



VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 12, 2024 at 6:00 PM

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

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

President Chris Voll called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

A. Pledge of Allegiance

Those in attendance recited the pledge of allegiance

B. Roll Call

PRESENT

Village President Chris Voll

Trustee Alex Vedvik

Trustee Chris Eiden

Trustee Kelly Coyle

Trustee Aaron Myszka

Trustee Cindy Buchkowski-Hoffmann

Trustee Ken Charneski

STAFF PRESENT

Clerk Bobbi Birk-LaBarge

Finance Director Lisa Kerstner

Community Development Director Pete Wegner

Director of Public Works Greg Ulman

Lieutenant Chris Smart

Fire Chief Theresa O'Brien

SPECIAL GUEST

James Small Rural EMS Outreach Program Manager Wisconsin Office of Rural Health

2. ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION

President Chris Voll announced the upcoming closed session

3. 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.

Paul Jaeger; 1900 Seville Road - sent in an email for the clerk to read. Jaeger expressed satisfaction with the existing contract for ambulance services and urged the board to proceed cautiously with plans to establish a village-run ambulance service. He questioned certain numbers in the chief's proposal and requested two more third-party evaluations.

Bernie Kramer; 2150 E. State Hwy 153 Peplin - Kramer voiced concerns on behalf of citizens and welcomed Mr. Small. He emphasized the need for comprehensive information and proposed involving the fire chief in discussions surrounding the ambulance service.

Guy Fredel; 2240 Ruby Drive - Fredel spoke of concerns over the ambulance service proposal, citing significant issues raised in Mr. Small's review. He advised the village to slow down the process and further evaluate the financial impact and the potential need for additional full-time staff.

SPECIAL ORDERS

Presentation and Possible Action of Village Ambulance Plan

James Small, Rural EMS Outreach Program Manager Wisconsin Office of Rural Health, discussed the challenges and costs associated with establishing a village-run ambulance service. He reiterated that EMS services often face complexities involving staffing and financial sustainability. Mr. Small recommended a thorough analysis of all options, including potential regional cooperation.

No action was taken on this agenda item.

4. REPORTS FROM STAFF AND VENDORS

C. Chief of Police Report

Lieutenant Chris Smart presented the Chief's report in absence of Police Chief McHugh. The report highlighted taxing cases, especially sensitive ones involving sexual assaults. Actions were taken to address community concerns.

D. Fire Chief Report

Fire Chief Theresa O'Brien provided updates on completed pump testing, the acquisition of a new Ford F250, and other training and community service activities. Member recruitment was ongoing, expecting to reach a total of 40 members by the study's end.

E. Director of Public Works Introduction

Greg Ulman was introduced as the new Public Works Director. Ulman spoke about his background and goals, including developing a five-year plan for roads and vehicles and obtaining grants.

F. Community Development Director Report

Community Development Director Pete Wegner stated his report was in the packet and requested questions. President Chris Voll asked for an explanation of where they took the new director on the facilities tour. Trustee Alex Vedvik requested an explanation of the Golden Ponds that he read about in Wegner's report.

G. Check Register 7/19 - 8/7

Finance Director Lisa Kerstner took questions regarding the check register. A discussion ensued about the delay in receiving financial reports due to the ongoing 2023 audit.

5. NEW BUSINESS

H. Resolution No.: 2024-011; Sale of Village-Owned Surplus Personal Property; 2014 Ram 1500 Promaster Cargo Van

Director Ulman will look further into this agenda item. No action was taken on this agenda item.

I. Designate Trustees Charneski and Eiden to contact Riverside Ambulance Service

A proposal was made to designate trustees to contact Riverside Ambulance Service to obtain contract information and negotiate terms. (Clerk stepped out at 7:33 PM and returned at 7:35 PM)

Motion made by Trustee Charneski, Seconded by Trustee Eiden to designate Trustees Charneski, Trustee Eiden, and Fire Chief Teresa O'Brien to contact Riverside Ambulance Service in a fact-finding mission.

Voting Yea: Village President Voll, Trustee Eiden, Trustee Buchkowski-Hoffmann, Trustee Charneski

Voting Nay: Trustee Vedvik, Trustee Coyle, Trustee Myszka

Motion carried 4:3 by roll call vote

6. OLD BUSINESS

J. **Resolution No.: 2024-010; A Resolution Appointing Members of Ambulance Subcommittee**

The board approved a resolution appointing members to the Ambulance Subcommittee.

Trustee Charneski requests reports from ambulance sub-committee be brought to the Village Board once a month.

