

John Zouski, Village President called to order the Village Board Meeting on January 2, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building.

Roll Call: Amanda Gear, Wayne Cummings, Randy Zettelmeier, John Roesener, Cathy Jo Boyd and Jerry Lauer.

Motion by Lauer to approve the agenda with the following additions to items for discussion. C. PSC Notice to Customers and D. Ice Skating Rink in Village. Motion carried.

Motion by Gear, second by Roesener to approve the minutes from December 5, 2017. Motion carried.

Guests: Alva Gear, Dan Miller, Ed Makaryk, JD Zouski and Kevin Fenske

Motion by Lauer, second by Gear to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Zettelmeier said he has been checking on prices for a new pickup truck for the Village. He has contacted Scaffidi Motors and they have a 2017 F350 truck for \$32,500.00. Zettelmeier said he has also been getting prices on a new big plow truck for the Village. He has looked a couple of trucks with plows and sanders and has been comparing prices. The Village needs a truck with a wing plow and a sander if we are to purchase one. Zettelmeier will have something on these trucks to put on the agenda for approval at the February meeting.

Items For Discussion:

Our farm lease is up for this year and the board would like to see it be extended to more years such as 3, 5 or even 10 years long. A few area farmers have been interested in growing alfalfa on the acreage, but need more time for the lease for it to benefit them.

Cummings questioned the PSC Water Utility letter that was mailed to residents this month with their water and sewer bills. He asked if we had to do the Water Tower project and why it was so much money. JD explained that we do not have to do a completely new Water Tower. After talking with Lane Tank Company who does our annual 5 year inspections they said that we do not need to build a larger tower as we do not have enough water usage to keep up with a larger tower and it would therefore freeze up more easily. He said that the new ice machines that are installed in larger water towers do not work very well. As of right now our present water tower only needs approx. \$80,000.00 of repairs to make bring it up to compliance. If the new project goes into effect it would raise our resident's water and sewer bills by \$15.00 per household.

This is not feasible to our residents; many are on fixed incomes and families that would not be able to afford such an increase.

The last item discussed was putting in an outside ice skating rink in the Village for kids and adults to enjoy. Some possible places to put in one would be over the Waterman Park slab, or in Veteran's Park somewhere. Cummings asked the Clerk to look into what the liability on this would be if someone were to get hurt on it.

Items To Be Acted Upon:

Motion by Lauer, second by Gear to approve the building permit for Robert Mullen (631 Ruffalo Drive) and Louis Schultz (208 N. Beach St.) new roofs. Motion carried.

Motion by Zouski, second by Lauer to approve operator's license for Howard Timmerman for R-Bar N Grill. Motion carried.

Motion by Gear, second by Lauer to adjourn at 7:25 p.m. Motion carried.

Brenda Black

Village Clerk