

The Committee of the Whole met Tuesday November 3, 2009 at 7:00 PM at the village hall with Margaret Young, Ken Lindner, Genny Eddy, Todd Antony, Penny Danielson, Doreen Demaskie, Attorney Paul Millis, Village Engineer Clem Safranek, Fire Chief AL Lunderville, Officer Cooper and Debra Green. Absent was Trustee Kristy Lunderville.

**1. Call to Order – 7:00 PM**

**2. Trustee Appointment, re:** President Young asked for approval of her Trustee appointment of Citizen Todd Antony to complete the vacated Trustee position of Trustee Earl Johnson, term ending April 2011. Lindner moved, seconded by Eddy to approve Village President Young's appointment of Todd Antony as Trustee to finish the term of Trustee Earl Johnson. Carried.

**3. Vouchers:** were approved and signed.

**4. Delinquent List:** Demaskie moved, seconded by Danielson to accept as printed. Carried.

**5. STH 95 Project:** The manhole deterioration investigation by the DOT is still going on.

**6. US 12/STH 27 WisDOT Project:** MSA Village Engineer Clem Safranek updated the Committee on the status of the US 12/STH 27 WisDOT Project. The DOT has selected a consultant to complete the road design. Engineer Safranek presented a task order for approval to proceed with the utility report. He will be incorporating the costs of the municipal utility needs into a report as required for both the CDBG-Public Facilities Grant and the WIDNR ARRA grants. Engineer Safranek also asked the Committee to authorize President Young to sign a letter that will be drafted and sent to Rick Shermo with the DOT regarding the municipal utility portion of the US 12/STH 27 WisDOT project. Lindner moved, seconded by Danielson to approve the MSA task order for the US12 Area Utility Funding Report for \$3,500.00. Carried. Demaskie moved, seconded by Eddy to authorize President Young to sign the letter to Rick Shermo regarding the municipal utility portion of the US 12/STH 27 WisDOT project. Carried.

**7. Depot Saloon Grease Trap Capture Assessment:** tabled to the November 10, 2009 Board meeting to allow time for Trustee Lindner to contact Roy at Halverson Plumbing to meet with him at the Depot Saloon to do an assessment. President Young reported that The Depot Saloon will have their plumber present at the time of assessment as well.

**8. Communications with Village Attorney:**

**a. Fire Department By-Laws - Revisions:** Attorney Millis is waiting for the fire department EMS Coordinator's revisions for incorporation into the by-laws.

**b. UP Railroad Crossings Petition – Railroad Commissioner:** Attorney Millis reported that the State Railroad Commissioner has said that a petition addressing the Merrill Street and Lower Lake crossings in the village will not be necessary, that the letter from the Board is adequate. The Railroad Commissioner is going to further investigate the Lower Lake crossing based on the letter from the Board and he would also like the village to provide him with an updated traffic count. Attorney Millis will arrange for the traffic count.

**9. Communications with Village Maintenance:**

**a. Village Wells 3 & 4 and Water Tower – Radio Equipment Quotes:** Two quotes were submitted; one from LW Allen for a telemetry system upgrade for \$38,254.00 and one from Banner Engineering for radio control for \$4,216.00. After discussion of the two quotes, this was tabled to the November 10, 2009 Board meeting to allow Superintendent Brown time to obtain two(2) references from other municipalities that currently use the radio control device system for their well pump stations and water towers, as outlined in the proposal from Banner Engineering.

**10. Communications with Village Police Department:** Officer Cooper reported to the Committee that he attended the Attorney Generals Conference in the Dells recently and that there will be an in-squad video system demo this Thursday at the village hall. President Young asked that he contact Sue Larson at the USDA for finalizing his portion of the USDA grant application process for the new squad.

**11. Communications with Fire Department:** Fire Chief Lunderville reported the cost for a new pump increased and the 50/50 DNR grant fund will need to be increased from \$825.00 to \$1,090.00 for the village share of the grant. Fire Chief Lunderville also reported that two steering tires on the fire engine need to be replaced and with the State discount, the cost would only be \$384.00 per tire. Both tabled to the November 10, 2009 Board agenda.

