**VILLAGE OF MONTFORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**COMMUNITY BUILDING, 102 E. PARK STREET, MONTFORT, WI 53569**

**July 19, 2023 7:00 P.M**

**UNAPPROVED MINUTES**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Chuck Piper.

Roll call: all were present Pat Raimer, Don Pluemer, Shawn Merkle, Holly Witzig, Ryan Pilling & Jonathon Schumacher(late).

Open Meeting Law compliance check: Agenda was posted July 13, 2023 at the Community Building, Montfort Post Office, Mills Market and at [www.villageofmontfort.com.](http://www.villageofmontfort.com/)

Motion by Shawn Merkle and a second by Ryan Pilling for approval of agenda. Motion passed

Motion by Ryan Pilling and a second by Shawn Merkle to Open meeting to public comments: Bri Erskine from Uplands Winds introduced herself. Donald Hardy questioned the footers for the duplex on E. Park Street.

Maintenance report. Public workers director-Todd Griffiths said they should be sealcoating in the next week. He is not sure when they will do crack filling. When state inspector was here one fire hydrant needed to be repaired. Had it looked at and nothing was found. Rule’s did the soil boring on E. Park. They hit rock at 7.5 ft in front of church and 5.5 feet near County I. Well 3 was done for 1 day to replace the hand/off/auto switch. MZ construction asked that if we rehab the pool, we contact them as they have experience. They maybe able to save us money.

Police Officer Report: On file Kayla Spurley mentioned that Office Jacobsen would like to see a crosswalk with lights between RR1 Popcorn and Grab-a-cone. He is going to present a proposal in the future.

Fire Dept Report : Fire department and EMS will host an open house July 26 for new member recruitment. The mutual aid still with lawyer. They ask that public works put sand/lime down on the sealcoat at the fire department due to the tar coming in on the new carpet. There is a recruitment video on channel 15 and Montfort fire appears in the video. The fire department will be handing out a brochure about the need for house numbers. Tires were changed on one fire truck. It is recommended to change the tires approximately every 10 years. Wild gear grant is in, but clothing doesn’t fit. The fire department will not have the bill paid until gear is received that will fit.

**New Business**

Only one bid was received for the Wall/Ketterer Street project. It was close to the estimate that Viebicher’s had given us previously. It is their recommendation we accept the bid. Ryan Pilling made a motion to accept the bid from G-Pro with Pat Raimer offering a second. Roll Call vote taken. All voted yes. No opposed. Motion passed.

Temporary picnic license for MIC Party in Park and MIC RR1 Market Night along with St Thomas Fest were presented with temp bartender license for Andrea Bomkamp and Jennifer Winders. Ryan Pilling made a motion to approve the license as long as all needed paperwork is turned in. Holly Witzig offered a second. Motion passed.

Jacqueline Hawes bartender license application was submitted. Ryan Pilling made a motion to approve the license. Jonathon Schumacher offered a second. Motion passed.

Pat Raimer asked for permission to pursue what options for TIF and the surrounding landowners to see if we can acquire or get a recreational easement to start development on the land near the sewer plant as the current lease expires June 2024. Don Pluemer offered a motion to have Pat seek professional assistance to ask landowners if we can acquire the land or easement by the village property. Shawn Merkle offered a second. Motion passed.

After discussing if the filter was fixed on the pool (it was not) from last month’s minutes. A motion by Don Pluemer to approve the minutes with a second by Ryan Pilling. Motion passed

A motion was made by Don Pluemer that E. Maple Street from below the driveway (corner of Wisconsin/Maple) to the Fountain Street will be closed from 10 a.m. until ? for MIC Party in Park on Saturday, August 5. Second by Shawn Merkle. Motion passed.

For the 8% water increase allowed by PSC, it was discussed. No motion made to purse. We will not seek an increase at this time.

Librarian report on file. Shawn commented that things continue to go well with the library with attendance with their limited space. Ask that the budget report be given to Michelle so she can understand where the budget is at before each meeting.

Clerk report

Dog license are overdue and have been turned over to Officer Jacobson.

Grant County Economic meeting will be held by Montfort on July 26. They will tour a wind turbine and meet at Cross Roads. Kayla and Chuck will go to the tour.

Pool attendance is improving, but still not as good as last year. Currently we have sold 49 family passes, 8 single passes, 1 senior pass, 7 10x value pass, 8 babysitter passes. 449-day fee and 132-night fee. Last year’s numbers were 45 family passes, 22 single passes, 2 senior pass, 16 10x value pass, 9 babysitter passes, day fee 1021 and night pass 100 (last year numbers were for the whole summer). We will need to generate revenue of $4603.75 to meet last year’s income with 3 weeks left. Swim lessons has 80 (33 w pass and 47 w/o pass). Last year there was 102 signed up for lessons (47 w/pass and 55 w/o pass).

 Website has had 1140 page views with 419 users.

 Next month all three accounts (General, Water and Sewer) have loans to be paid.

Motion by Holly Witzig and a second by Pat Raimer to approve General Bills, Water, & Sewer & Auto Pays as presented. Motion passed.

Motion by Holly Witzig and a second by Pat Raimer to adjourn at 9:47 p.m.

Minutes Posted on: 07-13-2023 – Village Website, Mills Market, Community Building, and

Montfort Post Office. Kayla D. Spurley - Village Clerk/Treasurer