



# VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 08, 2024 at 6:00 PM

Kronenwetter Municipal Center - 1582 Kronenwetter Drive Board Room (Lower Level)

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## 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

President Chris Voll called the meeting to order at 6 PM.

### A. Pledge of Allegiance

Those on attendance recited the pledge of allegiance.

### B. Roll Call

#### PRESENT

Village President Chris Voll

Trustee Ken Charneski

Trustee Tim Shaw (Appearing by Phone)

Trustee Sean Dumais

Trustee Alex Vedvik

Trustee Chris Eiden

#### ABSENT

Trustee Kelly Coyle

#### STAFF PRESENT

Community Development Director; Pete Wegner

Village Clerk; Bobbi Birk-LaBarge

Police Chief; Terry McHugh

## 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Please be advised per State Statute Section 19.84(2), information will be received from the public. It is the policy of this Village that Public Comment will take no longer than 15 minutes with a three-minute time period, per person, with time extension per the Chief Presiding Officer's discretion. Be further advised that there may be limited discussion on the information received, however, no action will be taken under public comments.

Bernie Kramer: 2150 E. State Hwy 153 Peplin - expressed satisfaction with the ambulance service currently in place, praising both its geographic convenience and the service quality at \$50,000. Concern was raised about potential changes that might lead to a less effective service if branching out on our own or requiring increased costs without improving the service level.

Kim Tapper: 2293 Courtland Drive confused about the agenda item involving the clerk interview with Channel 9 news. Tapper criticized the Village Administrator for comments made on a news channel, which he perceived as implying political bias and questioning the appropriateness of such statements. President Chris Voll responded with uncertainty regarding the incident, stating that without the administrator present and no detailed recollection of the event, the issue couldn't be further discussed.

John Ciulla: 896 Gardner Park Road - Ciulla was present to introduce himself and speak with the person who disputed his conditional use permit and explained why he was asking for the permit. The person of dispute was not present for the meeting.

### 3. REPORTS FROM STAFF AND VENDORS

#### C. **Administrator's Status Report**

Peter Wegner, Community Development Director, speaks about the report submitted by Administrator Leonard Ludi who is absent from the meeting. Trustee Charneski questioned the 2024 road maintenance bid packet. Wegner explained that is a bid that is conducted yearly to cover road maintenance such as seal coating and other necessary road maintenance projects.

#### D. **Community Development Director's Report**

Peter Wegner, Community Development Director discussed his report. No questions or concerns.

#### E. **Check Register 3/20 - 4/4**

This item was acknowledged without comment.

#### F. **Quarterly Report - Marathon County Humane Society**

This item was acknowledged without comment.

#### G. **Police Chief's Report**

Chief McHugh explains it was a busy month and another busy month in April with training coming up. Voll asks about what welfare checks are for and if the transport is out of the county or only in the county. Chief explains transportation is for both.

Trustee Charneski questions if the transportation procedure is dictated by the State. Trustee Charneski asks if the Chief has records of village expenses for these cases. The latter sparked a longer conversation around the inefficiencies and resource demands of current mental health response procedures. No specific action was taken on this report. Trustee Charneski suggests requesting a resolution be drafted and asking the State and representative for reimbursement of expenses for transport costs and any costs associated.

### 4. NEW BUSINESS

#### H. **Swearing in of Elected Official; Aaron Myszka**

Aaron Myszka was sworn in as an elected official.

#### I. **Discussion and Possible Action: Appeal of Conditional Use Permit; John Ciulla, 896 Gardner Park Road**

An appeal had been lodged against the issuing of a Conditional Use Permit to John Ciulla for constructing a second dwelling on the property located at 896 Gardner Park Road. The appellant did not provide evidence nor personally appear to articulate grounds for appeal. After due consideration and compliance with the current zoning ordinance, by Community Development Director Peter Wegner, the board motioned to uphold the planning commission decisions and to approve Mister Ciulla's permit.

Motion made by Trustee Vedvik, Seconded by Trustee Dumais to uphold the planning commission decisions and to approve Mister Ciulla's permit.

Voting Yea: Village President Voll, Trustee Charneski, Trustee Shaw, Trustee Dumais, Trustee Vedvik, Trustee Eiden

Motion carried 6:0 by roll call vote.

#### J. **Discussion and Possible Action: Ordinance Amendment 2024-03, Chapter 496-5 Definitions; Updating Ordinance to Eliminate Ambiguity in Language**

The amendment was presented with the purpose of clarifying language and eliminating ambiguity in the ordinance.

Motion made by Trustee Charneski, Seconded by Trustee Eiden to approve the amended ordinance.

Voting Yea: Village President Voll, Trustee Charneski, Trustee Shaw, Trustee Dumais, Trustee Vedvik, Trustee Eiden

Motion carried 6:0 by roll call vote.

**5. OLD BUSINESS**

**K. Discussion: Village Clerk Interview with WAOW Channel 9 News January 03, 2024.**

Village Clerk Bobbi Birk-LaBarge read a prepared statement addressing the issue surrounding her January 3rd, 2024, interview with WAOW news. Birk-LaBarge stated compliance with employee handbook guidelines when speaking to the media and apologized if any offense was taken from the interview's content. Birk-LaBarge then declared she would refrain from further comment due to ongoing legal proceedings initiated by Trustee Charneski.

**6. CONSENT AGENDA**

The Consent Agenda, including the previous Village Board Meeting Minutes and the Operator's License Application, was approved with noted corrections to the minutes.

Motion made by Trustee Eiden, Seconded by Trustee Charneski to approve the consent agenda with noted corrections to the minutes.

Voting Yea: Village President Voll, Trustee Charneski, Trustee Shaw, Trustee Dumais, Trustee Vedvik, Trustee Eiden

Motion carried 6:0 by voice vote.

**L. March 25, 2024, Village Board Meeting Minutes**

The Consent Agenda, including the previous Village Board Meeting Minutes and the Operator's License Application, was approved with noted corrections to the minutes.

**M. Operator's (Bartender's) License Application - Donna Weil**

The Consent Agenda, including the previous Village Board Meeting Minutes and the Operator's License Application, was approved with noted corrections to the minutes.

**7. PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES FROM COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES**

**N. March 4, 2024, CLIPP Committee Meeting Minutes**

No comment or action was taken regarding the minutes from the CLIPP Committee Meeting.

**8. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA**

No further items were proposed for future agendas during this meeting.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was called to adjourn at 6:47 PM, with particular thanks extended to Trustee Shaw and Trustee Dumais for their service.

Motion made by Trustee Charneski, Seconded by Trustee Vedvik to adjourn.

Voting Yea: Village President Voll, Trustee Charneski, Trustee Shaw, Trustee Dumais, Trustee Vedvik, Trustee Eiden

Motion carried 6:0 by voice vote.

Village Board Minutes Prepared by: Village Clerk Bobbi Birk-LaBarge

Village Board Minutes Approved on: April 22, 2024