based on the unexpected invoicing for Deputy Kugel's time.**

**Ayes: 2 (J.H.T and A. P.) No votes: 3. Motion failed.**

No other action was taken in order to obtain more information or possibly have a chance to budget for this unexpected expense and to have the costs broken out. Future costs?

**VILLAGE CLERK:** Clerk R. Bagley provided the monthly financials to the Board. The Kettle Moraine School District is planning a referendum for the April 7, 2020 election and would like to provide a presentation at our March meeting. The Village of North Prairie only has two incumbent trustees running for re-election, K. Singh and J. H. Taylor, so we are looking for registered write-in candidates to fill the third position. A. Pellegrino filed the notification of non-candidacy.

**PUBLIC SAFETY & PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE:** Trustee F. Rewasiewicz provided an update on the new Auxiliary van as it is close to completion. The wiring and some inside work is left and it should be ready to go on calls by the end of January.

**Fire Dept. Mergers/Consolidations/Options:** G. Nickerson mentioned that another meeting is scheduled on Monday, January 13<sup>th</sup> to continue discussions with the Town and Village of Eagle regarding a possible consolidation.

**PUBLIC WORKS, BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS, CIVIC PRIDE COMMITTEE:** D. Stellpflug mentioned that a Committee meeting will be scheduled in the near future to discuss submitting requests for proposals for garbage and recycling and purchasing a zero-turn mower for the Village. The contract with John's Disposal will expire at the end of 2020.

**PERSONNEL & POLICY COMMITTEE:** A. Pellegrino mentioned that the Committee met three times to discuss employee evaluation process/compensation and disposal of municipal surplus items. Future agenda items will include compensation for elected officials. Future meetings are planned on January 16<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

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

**Monthly Bills and Payroll-**

**Motion by F. Rewasiewicz, seconded by J. H. Taylor, to approve end of the month checks 14726-14729 to TIAA Commercial, US Cellular, WE Energies, and Sun Life paid at the end of December for \$3,572.12, January payroll checks from 14742-14786 for a total of \$32,686.40, and Tax Refund checks 14730-14741 totaling \$3,148.17, Accounts Payables for December and January checks 14787-14834 and 14842-14848 for a total of \$105,228.44 which included 2020 insurance, as recommended by the Committee. Checks 14835-14841 were voided due to incorrect date on them. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Contract with Wolverine Fireworks Display, Inc.-** Trustee F. Rewasiewicz stated the Committee reviewed the contract and it is the same as last year for \$5,000.00. Trustee J. H. Taylor mentioned the verbiage in paragraph 3 reads "The date of the display is September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020 & Parade Start 9/20/20 at: 9 pm". It sounds like the parade starts at 9 pm. The contract should read correctly.

**Motion by J. H. Taylor, seconded by F. Rewasiewicz, to accept the contract from Wolverine Fireworks Display, Inc. dated January 7, 2020, subject to the first line in paragraph 3 to specifically read as follows: "The date of this display is: September 19, 2020 at 9:00 pm & Parade Start on September 20, 2020 at noon".** 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 7:58 p.m.** Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rhoda Bagley, Village Clerk/Treasurer