

Village of Bonduel
Village Board Meeting
February 11, 2015

Following the Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence, President Mel Wendland called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Wendland read a statement regarding the posting of the meeting.

Present: Mel Wendland, Shawn Thorne, Robert Luepke, Joan Kamps, Robert Thayer, Sharon Wussow. Dick Sibert excused.

AGENDA: Motion by Wussow, second by Thayer, to approve the agenda and deviate as necessary. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Wussow noted that her absence at the previous meeting was excused. Motion by Luepke, second by Wendland, to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as written. Motion carried. Wussow abstained.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CITIZENS: Steve Berndt, Director of Municipal Operations; Bonduel Police Officer Nicole Blaskowski; Rodney Hoppe, EMS Chief; Robbie Woldt, Fire Chief; Grant Staszak.

COMMUNICATIONS: (1) Letter from Red Cross expressing gratitude for donation from Bonduel EMS. (2) Thank-you card from Bear Cub Scout Pack 3024 for the use of the Village Hall community room for a sleepover.

REPORTS:

Public Safety Committee - no meeting. Police Department report on file.

Fire Department report on file. Bowling tournament profit \$5,600. Teams are already signed up for next year. Brad Hoeffs was added as new fire fighter and has started his classes.

EMS report on file. Rodney added that the State is now going to allow First Responders to use baby aspirin in chest pain cases. Training is upcoming. EMS currently has 10 members and can go up to 15.

Administrative Committee did not meet. Clerk's report on file. Tom Karman will finish financial report probably this week and send draft.

Municipal Operations Committee met February 4, 2015. Minutes on file. Berndt's report on file. Kamps asked about the bus line from Green Bay to the Keshena casino that was discussed some time ago. Wendland stated as soon as they are ready to go public, they will publish a brochure and send us copies.

Wendland will contact them again. Officer Blaskowski stated there is a phone number people can call to be picked up at a cost of \$25 if it is between Green Bay and Keshena. Luepke asked if new generator is up and running. Berndt stated it is.

Zoning Board of Appeals did not meet.

Library Board met. Librarian's report on file. Thorne pointed out a mathematical error from April to May 2014. Wussow will discuss with Librarian Allison Schultz.

Plan Commission met January 21, 2015 & February 2, 2015. Minutes on file. Item on agenda in closed session.

Fire Commission met January 21, 2015. Minutes on file. Next meeting will be Tuesday, February 17, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

K2: Extension of real estate contract with Commercial Place. This came before the Plan Commission on January 21, 2015 where it was approved unanimously. Thayer distributed a memo to Plan Commission and a memo to Village Board. Thayer questioned why we remain with Commercial Place. He stated we should try someone else since in 10 years The Commercial Place has not brought in an outside prospect. Thayer does not believe this is a good decision for our community, adding that we should get competitive quotes on financial and business issues in order to act in the best interests of our residents. He suggested we select a woman because in his opinion they are more motivated and out-going. He feels we should hold off on contract renewal for two or three months to give time to find other prospects. Wendland stated the economy is a factor and added that Shawano has many empty buildings that aren't selling. Thorne stated economy is a big factor over the last 6 years, and case studies show that neither population nor traffic count are high enough for a business to locate or relocate here. Thayer asked why we lotted out these parcels in the first place. Thorne replied that at that time the economy was more promising. Thorne reiterated that a lot has to do with economy and traffic and everything he has heard is that it's just not enough, adding that everything he's heard about Mike Kunesh is that he's trying his best to sell these properties. Thayer is looking for reports as to what Kunesh is doing. Wussow stated this should have been brought up at Plan Commission meeting. Thorne asked what Thayer would suggest we do. Thayer referred to last paragraph of his memo regarding Requests for Proposals. Thayer suggested cutting Kunesh's commission in half, however Board members felt this would reduce Kunesh's incentive to work for us and be counter-productive. Thorne stated if you change realtors and the economy and traffic count do not improve, nothing will change. Kamps moved to follow Plan Commission's recommendation and approve the extension of the Commercial Place contract. Wussow seconded, adding that this should all have been brought before the Plan Commission, not the Village Board. Luepke asked if we could get a progress report from

Kunesh. Wendland responded that we could. Berndt stated that until the economy really slowed down, he worked with Commercial Place and a number of things were accomplished: Aurora, KI, Excel Pattern, Mill Creek Log Homes. There was not this controversy because the economy was better and things were happening. Berndt added that he did hear from the realtor about an anonymous buyer but could not share it since Kunesh was unable to divulge information due to buyer anonymity. Discussion having ended, vote was taken. In favor: Wendland, Thorne, Luepke, Kamps, Wussow. Opposed: Thayer. Motion carried. Contract will renew for another year to February 28, 2016. Wussow added that we should not wait till February Plan Commission to discuss this. Discussions should begin in December to allow time for realtors to come in and make presentations.

K3: Operator's license for Vaughn Moes. Application was approved by Chief Chaney. Motion by Wussow, second by Kamps, to approve operator's license for Vaughn Moes. Motion carried.

K4: Founders Day Ad Hoc Committee. Wendland contacted two people, Renell Bartlett and Marge Qualheim; both were approved by the Plan Commission. They are still looking for one more person. Barb Wickman will continue to help. Also, two members of the Plan Commission will help deliver posters around town and the Cecil/Pulcifer area. Motion by Kamps, second by Thayer, to approve appointment of Renell Bartlett and Marge Qualheim to Founders Day Ad Hoc Committee, together with Barb Wickman. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

L1: Appointment to Boards and Commission. None.

L2: Website proposal. Statistical report from Linkability Webworx is included in Board packet. Thorne stated the "top referring sites" of Google and Facebook seem to contradict "social" as a traffic source with only 1.3% of referrals. Clerk Rusch stated that pictures of the Village will be taken in spring. Board members can come into office to preview new website. Announcement on current website will be made as time draws closer to going live.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS & TREASURER'S REPORT: Rusch explained additions of payroll, dog licenses, and tax escrow refund to the payment voucher report. Regarding the Treasurer's Report, Rusch explained the \$14,000 variance in cash allocations that began accumulating in October 2008. The original variance was approximately \$48,000, but working with a Civic System support technician, all but \$14,000 could be accounted for. Tom Karman recommended to Rusch that if the variance remains constant throughout 2015, at the end of the year they can write it off. Board felt \$14,000 was too much to write off and instructed Rusch to investigate the errors. Rusch also stated she is investigating a number of uncashed checks dating back to 2011. Motion by Wussow, second by Luepke, to approve payment vouchers and Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

K1: Move to closed session for purpose of discussing purchase of public properties. Motion by Wendland, second by Kamps, to move to closed session pursuant to Wis. State Statutes, Chapter 19, General Duties of Public Officials, Subchapter V, 19.85 Exemptions (1)(e): [Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session.] Roll call vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously. Board moved to closed session at 8:12 p.m. Berndt and Rusch were asked to attend the session.

Motion by Wussow, second by Thorne, to return to open session. Roll call vote was taken. Motion carried unanimously. Board returned to open session at 9:03 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Fire Commission	February 17, 2015	6:30 p.m.
Village Board	March 11, 2015	7:00 p.m.
Public Safety Committee	March 2, 2015	4:00 p.m.
Second meeting to discuss potential merger of Bonduel with Cecil Chamber	March 12, 2015	

Motion by Luepke, second by Thorne, to adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Willa Rusch