

Village of Alma Center

Meeting Minutes of March 12, 2018

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

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/Patterson to approve the Regular Board Meeting minutes of February 12, 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Olson/Hanson to approve the bills as paid for the period from February 12, 2018 through March 12, 2018. Motion was carried unanimously.

Public Comments

None

Old Business

Officer Johnson stated he was contacted by the Village of Hixton requesting coverage, he stated this is something the Village of Merrilan will have to discuss. He also attended some training in Green Bay.

Test Well: Brice Nelson from Davey Engineering said Nelson Plumbing is done as of 2/28/18; just the site restoration is needed to be completed. They drilled approx. 160 feet, the field test came back awesome and the pump had good pressure. They hit an artesian well.

Water Tower Specs: Brice Nelson from Davy Engineering said the Specs are complete for the Water Tower, they will be sent to DNR this week (3/12/18 - 3/16/18) for approval. Brice stated the Water tank was primed in a shop, so the paint will need to be tested for Lead and/or Chromium, if either is positive they will need to take precautions removing the paint. The Board need to start thinking about Color's & Lettering for the Water Tower.

Xcel Energy: We did receive the letter. President Ristow would like the Development committee to get together and try to come up with ideas for the Flags, X-Mas Decorations and flowers. The committee is Chair: Jessica Anderson, Connie Patterson, and Ken Ristow. Please contact one of them if you have any ideas.

Lift Station Pumps: B & M Technical have started the work on the lift station pumps today (3/12/18). They will be here Tuesday and Wednesday, the Panel is not here yet but will be here soon. B & M will be doing all the electrical work.

New Business

Davey Engineering: Brice Nelson, on behalf of Nelson Plumbing & Heating was requesting that the Village wave liquidated damages, all the work has been completed except site restoration, and this will be done after the ground has thawed. Motion was made by Olson/Patterson to wave Liquidation Damages. Motion carried unanimously. Brice also discussed the new well; we are waiting for the lab tests to come back, the deadline for the DNR Grant application in June 30th. There are a few things we will need to do, we need a Spec design done and we will need to do a full rate increase before September 30, 2018. We should know if we will be granted the loan of up to 60% by September.

Motion was made by Hanson/Anderson to approve the contractors application for payment no.1 for Nelson Plumbing and Electrical of \$20,034.30, this is retaining 2.5% \$2,177.70 till the site is restored. Motion carried unanimously.

Nate's AC Garage: Motion was made by Anderson/Hanson to have Attorney Radcliffe write up a permit allowing "junked/unlicensed or inoperable" vehicles to remain on the premises up to six (6) months. Nate's Garage will submit a list of vehicles each month to the Village Clerk. Office Johnson will be monitoring the list. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Olson/Patterson to approve the Resolution allowing the Village of Alma Center to open a Line of Credit with Black River Country Bank in the amount of \$125,000.00. This will be used for Engineering cost for the test well and preparing specs for the water tower pending the grant money. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made to start the process to forgive the debt of \$215,000.00 from the Sewer Fund that is owed to the General Fund. This recommendation was from our auditors Johnson Block. This was discussed at length, it was determined that the Sewer does not have the ability to pay the funds back to General. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Hanson/Patterson to adjourn at 7:35pm. Motion was carried unanimously.

Claudia Fields, Clerk