

Village of Alma Center

Meeting Minutes of January 14, 2019

Present: Ken Ristow Connie Patterson Jordan Simonson
Eric Olson 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 Anderson/Simonson to approve the Regular Board Meeting minutes of December 10, 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Patterson/Olson to approve the bills as paid for the period from December 10, 2018 through January 14, 2019. Motion was carried unanimously.

Public Comments

Jessica Anderson informed the board that Lions Club member Kevin Comstock said the Lions Club wants to help with the Christmas Lights this year. Xcel Energy still has money set aside for us as well. More information will be available at a later time.

Old Business

Officer Hartl reviewed the End of Year reports. December was a busy month.

New Copy Machine: It's up and running, Claudia, the Clerk likes it very much. Thank you!

Deputy Clerk: The ad will go into the paper again this week. Claudia is staying very busy.

New Business

Davey Engineering: Brice Nelson: Gave the Board the "Boundary Survey" as promised. We opened 10 bids for the Water Tower project; they ranged from \$538,225.00 to \$189,435.00.

After verifying all the information in the Bid packets, Davy Engineering recommends the contract be awarded to the lowest bidder Maguire Iron, Inc. in Sioux Falls, SD.

Motion was made by Olson/Patterson to award the Water Tower Project to Maguire Iron, Inc. for \$131,435.00 if no Lead is found and \$189,435.00 if Lead is found. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Anderson/Olson to re-open the previous Motion for the Water Tower Project. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion to amend prior motion made by Olson/Patterson by only accepting the bid by Maguire Iron, Inc. on the condition that Maguire Iron and the Village enter into a contract to be approved by the Village Board and Village Attorney, that includes a \$5000.00 termination fee for any reason on or before August 16th 2019 Motion carried unanimously.

The Village has been tentatively approved for a loan through the DNR for the Well #2, Pumphouse #2 and water main route. This program is 60% loan forgiveness or up to \$500,000.00 and a 20 year payback for the remainder of the loan. The Village has waived the PILOT (Payment in lieu of Taxes) to help keep the water rate increase as low as possible. However there is another lending program through Rural Development. If we go through DNR we have to sign contracts by the end of March 2019, if we get approved by Rural Development then we have no rush.

Rural Development's loan program is a 75% loan forgiveness and up to 40 years for repaying the balance. However the Village's MHI (Medium Household Income) is too high to qualify. The Villages MHI is \$52,625.00 now, we need to be at \$45,000.00 or less to qualify. So residents will be receiving an Income Survey in the mail, this survey needs to be completed and mailed back to a 3rd party company helping with this project. AND get the Government opened up to process if we make the MHI level.

A motion was made by Olson/Anderson to go forward and advertise for bids on the Well #2, Pumphouse and water main route. Motion carried unanimously.

A discussion was held regarding the Winter Street parking ordinance. No changes, no action taken.

A motion was made by Anderson/Olson to proceed for the Raze inspections/reports on 348 W. Main Street and 126 E. Lawn Street. The Clerk will contact GEC (General Engineering Company). Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Anderson/Patterson to approve the Bartending License for Emily Borzillo. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Simonson/Patterson to adjourn at 8:11pm. Motion was carried unanimously.

Claudia Fields, Clerk