

VILLAGE OF BONDUEL
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2024

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

Gehm read the statement regarding the posting of the meeting.

PRESENT: Andrew Court, Russ Gehm, Kay Hottenstine, Matt Pleshek, Brenda Staszak and Kay Zuleger. Via teleconference: Tim Kelley.

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

MINUTES: Motion by Court, second by Zuleger, to approve the minutes from the August 28, 2024, Special Village Board Meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CITIZENS AND OPEN FORUM: Jesse Rankin, Director of Municipal Operations; Keith Fischer, Police Chief; Rodney Hoppe, EMS Director; and Ken Van Den Plas, Village Resident.

Ken Van Den Plas, 138 N First St., expressed his concern with the recent installation of no parking signs on the west side of First Street. Van Den Plas, does not understand what the need is for the no parking from State Street and Green Bay Street. During the construction of Hwy 117, the traffic on First Street was busy and no parking was warranted, but he does not feel it is needed any longer. When the road was widened, it was designed to accommodate parking on both sides of the road and for traffic to safely pass through. Chief Fischer stated he had asked the Board to have the street signed for no parking on the West side due to the increased traffic and accidents. Fischer will assess the traffic, and will discuss with the Board, to possibly reconsider some of the no parking on the West side of First Street, between State Street and Green Bay Street.

REPORTS:

Police Department Report. Report on file. The Student Resource Officer discussion with the School District has been going well and Chief Fisher feels the both parties are getting closer to an agreement on what the position should look like.

Fire Department Report. Report on file.

EMS Report. Report on file. Hoppe shared that the EMS has responded to 219 calls to date this year. The By-Laws were changed at the last meeting to include members were not allowed to carry firearms on scene, even with a concealed carry license. This was added for the safety of all involved at the scene. The EMS is looking for new members, particularly in the Towns of Hartland and Washington and Village of Cecil. The EMS will be at the Bonduel Founder's Day again this year, coordinating the Flight for Life.

Clerk/Treasurer Report. Report on file. Working with Ehlers to get all needed items for the creation of the two new TIDs. Absentee ballots will be sent out next week for the November election.

Municipal Operations Department Report. Report on file. Town of Hartland has started working on Porter Road, the construction crew milled up a portion of South Street that is in the Village limits. Hartland will be repaving the portion at their expense. The ball park lights at Village Park will be installed the week of September 16th, John Reinke has secured \$20,000 from the ball clubs and booster club to put toward the lights. Sunrise Court is under construction and should be on schedule.

Fire Commission. Minutes on file.

NEW BUSINESS

K1. Discussion and possible action signage application for 154 N Cecil St., LK Reflections Salon. LK Reflections Salon has applied to install steel letter signage on building at 154 N Cecil Street. The Plan Commission has reviewed the signage for all requirements and has recommended approval of the sign. Motion by Hottenstine, second by Staszak, to approve the die cut steel letter signage for LK Reflections Salon at 154 N Cecil Street. Motion carried unanimously.

K2. Discussion and possible action on Village trick-or-treating hours. Last year the hours were from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Halloween. Motion by Court, second by Zuleger, to hold Village trick-or-treating hours from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Thursday, October 31, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

K3. Discussion and possible action on 2025 Budget. The Board reviewed the general fund, capital equipment and capital project fund numbers. Chief Fischer presented the budget numbers for the police department if the Board were to consider moving forward with the School Resource Officer with the Bonduel School District. Chief Fischer and the School have discussed a 10-year contract, with the first two years being paid mostly by the school to get the position started. In year three, the Village would be looking at approximately a \$20,000 increase to the budget for the SRO position. The school would like the SRO to start fall of 2025,

which would mean the Village would need to determine how to proceed in this budget year. Chief Fischer is still working out a few details with the school and the numbers but should have more information by the next meeting. By consensus the Board agreed to move the agenda item to the Special Board meeting on September 25th to review numbers again.

K4. Discussion and possible action on 2025 TID Budget. Preliminary numbers have been entered for the TID budget. Maroszek is checking with Ehlers on fees for next year with the creation of the two new TIDs. By consensus the Board agreed to move the agenda item to the Special Board meeting on September 25th to review numbers again.

K5. Discussion and possible action on 2025 Water and Sewer Utility Budgets. Rankin review the preliminary numbers with the Board. Numbers are a work in progress, but will be more solidified by the next meeting. By consensus the Board agreed to move the agenda item to the Special Board meeting on September 25th to review numbers again.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

L1. Discussion and possible action on appointments to Board, Commissions and Committees. No new appoints to present at this meeting. Maroszek asked if the office could post the openings on Facebook for Plan Commission and Fire Commission. By consensus the Board agreed to post the openings on Facebook and to move the agenda item to the October meeting.

L2. Discussion and possible action on full-time School Resource Officer with the Village. By consensus the Board agreed to dismiss agenda item, since it was already discussed with the 2025 Budget numbers.

K3. Closed Session. Motion by Court, second by Pleshek, to move to closed session for approximately five minutes to discuss possible business development. Inviting Michelle Maroszek, Jesse Rankin, and Chief Keith Fischer, to attend. [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. Court-Aye, Hottenstine-Aye, Kelley-Aye, Pleshek-Aye, Staszak-Aye, Zuleger-Aye, and Gehm-Aye. Motion carried unanimously. Board moved to closed session at 6:58 p.m.

Motion by Court, second by Pleshek, to return to open session. Roll call vote was taken. Court-Aye, Hottenstine-Aye, Kelley-Aye, Pleshek-Aye, Staszak-Aye, Zuleger-Aye, and Gehm-Aye. Motion carried unanimously. Board returned to open session at 7:06 p.m.

M. Approval of Payments. Motion by Pleshek, second by Hottenstine, to approve the monthly payments for September 2024 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

N. Treasurer’s Report. Motion by Court, second by Zuleger, to approve the August 2024 Treasurer’s report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS- Upcoming meetings were discussed.

Motion by Zuleger, second by Staszak to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Maroszek, Clerk/Treasurer