

Regular Village Board Meeting - Minutes
Village of Almena
September 8, 2020 • 7:00 PM

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

Present: President Rayment; Trustees: Hellmann, Jensen, Pichelman, Rockow, Roff, 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 August 11, 2020 Regular Board Meeting: Jensen, Second: Hellmann, all in favor. **Motion carried.**

Public Comments: Alma St N re-paving project, Monarch left large bumps at the end of driveways. President Rayment to follow up with Monarch. Yard and animal complaints have been received. Letters to be sent to address concerns.

Police Report: Trailer was stolen from a business in town; a license plate was stolen off a car; worked a fraud case at US Bank; couple of domestics at trailer court and several calls to Soo Ave location – landlords have been notified of the continuing issue and will be issuing eviction notice; issued clean-up orders to some properties; a vehicle reported stolen was involved in an accident south of town

Public Works Report: **1)** Lift station pump maintenance – three of five lift stations completed **2)** Basketball hoops have been installed at the park **3)** Curb stop for 132 Lulu Ave would be installed soon

Clerk/Treasurer Report: **1)** Approve claims dated August 11, 2020 – September 8, 2020; Check #1190 thru #1231, check #1015 thru #1016; as presented and summarized. Motion to approve claims as submitted: Hellmann, Second: Roff, all in favor. **Motion carried.** **2)** Building Permit issued for egress windows – Cleveland St; Synergy applied for permit but waiting for state approved plans **3)** General Code – updated Ordinance review changes **4)** Routes to Recovery Grant submitted \$3,280 in expense (Grant balance \$7,206). Floor replacement quotes \$17,000-\$18,000 so will not proceed at this time. **5)** Clean Water Fund loan closing tomorrow September 9th so Dairy State Bank interim loan to be paid off September 10th **6)** Final checks received to close out FEMA projects for grand total of \$22,052.28 **7)** Budget prep meeting scheduled for **October 20th @ 6:30 pm**

Unfinished Business: **1)** Wastewater Treatment Plant project update: Lagoon 1 is filling up while work continues to drain Lagoons 2 & 3. The new building is also mostly in place. Progress pictures were shared with the board. Total Project costs to date \$1,193,833. **2)** Consideration and discussion of Resolution 2020-8 TID #1 closure. Language was added carving out debt owed on parcel #101-8042-88-020 651 Garfield St. Motion to approve Resolution 2020-8 TID Termination: Hellmann; Second: Rockow; All in favor. **Motion carried.**

New Business: **1)** Consideration of RJ Jurowski Contractor's Application for payment for wastewater treatment plant construction activities in August 2020. Draw request totals \$369,681. Motion to approve Contractor's Application for payment: Jensen; Second: Stefczak; All in favor. **Motion carried.** **2)** Consideration WI Department of Transportation Village road map. It is unchanged from prior year with 5.57 miles of local roads/streets and 1.1 miles of county road for total road miles of 6.67. Motion to approve WI DOT road mileage map for the Village of Almena: Hellmann; Second: Roff; All in favor. **Motion carried.** **3)** Report and discussion of recent Barron School District community focus group meetings. Trustee Hellmann reported that the focus group identified and ranked capital needs projects for the district's schools. Primary need identified for Almena Elementary school was to secure the school entrance requiring structural changes. A community-wide survey will be coming out later this year to gauge public attitudes on the projects identified leading to a possible school referendum in Spring 2021 **4)** Discussed need to have a usage policy/agreement that will require a Certificate of Insurance for large events at the park/track/baseball field going forward. Clerk to use current Village Hall rental agreement as template.

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