Motion made by Trustee Myszka, Seconded by Trustee Vedvik to approve Resolution No.: 2024-010.

Voting Yea: Village President Voll, Trustee Vedvik, Trustee Eiden, Trustee Coyle, Trustee Myszka,

Trustee Buchkowski-Hoffmann, Trustee Charneski

Motion carried 7:0 by roll call vote

7. CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda included operator's licenses, meeting minutes from June 24 and July 22, 2024, and a temporary alcohol beverage license. Consent agenda items were approved with amendments made.

K. **June 24, 2024, Village Board Meeting Minutes**

Trustee Charneski requests corrections made to pages 63 and 64 of that packet. Trustee Charneski would like the split vote decisions listed by names of Trustees.

Motion made by Trustee Buchkowski-Hoffmann, Seconded by Trustee Eiden to approve the June 24, 2024, meeting minutes as amended.

Voting Yea: Village President Voll, Trustee Vedvik, Trustee Eiden, Trustee Coyle, Trustee Myszka,

Trustee Buchkowski-Hoffmann, Trustee Charneski

Motion carried 7:0 by voice vote.

L. **July 22, 2024, Village Board Meeting Minutes**

Trustee Charneski would like corrections to items 5J & 6L - both roll call votes. Charneski would like the split vote decisions listed by names of Trustees. Charneski would also like item 6N to reflect if it was a roll call note or a voice vote noted in the minutes.

Trustee Buchkowski-Hoffmann would like her name correctly spelled on the roll call section and in item 5J.

Motion made by Trustee Coyle, Seconded by Trustee Eiden to approve the July 22, 2024, minutes as amended.

Voting Yea: Village President Voll, Trustee Vedvik, Trustee Eiden, Trustee Coyle, Trustee Myszka,

Trustee Buchkowski-Hoffmann, Trustee Charneski

Motion carried 7:0 by voice vote.

M. **Operator's (Bartender's) License - Renee Peet; Alissa Schwartz**

Motion made by Trustee Charneski, Seconded by Trustee Eiden to approve the operator's license for Renee Peet and Alissa Schwartz and the VFW temporary license.

Voting Yea: Village President Voll, Trustee Vedvik, Trustee Eiden, Trustee Coyle, Trustee Myszka,

Trustee Buchkowski-Hoffmann, Trustee Charneski

Motion carried 7:0 by roll call vote.

N. **Temporary Alcohol Beverage License - Peplin VFW Memorial Post 8280**

See motion in 7M.

8. CLOSED SESSION

Consideration of motion to convene into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85 (1)(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session.— to wit
Labor Agreement with Wisconsin Professional Police Association

The board moved to a closed session to discuss an agreement with the Wisconsin Professional Police Association.

Motion made by Trustee Coyle, Seconded by Trustee Vedvik to move into closed session at 8:02 PM

Voting Yea: Village President Voll, Trustee Vedvik, Trustee Eiden, Trustee Coyle, Trustee Myszka, Trustee Buchkowski-Hoffmann, Trustee Charneski

Motion carried 7:0 by roll call vote

President Chris Voll invited Clerk Birk-LaBarge to stay for closed session.

Closed session started at 8:07 PM

9. RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

Consideration of motion to reconvene into open session.

Motion made by Trustee Coyle, Seconded by Trustee Vedvik to reconvene into closed session at 8:35 PM.

Voting Yea: Village President Voll, Trustee Vedvik, Trustee Eiden, Trustee Coyle, Trustee Myszka, Trustee Buchkowski-Hoffmann, Trustee Charneski

Motion carried 7:0 by roll call vote.

10. Labor Agreement with Wisconsin Professional Police Association

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Continue negotiatiton

Motion made by Village President Voll, Seconded by Trustee Coyle to continue negotiations with Wisconsin Professional Police Association.

Voting Yea: Village President Voll, Trustee Vedvik, Trustee Eiden, Trustee Coyle, Trustee Myszka, Trustee Buchkowski-Hoffmann, Trustee Charneski

Motion carried 7:0 by voice vote

11. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

Trustee Alex Vedvik - Police Staffing and Funding

Trustee Eiden - RFP for a new village attorney.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Trustee Charneski, Seconded by Trustee Coyle to adjourn at 8:39 PM.

Voting Yea: Village President Voll, Trustee Vedvik, Trustee Eiden, Trustee Coyle, Trustee Myszka, Trustee Buchkowski-Hoffmann, Trustee Charneski

Motion carried 7:0 by voice vote