

VILLAGE OF BONDUEL
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
MARCH 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, Dick Sibert and Sharon Wussow.

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

MINUTES: Motion by Thorne, second by Luepke, to approve minutes of the February 11, 2015 meeting. Motion carried.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CITIZENS/OPEN FORUM: Steve Berndt, Director of Municipal Operations; Todd Chaney, Police Chief; Tom Haase, owner of Excel Pattern; Grant Staszak; and Richard Ducane of MITW Transit Services.

Haase addressed the board as a business owner who was the first to build in the industrial park. Haase asked what the vision was when the industrial park was developed, what type of businesses we want to attract, and is that vision moving forward? He's not seeing any movement or development. Berndt explained that, prior to his arrival, the business park was already established. His understanding was it was established for small commercial businesses, not heavy industrial. With the economic downturn that began a few years back, we have had difficulty finding a way to market the village. Haase mentioned the statement he's often heard about Bonduel being a "bedroom community." He would like to see more activities for youth to keep families active in the community and provide them with future job opportunities. Haase has considered expanding, however the property taxes are a major deterrent. He is concerned for the future of his business when his sons take over after his retirement and also with resale value in the event the economy crashes and he is forced to close. Berndt stated what we really need is someone who will represent and market the village to the business community. Haase agreed. Thayer stated we should instead have a more pro-active real estate agent. Haase said he will keep his ears open and also put the word out to any contacts he can.

COMMUNICATIONS: (1) Announcement for Bonduel Chamber/Business meeting. (2) Letter from Gardiner Appraisal Service regarding Gov. Walker's budget proposal. (3) Newsletter from Wisconsin Department of Administration regarding state budget proposal, CDBG and other topics.

REPORTS:

Public Safety Committee – no meeting.

Police Department report on file. Chaney stated he mentors four or five school kids on a regular basis as part of his regular duties. He also works with a non-denominational youth group in Shawano similar to the Boys & Girls Club. It is funded by area churches; the building used to be a bowling alley. Wussow thanked him for doing that. Chaney added he is touching base with kids at the school regularly. Officer Hoffmann mentored students when she was here, and Officer Blaskowski does also. Todd goes in 3 or 4 times a week for private for one-on-one contact with kids for 10-15 minute each. Wussow questioned the weapon offense at school. Chaney said it involved a younger student where a knife was found in a locker or backpack. It ended up being really nothing. Usually school administration handles those internally. They also continue to have canine searches there and most have been clean. In the next few days enforcement action will be taken on fire inspection violations.

Fire Department report on file. Report includes photo of new UTV and photo received during training sessions of equipment that would be used in grain bin rescue. Brad Hoeffs approved as new firefighter but the department could still use more people.

EMS report on file.

Administrative Committee did not meet. Clerk's report on file.

Municipal Operations Committee met Monday, March 9. Municipal Operations report on file. Included was a letter from Wisconsin Rural Water Association announcing that the Village of Bonduel has been nominated for the Water System of the Year award. Also included is a sketch of the Cedar Park bathroom. The building has sustained extensive damage due to frost. The wall on south end of building is broken up badly, door frame is bent and door can't close because wall is pushed up, walls are tipped in toward center in rest room areas. Berndt has advised the Bat & Ball Club and schools to stay out of building. Porta-potties will be available temporarily since games start in approximately three weeks. Berndt's initial impression is that we will have to replace the building. A representative from Bay Architects will take a look at it and provide a professional opinion. Cost is not covered by insurance since damage is due to earth movement. The sudden warm weather apparently caused the earth movement that caused the damage. Official determination would not come until we actually file a claim. New urinals were installed in a couple weeks ago before this happened. Berndt hopes to have answers by next week and may need a special board meeting to decide whether to repair existing building or replace it and get bids. Even if we repair it, the same thing could happen again. It happened many years ago but to a much smaller degree - nothing near this extent. Thorne suggested contacting the Bat & Ball Club and school for a joint meeting once it is determined what needs to be done.

Wussow questioned training on overtime log. Matt and Jeremy attended Rural Water's annual training in Plover. This training is required in order to maintain their license.

