

Village of Alma Center

Meeting Minutes of February 13, 2017

Present: Ken Ristow Brad Wathen Connie Patterson
Eric Olson Eric Hanson Jessica Anderson

The regular monthly meeting was called to order by Village President Ken Ristow at 6:30 at the Alma Center Village Hall.

The open meeting notice requirements were met.

A motion was made by Olson/Patterson to approve the minutes of January 9, 2017 Caucus. Motion was carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Patterson/Hanson to approve the regular Board minutes of January 9, 2017. Motion was carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Wathen/Olson to approve the bills as paid for the period from January 9, 2017 through February 13, 2017. Motion was carried unanimously.

Public Comments

Claudia Fields read a thank you note to the board from Ken & Cyndi Ristow for the green plant sent.

Old Business

Officer Johnson stated Merrilan is applying for another "Click it or ticket" campaign. This will give Alma Center about 60 hours for the campaign.

DNR Land: Title search is done, still waiting for the Federal waiver.

Well: DNR approved the well plans. Pictures were taken for changes, almost ready for new well.

Christmas Lights: Waiting for price on wiring poles. We have 40 poles on Main Street and 8 on Hwy F. We're not looking at putting decorations on all the poles. This will be on March's agenda.

Snowmobile Trails: President Ristow spoke with Jeff Casper; the snowmobile club did get approval to go the old route, however because of lack of snow the trails will not be opened again this year. The board will meet and discuss updating our ordinance in the fall.

New Business

Tim Holzer and Mark Davy from Davy Engineering address the board about starting the preliminary planning for a new well. Our current well was done in 1907. Mr. Davy explained the process; he stated the interest rates are very low 1.12%. Davy Engineering would do all the research for grants available. A motion was made by Olson/Hanson to approve Davy Engineering to go forward with the Well Site investigation and Preliminary Report. Motion was carried unanimously.

Moved Replacing Hard drive up one on the agenda order.

Dave Keil and Jeff Hanson from Baker Street Security addressed the board regarding the work computer at the Water/Sewer plant office. The hard drive is crashing; this computer is used for reports to the DNR. Mr. Gaede is required to file several reports by computer. A motion was made by Patterson/Anderson to approve the replacement of the hard drive. Motion was carried unanimously.

The "2015 Act 211" will go into effect January 2018. This will require all municipalities to send the State a digital building form for ALL new one or two-family dwellings. We currently have GEC as our building inspectors; they are offering to file all new builds with the State on behalf of the Village of Alma Center. A motion was made by Anderson/Wathen to accept GEC's offer to do the reporting for Alma Center. Motion carried unanimously.

The current lighting at the Village Hall is in need of updating. The florescent bulbs are no longer available. A motion was made by Hanson/Peterson to have the lighting replaced. Motion was carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Olson/Anderson to approve Jeff Gaede & Dennis Hardwick to attend the WRWA Technical Conference March 29th & 30th. Motion was carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Wathen/Patterson to adjourn at 7:26 pm. Motion was carried unanimously.

Claudia Fields, Clerk