

Regular Village Board Meeting - Minutes
Village of Almena
August 11, 2020 • 7:00 PM

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

Present: President Rayment; Trustees: Hellmann, Roff, Rockow, Jensen, Pichelman, Stefczak. Also present: Chief of Police Gabe, Public Works Director Becker, Clerk/Treasurer Bauer, and 1 citizen

Approve Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2020 Regular Board Meeting: Hellmann, Second: Jensen, all in favor. **Motion carried.**

Public Comments: Thank you to Public Works department for cleaning up trail by the ballpark

Police Report: Quiet in town this past month; noted that no issues arose during recent ball tournaments; several speeding citations issued in the 25mph zone on Clinton/Hwy P; a traffic stop resulted in a drug arrest; 2 vehicle accidents in the Holiday station parking lot; transients at the Holiday station were asked to move on; last week called to aid in search for suicidal man; recommended that Village require Porta Pots to be rented for future large events in the park

Public Works Report: **1)** Water tower inspection and cleaning scheduled for tomorrow, 8/12/20. **2)** Monarch put down blacktop on Alma St N and Soo Ave patch in front of Post Office. **3)** Lift station pump maintenance has started. Ran into issues with pumps needing repair, project is on-going **4)** Electrical breakers in the main Well House have blown twice in last month, may need to add ventilation to the building if problem continues **5)** Sewer cleaning/scoping conducted. Issues with tree roots found on Cleveland. Narrowing pipes on Portland Ave **6)** Clerk mentioned that curb stop for 132 Lulu Ave would need to be installed soon

Clerk/Treasurer Report: **1)** Approve claims dated July 14, 2020 – August 10, 2020; Check #1150 thru #1189, check #1011 thru #1014; as presented and summarized. Motion to approve claims as submitted: Hellmann, Second: Stefczak, all in favor. **Motion carried.** **2)** Ordinance book review meeting scheduled for August 26th @ 6pm **3)** Routes to Recovery Grant – working on obtaining quotes for flooring in Village Hall **4)** PSC extended moratorium on shutting off water for non-payment to September 1st. **5)** Clean Water Fund loan closing date is set for September 9th. A special meeting will be needed to execute an FAA – scheduled for August 26, 2020. **6)** Building permit issued for garage on Aneta Ave **7)** Clerk reported Demographic update – Village population estimated at 641

Unfinished Business: **1)** Barron Postmaster indicated that Post Office is expected to open at the end of August. **2)** Wastewater Treatment Plant project update: Lagoon 1 work is complete with work started draining Ponds 2 & 3. The new building is also mostly in place. Progress pictures were shared with the board. Total Project costs to date \$814,159. **3)** Clerk reviewed usage for the 6 residents that requested a seasonal adjustment. Usage was 3,000 – 4,000 gallons more than average usage in winter months. Cost difference of \$27 - \$36 per quarter. Cost difference is not worth the extra work required to manage seasonal adjustments fairly.

New Business: **1)** Resolution 2020-6 confirming effective date of sewer rate increase to be Q3 2020 (July 1, 2020). **2)** Consideration of RJ Jurowski Contractor's Application for payment for wastewater treatment plant construction activities in July 2020. Draw request totals \$249,390. Motion to approve Contractor's Application for payment: Jensen; Second: Pichelman; All in favor. **Motion carried.** **3)** Consideration of Resolution 2020-8 closing TID #1 Per year end financials, TID #1 is negative \$440k. Clerk to clarify language stating "Village shall accept all remaining debts for TID #1". Resolution tabled until September Board meeting. **4)** Consideration of nomination of Tom Pichelman to the Almena Housing Authority board to replace Myron Elfers. Motion to approve Tom Pichelman to fill opening on the Housing Authority Board: Hellmann; Second: Roff; All in favor. **Motion carried** **5)** Considered issue with water drainage on Portland Ave. Curb cuts are in the wrong place and need to be redone. Motion to have President Rayment install curb cuts to alleviate water drainage issues: Stefczak; Second: Pichelman; All in favor. **Motion carried.**

Adjourn: No further business. Motion to adjourn: Hellmann, Second: Jensen, all in favor. **Motion carried.**