

Regular Village Board Meeting - Minutes
Village of Alma
November 12, 2019 • 7:00 PM

President Rayment called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

Present: President Rayment; Trustees: Hellmann, Bohn, Roff, Jensen, Rockow, Mausolf. Also present: TL Police Department, Public Works Director Becker, Clerk/Treasurer Bauer, Republic Services Jon Schneider, Waste Management Diana Siebels and one citizen.

Approve Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes of the October 8, 2019 Regular Board Meeting: Hellmann, Second: Roff, all in favor. Motion carried.

Public Comments: None to report

Police Report: General report of activities was reviewed. No major incidents in Alma in the past month.

Public Works Report: **1)** Post office site work – water/sewer dug in. Foundation work is underway. **2)** Trimmed overhanging trees. **3)** Preparations made for winter, Sand/Salt delivery, Snow Plow blades maintained, Winter tires put on skid steer. **4)** Groundwater Supply & Distribution exam on November 6th. Results come out in 30 days. **5)** Holiday lighting, put up lights on steel posts on Soo Ave and by Lake Alma

Clerk/Treasurer Report: **1)** Approve claims dated October/November 2019 as submitted Check #51083 thru #51141. Motion to approve claims as submitted: Jensen, Second: Hellmann, all in favor. Motion carried. **2)** Five building permits issued in October 1 shed, 3 roofing, 1 Post Office building – no issues noted. **3)** Provided updated 2020 Election calendar – 5 elections scheduled in 2020. May 12th Special Election and August 11th Primary conflict with scheduled Board Meetings. Plan on moving location for those 2 Board Meetings to the Village Shop. **4)** Provided the updated population estimate – 645 Residents as of January 1, 2019 with approximately 500 of voting age. **5)** With budget levy approved, 2019 tax bills are almost complete. There are approximately 10 delinquent water/sewer bills that will be added to tax bills – these are rentals where property owner is ultimately responsible for utilities.

Unfinished Business: **1)** Board had previously reviewed proposals for Village garbage pickup during October 8, 2019 Board meeting. A written vote was conducted. Clerk collected tabulated votes with 5 votes cast for Republic Services and 2 votes cast for R Local Sanitation. Motion to award garbage pickup contract to Republic Services: Hellmann; Second: Jensen, All in favor. Motion carried. Clerk will notify all participants in the Request for Proposal. **2)** FEMA grant application update: Exploratory conference call and recovery scoping meeting conducted in the past month. All damages/expenses must be accounted for and uploaded to grants portal by December 30th. Expenses in each category must exceed \$3200 to be eligible. **3)** Wastewater Treatment Plant project update: Clean Water Fund Grant application approved and confirmed V of Alma project is eligible for funds – first hurdle crossed. Now we are waiting to hear what percentage (if any) will be principal forgiveness (grant). **4)** Post Office building project proceeding. Board needs to review siding & roofing color options – board to make selections after meeting.

New Business: **1)** Reviewed Resolution 2019-9 Five Year Infrastructure plan. Motion to approve Resolution 2019-9: Jensen; Second: Hellmann, All in favor. Motion carried. **2)** Reviewed specification and quotes for an aluminum trailer to replace the trailer damaged in July windstorm. Motion to proceed with purchase of trailer: Hellmann; Second: Mausolf, All in favor. Motion carried. **3)** Reviewed estimated costs of Wastewater Treatment plant project. Interim financing requirements to bridge the gap until Clean Water Fund loan closes will be close to \$1 million. The Village financial advisor - Sean Lentz with Ehlers - plans to attend the December 10th Board meeting to go over options.

Adjourn: No further business came before the Board. Motion to adjourn: Rockow, Second: Bohn, all in favor. Motion carried.