**12. Communications with Village President:** President Young updated the Committee that she has completed her ICS training and that the village power provider, Dairyland Power, is going to fully integrate into the Midwest ISO as a transmission-owning member in 2010. President Young reported the County Local Road Improvement (LRIP) Committee, which she is a member of, will be going around visiting the towns and villages to look at their submitted road improvement projects. President Young further explained that the Village of Merrillan will not be applying this time round to hopefully allow for a better opportunity for the village to obtain a larger LRIP grant in the future.

**13. Proposed 2010 Budget:** President Young presented the proposed 2010 General Fund Budget to the committee. There is a public hearing set for November 10, 2009 at 7:00 PM on the proposed 2010 General Fund Budget, the regularly scheduled Board meeting to follow immediately after.

**14. Public Comment:** none

**15. Adjourn into Closed Session:** Danielson moved, seconded by Demaskie to adjourn into closed session at 8:28 PM pursuant to sec. 19.85 (1) (e) of the Wisconsin Statutes the Village Board may convene in closed session for the purpose of Bargaining Discussion of Union Contract and for considering employment and for compensation and performance evaluation of

non-union employees. President Young will act as clerk for minute taking purposes during that portion of the meeting for the closed session. Roll call vote as follows: "Aye", Lindner, Eddy, Antony, Danielson, Demaskie and Young. "No", none. Carried.

**16. Adjourn back into Open Session:** Demaskie moved, seconded by Eddy to adjourn back into open session at 9:35 PM. Roll call vote as follows: "Aye", Lindner, Eddy, Antony, Danielson, Demaskie and Young. "No", none. Carried.

President Young's minutes of closed session decisions:

**Union Employees:**

Discussion of Union Proposal for Village Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent Maintenance positions benefits 2010.

1. Proposed by Union: 20years of service entitled to 5 weeks of vacation:  
Declined by Village. Remains at 4 weeks vacation
2. Proposed by Union to increase Holidays to 3 Floating Holidays:  
Declined by Village. Counter proposed to add 1 Floating Holiday for a total of 2 Floating Holidays not 3.
3. Proposed by Union to increase to 96 hours of Sick Pay:  
Declined by Village. Remains at 80 hrs. of Sick Pay
4. Proposed by Union to allow pay out annually of any accrued Sick Pay over the Bank of 480 hours.  
Declined by Village. No pay out.
5. Proposed by Union that at termination or severance, Sick Pay hours accumulated be paid out.  
Declined by Village.
6. Percentage increase to be negotiated.  
No increase possible, and agree to negotiate contract in two year term.

Motion by Ken Lindner, and seconded by Doreen Demaskie to submit our response to the Union Representative as stated above. Roll call vote, "Aye", all. "No", none. Motion carried unanimously

**Non-Union Employees:**

Clerk/Treasurer – Motion by Ken Lindner and seconded by Doreen Demaskie to keep all benefits the same and no increase. Motion carried unanimously.

Deputy Clerk – Wages remain the same Motion by Ken Lindner and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Penny Danielson Motion carried unanimously. Request that a six month written review be submitted to the Board to evaluate the Deputy Clerk's performance and then monthly report of progressive in performance there after monthly.

Village Marshall / Deputy Marshall– wages remain the same, uniform allowance reduced to \$150.00 annual, Maximum hours per week to be addressed at the next board meeting. Motion by Doreen Demaskie, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Genny Eddy and passed unanimously. (Discussion over maximum hours allowed per week.)

Hall Janitor – Wage to remain the same, and no benefits. Motion by Penny Danielson and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Todd Antony, motion carried unanimously.

Village Trustees/Village President – remain the same no changes. Motion by Ken Lindner and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Doreen Demaskie, motion carried unanimously.

Election Inspectors – Increase to minimum wage of \$7.25 per hour. Motion by Todd Antony and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Penny Danielson, motion carried unanimously

Chief Election Inspector – remains the same wage. Motion by Todd Antony and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Genny Eddy and motion carried unanimously.

Seasonal Worker – Remains the same. Motion by Doreen Demaskie and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ken Lindner and motion carried unanimously.

**17. Adjournment:** Demaskie moved, seconded by Eddy to adjourn at 9:35 PM. Passed unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

**Debra Green**, Village Clerk

*Margaret Young*, Village President

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