

VILLAGE OF BROWNSVILLE

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BROWNSVILLE, WISCONSIN

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Regular Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 14, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.

Village Board Members Present:

President Jeffrey Bloohm
Trustee Charles Dineen
Trustee Timothy Kemmel
Trustee John F. Pesch
Trustee Jeffrey Westphal

Also, present, see listing:

Supt. Lechner, Marshal Seymour, Asst. Supt. Kemmel, Dennis Kemmel, Attorney Mark Hazelbaker-Kasieta Law Group, Philip Bloohm, Dennis Kemmel, Ben Blanc, Kelly Thomas, and several concerned citizens.

RESUME OF MINUTES:

Confirmation of Legal Notification: Yes, per Clerk Halley.

President Bloohm called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Roll call was taken.
The pledge of allegiance was recited.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No written or oral comments were received.

Springfield Solar Farm: Attorney Mark Hazelbaker of the Kasieta Legal Group spoke to the Board about what is feasible and possible for Village opposition of the Springfield Solar Farm . The Board was in consensus to allow the Kasieta Legal Group to speak on the Village of Brownsville’s behalf concerning the Springfield Solar Farm, with Trustee Dr. John F. Pesch, Jr. designated as the contact person for the Kasieta Legal Group. The cost for this service not to exceed the \$3,000.00 cap approved at the Sept. 9, 2020 Regular Board Meeting.

The Board took no action on a request to reverse the Boards decision to cancel Halloween Trick or Treating in the Village.

Motion by Trustee Kemmel, second by Trustee Dineen, to allow rental of the Brownsville Community Center to the Brownsville Fire Co., Inc. at a fee of \$100.00, on November 13, 2020; motion carried. 4-aye 1-nay(Pesch)

Motion by Trustee Pesch, second Trustee Westphal, to grant a Temporary Class”B”/”Class B” Retailer’s License to the Brownsville Fire Company Inc. for a November 13, 2020 fundraising event at the Brownsville Community Center 871 Main St., cost of the license \$3.00; motion carried. 5-aye

Motion by Trustee Westphal, second by Trustee Kemmel, to accept the 2021 Fire Protection Contract with the Brownsville Fire Company, Inc. at a cost of \$24,000; motion carried. 5-aye

Rental of the Brownsville Community Center was discussed.

No action was taken on “park player fees” for the Brownsville Athletic Association.

Trustee Dineen informed the Board of the successful season for the North District Flyway Soccer Association.

Motion by Trustee Pesch, second by Trustee Dineen, to approve the Joint Powers Agreement, County 911 Emergency System with Dodge County; motion carried. 5-aye President Bloohm signed the Agreement.

Motion by Trustee Pesch, second by Trustee Kemmel, to not enter into an agreement with the Dodge County Humane Society; motion carried. 5-aye

Motion by Trustee Pesch, second by Trustee Kemmel, to approve an Operator's License for Katie A. Wieting, for the year ending June 30, 2021; motion carried. 5-aye

Election day security was discussed.

Storage in residential rear yards was discussed, including possible reversion of existing ordinance.

The future of the Brownsville Police Dept. was discussed

Marshal Seymour's report included:

- Motion by Trustee Pesch, second by Trustee Kemmel, to approve the written report as provided by Marshal Seymour; motion carried. 5-aye
- 12 Traffic Citations, 2 Traffic Warnings issued in September.
- Responded to 7 calls for service when off duty.
- Responded to 3 mutual aid requests.

Motion by Trustee Pesch, second by Trustee Dineen, to make application with the WI Public Service Commission for a water "Simplified Rate Increase"; motion carried. 5-aye

Motion by Trustee Pesch, second by Trustee Westphal, to increase sewer rates by 3% January, 1, 2021; motion carried. 5-aye

A ball diamond fence was damaged by a vehicle at the Dale R. Michels Memorial Park. An insurance claim has been made for the damage.

Motion by Trustee Pesch, second by Trustee Westphal, to offer a \$100.00 reward for information leading to an arrest and conviction of those responsible for damage to trees on Village of Brownsville public property; motion carried. 5-aye

The Board received information on the reissuance of WPDES Permit, Wastewater Treatment Facility, No. WI-0021601.

The Board reviewed information on the DNR Approval of Plans and Specifications for the Chemical Phosphorus Removal Feed Upgrade.

Motion by Trustee Pesch, second by Trustee Dineen, to accept and transfer the Local Road Improvement Program grant monies of \$45,213.69 to the Village of Brownsville Street Repair Account from general checking; motion carried. 5-aye

Superintendent Report included:

- Trading agreements are being worked on for phosphorus limits at the WWTP.
- Park is being winterized.

Motion by Trustee Pesch, second by Trustee Westphal, to accept donation by the Brownsville Lions Club of an outside bulletin board for the Brownsville Community Center; motion carried. 5-aye

Motion by Trustee Westphal, second by Trustee Kemmel, to set the 2021 Budget Hearing and 2021 Budget Adoption Meeting for November 11, 2020 starting at 6:00 p.m., followed by the regular monthly meeting; motion carried. 5-aye

Motion by Trustee Westphal, second by Trustee Kemmel, to approve minutes of September 9th, 2020 Regular Board and the Financial Report as of September 30th, 2020; motion carried. 5- aye

General government and utility bills totaling \$64,556.36 were audited and approved for payment. Checks numbered 29019 thru 29058. See check listing. Checks included:

- Ck#29026, WI Environmental Improv. Fund - \$832.46 – Safe Drinking Water Loan
- Ck#29027, Village of Brownsville Library - \$9,500.00 – 4th Qtr. Budget Payment
- Ck#29057, Helmer Electric Inc. - \$1,119.60 – Electrical for 2 Automatic Doors at Community Center
- Ck#29058, Automatic Entrances of WI - \$5990.00 – 2 Automatic Doors at Community Center

Motion by Trustee Pesch, second by Trustee Dineen, to approve payment of the listing of statements for October payments; motion carried. 5- aye

EMPLOYEE WAGES AND COMPENSATION:

- Motion by Trustee Dineen, second by Trustee Pesch, to convene into closed session pursuant to WI State Statutes 19.85(1)(c) to consider employment, promotion compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercise responsibility; motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. 5-aye
Motion by Trustee Pesch, second by Trustee Kemmel, to reconvene the meeting into open session; motion carried. 5-aye
- Motion by Trustee Pesch, second by Trustee Westphal, to set wage and benefit as follows; Supt. Lechner \$28.00 per hr., Asst. Supt. Kemmel \$23.00 per hr., Clerk-Treasurer Halley \$20.00 per hr., Marshal Seymour \$23.50 per hr., employee benefits as summarized in the “Proposed Pay Rate and Benefits for 2021 Document” ; motion carried. 4-aye Trustee Kemmel abstained
- Motion by Trustee Pesch, second by Trustee Dineen, to approve Health Insurance benefit percentage for eligible employees at 80% of average of plans in the Village service area; motion carried. 4-aye Trustee Kemmel abstained
- Motion by Trustee Pesch, second by Trustee Kemmel, to approve 2021 Village Marshal Agreement No. VOB-10; motion carried. 5-aye

Motion by Trustee Kemmel second by Trustee Dineen, to adjourn the regular board meeting; motion carried. 5-aye Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Submitted by:

Marilyn Halley, Clerk-Treasurer

Approved as to form:

Jeffrey Bloohm, Village of Brownsville President