

John Zouski, Village President called to order the February 4, 2014 Board Meeting at 7:30 P.M. in the Municipal Building.

Roll Call: Dan Reid, Angela Wiese, Dorothy Caves, Wayne Cummings, Amanda Gear and Jeffrey Reabe

Motion by Wiese, second by Caves to approve the agenda as submitted with the addition of Item C: Items To Be Acted Upon to approve moving the Portage County MABAS to the Waushara County MABAS. Motion carried.

Motion by Wiese, second by Gear to approve the minutes from the January 7, 2014 Board Meeting. Motion carried.

Guests: Charyn Schultz, Aaron Kumferman, Dean Wiese, Dan Miller, Ed Makaryk, Chris Anderson and Gary Hill; reporter for the Waushara Argus.

Wiese and Miller said they attended a Waushara County Fire Chiefs Assoc. meeting and were very concerned that the county is considering downsizing it's ambulance service. They are looking into hiring a private service firm called Gold Cross. If they were to go with a private service their would not be an ambulance stationed in Plainfield, Hancock or Coloma, only in Wautoma. Wiese and Miller said this would be very bad for these small communities not to have this service. He said the response time for an ambulance call would be longer and the firefighters who respond to a call would have to do more for the patient until the ambulance arrives. Wiese and Miller urged all Village Board members to contact the County Board members, especially the ones on the Public Safety Committee and tell them not to change our ambulance service.

Motion by Reid, second by Caves to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Reabe said he had received the 2013 year end report from the Fire Dept. He said the Police Dept. is still looking to replace the squad car. Reabe suggested maybe finding a low mileage Crown Vic like we have now and keeping our old car and using it for parts when needed. Other options were to purchase a new Dodge Charger, Ford SUV or a Chevy Impala. Most of these new car prices would be approx. \$24,000 - \$30,000.

Items For Discussion:

Gear opened and read the Land Lease bids that were received. They were as follows: Bacon Farms (\$220.00/acre & \$40.00/acre) for a total of \$33,940.00; Olsen's Mill (\$200.00/acre & \$35.00/acre) for a total of \$29,020.00; John Schurk (\$185.00/acre & \$10.00/acre) for a total of \$26,575.00; Robert Ellefson (\$306.00/acre & \$100.00/acre) for a total of \$44,958.00; J & J Family Farms (\$125.00/acre & \$41.00/acre) for a total of \$18,367.00; Nationwide Distributors (\$220.00/acre & \$100.00/acre) for a total of \$32,660.00; Wysocki Produce (\$290.00/acre & \$50.00/acre) for a total of \$42,070.00; Chris Anderson (\$245.00/acre & \$50.00/acre) for a total of \$35,635.00; and Zuehls Farms (\$208.00/acre & \$43.00/acre) for a total of \$30,260.00. These bids were for a three year lease.

Items To Be Acted Upon:

Motion by Reid, second by Reabe to approve the bid for the Land Lease for three years from Robert Ellefson for \$44,958.00 per year provided all conditions are met with the Land Lease contract. Motion carried.

Motion by Wiese, second by Gear to approve a building permit for Ray Gerard (429 S. Main St.) bathroom remodel. Motion carried.

Motion by Caves, second by Reabe to approve moving the Portage County MABAS (Mutual Aid Box Alarm System) to Waushara County for the Fire Department. Motion carried. Angela Wiese abstained from voting.

Motion by Wiese, second by Caves to adjourn at 8:15 P.M. Motion carried.

Brenda Black
Village Clerk