

VILLAGE OF BONDUEL  
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2020

Following the Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence, President Russ Gehm called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Gehm read a statement regarding the posting of the meeting.

Present: Russ Gehm, Renell Bartlett, Tim Kelley, Brenda Staszak, Randy Wenstadt, Barb Wickman, and Kay Zuleger.

AGENDA: Motion by Bartlett, second by Wenstadt, to approve the agenda as presented and deviate from the order as necessary. Motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES. Motion by Kelley, second by Bartlett, to approve minutes from the February 12, 2020, Village Board Meetings with noted changes. Motion carried Unanimously.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CITIZENS AND OPEN FORUM: Rodney Hoppe, EMS; Michelle Maroszek, Clerk; Jim Welcing, Interim Director of Municipal Operations; Jesse Rankin, Director of Municipal Operations Candidate; Allison Schultz, Bonduel Library; Kay Hottenstine, Village Resident.

REPORTS:

Library Board. Allison Schultz shared with the Board that the numbers are up at the library. With the Library being part of Shawano, the budget has allowed the library to obtain more books and supplies. Overall things are running smoothly with the library.

K4. Approval of Dog Park Site. The Municipal Operations committee has been discussing the idea of offering a Dog Park in the Village for residents to use. The committee is looking for Board approval to proceed with the Dog Park and the location at Cedar Park behind the pond on the west side. Kay Hottenstine will be working on fundraising efforts to get needed items for the Dog Park. Motion by Zuleger, Second by Staszak, to approve the Dog Park and the site at Cedar Park. Motion carried unanimously.

L1. Closed Session. Motion by Staszak, second by Zuleger, to move to closed session for the purpose of interviewing and possible hiring of candidate for the Director of Municipal Operations position. Inviting Clerk Maroszek and DMO Candidate Jesse Rankin [Pursuant to Wis. State Statutes, Chapter 19, General Duties of Public Officials, subchapter V, 19.85 exemptions (1)(c): Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.] Roll call vote was taken. Motion carried unanimously. Board moved to closed session at 6:11 p.m.

Motion by Barb, second by Kelley, to return to open session. Roll call vote was taken. Motion carried unanimously. Board returned to open session at 6:24 p.m.

Motion by Staszak, second by Wenstadt, to approve the hiring of Jesse Rankin as the new Director of Municipal Operations, starting on March 5, 2020, at a salary of \$59,000 per year with an increase to \$61,000 per year with a favorable six-month review. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Safety Committee. Report on File. A few items have moved to the Board for approval.

Police Department Report. Report on File.

Fire Department Report. Report on File.

Fire Commission. The Fire Commission is working with Shawano and Keshena departments to create a training facility in Shawano to be used by all departments. All costs would be split among the three departments and would come out of the Fireman's checking fund.

EMS Report. Reports on file. The agreement with the Village of Cecil and Town of Washington is going well. The EMS has established protocol with these municipalities. The Town of Washington has extra EMS supplies that will be given to Bonduel EMS.

Administrative Committee. The committee will be meeting this month with all employees to look at the Wisconsin Retirement System and to answer any questions. The committee will then review the retirement program and make recommendations to the Board.

Clerk Report. Report of File. Spring Primary was on February 18<sup>th</sup>, the Village had 120 voters. Have already began the training and preparation for the April 7<sup>th</sup> election. The LRIP Grant switch from Second Street to Legion Street was approved by the State. The Legion Street Bid advertisement will run the next two weeks, and bid opening will be on March 26<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.

Municipal Operations Committee. Municipal Operations has had several meetings on hiring the new Director of Municipalities. A resident asked about the size of the Village's snow bucket, and if the Village could get a larger one to speed up snow removal. After looking into the tractor and the size of the buckets, the current bucket is the maximum size allowed for the Village tractor. The MLS Grant money was awarded, and unfortunately, the Village did not receive any of the grant money.

Municipal Operations Director Report. Report on file. Welcing reported that the SCADA system will need the Windows 10 update.

K6. Recycling Center. Municipal Operations has reviewed the recycling center and hours of operation. The committee would like to gate off the recycle center leaving the yard waste and brush area open 24/7 with no attendant. The new hours on Saturday would be 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Wednesday's will stay the same for the month of April, workers will watch the traffic flow on Wednesday. The office will post the changes on Facebook and website. Wenstadt would like to eliminate Wednesdays effective immediately. After further discussion the Board agreed to leave Wednesdays open for the month of April and then re-evaluate. Motion by Bartlett, second by Staszak, to gate off the compost and brush piles, changing Saturday recycle center hours to 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. starting April 1<sup>st</sup>, and leaving Wednesday hours the same for the month of April. Motion carried unanimously.

K1. Part-time officer pay scale and probationary status policy. Chief Krause put together a part-time officer pay scale and probationary status policy. The pay scale would be based on years of prior law enforcement experience. Motion by Staszak, second by Kelley, to approve the part-time officer pay scale and probationary status policy. Motion carried unanimously.

K2. Resolution to amend the Village Bond Schedule. Motion by Wickman, second by Bartlett, to introduce Resolution 2020-07, to amend the Village Bond Schedule to remove the skateboard fees and add the new ATV/UTV fees. Roll call vote was taken. Motion carried unanimously.

K3. Elimination of office assistant position. The part-time office assistant position that was originally created with the 2020 Budget is no longer needed with changing the Deputy Clerk to full-time status. Motion by Bartlett, second Kelley, to eliminate the newly created office assistant position. Motion carried unanimously.

K5. Community Gardens. Randy Wenstadt has offered to chair the Community Gardens for the 2020 season. The deadline for plot applications will be April 30<sup>th</sup>. Motion by Wickman, second by Bartlett, to have Randy Wenstadt serve as the Community Garden Chairperson for 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

M. Approval of Payments. Motion by Wickman, second by Staszak, to approve the March payments and to have President Gehm review the payments for final approval. Motion carried unanimously.

N. Treasurer's Report. Motion by Wickman, second by Bartlett, approve the February Treasurer's report. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Staszak, second by Wickman, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Michelle Maroszek, Clerk/Treasurer