Zoning Board of Appeals, Library Board, Plan Commission – no meetings. Fire Commission met and their minutes are included in the Board packet.

NEW BUSINESS:

K1: Request for proposals to inspect and clean water tower. Municipal Operations Committee approved going ahead with it. Rueckert & Mielke gave estimate of approximate \$18,000. Copies provided by Berndt. Cost is budgeted in utilities - repairs to water plant. The DNR requires this be done every five years. Berndt explained tasks involved and cost for each, totaling \$18,000. This is what is known as the "10-year draw down." Every other 5-year cycle the tower must be emptied when the procedure is done. Motion by Luepke, second by Thayer, to go ahead with proposals to inspect and clean the water tower. Motion carried. Wussow asked what engineering services for "request for proposals" is. Berndt explained the \$18,000 is engineer's estimate of costs. It could be more or less, depending on what the contractor finds. Bids still have to be approved by the Board.

K2: Request to install street light on N. Jefferson Street. A diagram from WE energies was included with the Board packet. This is the dead end off of East State Street. An approximate cost of \$4,800 was given by WE energies. Municipal Operations Committee recommended it for approval. New street light has been requested by property owners over the last few years. Kamps asked if there are funds for this. Berndt stated there is a street light budget. Motion by Thayer, second by Luepke, to approve a new street light on N. Jefferson Street at a cost of \$4,800. Motion carried.

K3: Modify computer system for Badger Meter program. Berndt stated they been having a lot of problems with the electronic meter reading system. Tech support from Badger Meter states the Readcenter software is getting "creep" from other programs over to the meter software which is causing the problems. Originally we were instructed to have it on a stand-alone computer, but when we purchased the server the electronic meter reading system was put on the server. If Badger goes down during off-hours or weekends, Municipal Operations workers can't get into the program because they can't get into the server. A stand-alone computer would have minimal problems. We would need about \$2,000 to \$2,500 for a new computer and for tech support to remove the program from the server and place it on the stand-alone computer. Badger will handle the entire process to ensure it is set up correctly and functioning properly. Badger tech support states the server is overloaded, so by removing the meter program, it may improve server performance. Purchase was approved by the Municipal Operations Committee. Motion by Luepke, second by Thayer, to approve modification of the computer system for the Badger Meter program. Motion carried.

K4: Menominee Regional Public Transit. Rich Ducane from Menominee Indian Transit Services presented information about their bus service. They make two stops in Bonduel, at the main intersection and at the park-and-ride behind Burger King. The route is from Keshena-Shawano-Bonduel-Pulaski-Green Bay and in reverse. MITW is working on brochures but waiting till everything is all set. Their webpage is www.mitwbus.com. Fare is \$5 (\$10 round trip) for a regular rider and \$2.50 for senior citizen or disabled (\$5 round trip). Many stops are medical-based. Routes begin at 4:00 a.m. with a complete route taking roughly 3½ to 4 hours. Saturdays there are only two routes. All vehicles ADA equipped. Wussow asked him to write an article for Bonduel Communicator. He distributed schedule which showed all stops on route. MITW will develop signs once everything is set.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

L1: Appointments to Boards and Commissions. None.

L2: Website proposal. In progress. New photos to be taken in spring. No Board members have come into the Clerk's office to view the proposed website.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS & TREASURER'S REPORT: Rusch explained the correction that was made to the cash allocations variance discussed at last meeting. She also researched and corrected uncashed checks dating back to 2011, reducing the total from approximately \$1,200 to \$125. Motion by Kamps, second by Sibert, to approve the payments and Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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| Fire Commission | March 17, 2015 6:30 p.m. | Fire Station |
| Public Safety Committee | April 6, 2015 | 4:00 p.m. Village Hall |
| Election | April 7, 2015 | |
| Village Board | April 8, 2015 | 7:00 p.m. Village Hall |
| Chamber/Bus. Meeting | March 12, 2015 6:30 p.m. | Village Hall |

Possible Special Board Meeting next week or week after, depending upon recommendations for Cedar Park.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Willa Rusch, Clerk