

**VALDERS VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 9, 2022**

Followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call; the regular monthly meeting of the Valders Village Board was called to order by President Schneider at 7:00PM at the Valders Village Office 207 S. Liberty Street. Trustees present: Paul Baroun, Marcus Bartelme, John Regan, Devan Schneider & Lyle Schwoerer.

MEETING CONVENED &  
ROLL CALL

Motion by Regan, second by Baroun to adopt the agenda. Motion carried.

AGENDA APPROVED

Public Input: Peggy Ryan spoke about the potential relocation, restoration, or replacement of the Veblen Historical Marker in the Village Park. Ryan provided copies of letters from the Manitowoc County Historical Society and the State Department of Transportation regarding the relocation of the marker to the Village Park in early 1980's of the 1970 marker which was formerly located at a Wayside on US Hwy 10. The existing aluminum marker is 54" by 64" is in very poor shape & likely can't be restored. A historical group in Door County where there is another Veblen historical site location was offended by the negative wording on the sign. If the sign is to be replaced and reworded in the future, it will need to first be approved by the State & Island Heritage Conservancy. Peggy thanked the board for hearing her concerns about the marker, and to please consider future action to be taken.

PUBLIC INPUT

VEBLEN HISTORICAL  
MARKER

Steve Casarez introduced himself to the board & offered to answer any questions board may have regarding the rail spur agreement for property located at 271 West Washington Street to be presented to the board tonight. Motion by Bartelme, second by Regan to close public input. Motion carried.

RAIL SPUR CASAREZ

Motion by Regan, second by Baroun to approve minutes from 4/11/2022 as presented by Clerk/Treasurer Bruckner. Motion carried.

MINUTES APPROVED

Motion by Bartelme, second by Regan to approve the April Treasurer's reports as presented by Bruckner for all department funds. Motion carried.

TREASURER REPORT  
APPROVED

Motion by Regan, second by Bartelme to approve April Village vouchers; check #19886 - #19983 and electronic payments totaling \$179,737.42 as presented by Bruckner. Motion carried.

VILLAGE VOUCHERS  
APPROVED

Motion by Bartelme, second by Baroun to approve April Utility vouchers; check #8651 - #8657 and electronic transfers totaling \$72,489.44 and #1062 for \$3,600 as presented by Bruckner. Motion carried.

UTILITY VOUCHERS  
APPROVED

President Schneider recommended no changes to committee assignments as there was no change in our elected officials.

NO CHANGES TO  
CURRENT COMMITTEES

The Village is still seeking residents to serve as members on the Valders Plan Commission and Zoning Board to fill three vacant positions, which meet infrequently.

VILLAGE SEEKING  
RESIDENTS TO SERVE  
ON PLAN COMMISSION  
& ZONING BOARD

The board discussed the request to restore/replace/relocate the Thorstein Veblen Historical Marker in the park. Village meeting minutes from 1979-1981 were reviewed & there was not any official discussion or action found regarding the relocation, nor any notification that it would become the Villages financial responsibility once moved to the park. It has been assumed it was responsibility of the Historical Society. The board decided to postpone any further discussion or action until further research and ideas can be formulated for the historical marker.

VEBLEN HISTORICAL  
MARKER MATTER  
POSTPONED TO  
RESEARCH FURTHER

The board received an update on the Upper Ball Diamond Rejuvenation Project plan from Schneider. Meeting held with representatives from the School District, Valders Area Sports Association, Sport Coaches, and Schneider in April and will hold another meeting in May. They currently have formulated a five-phase plan.

UPDATE ON UPPER  
SOFTBALL DIAMOND  
REJUVENATION  
PROJECT

1) Remove Replace Fence/Dugouts/Move Scoreboard, 2) Move Electrical Base and Replace Field Lights, 3) New Infield & Drainage, 4) New Batting Cage and 5) Build a New shelter with Upgraded Restrooms. There is a Potential Donation to get the project started. These multi-cooperative proposed projects will take many years to raise the funds and to complete the various phases.

The board reviewed & accepted the design for a new Memorial Park Entrance Sign which was designed and has been offered to be donated by Valders Stone & Marble, with the condition they can utilize the Community Center on a few weekdays annually for specific company training/meetings. Motion by Schneider, second by Bartelme to accept the design with weekday use of the center at no charge. Motion carried. Bruckner noted regular nonprofit users of the facility may be asked to change the date/time of their group functions to accommodate the future use dates of the company.

VALDERS STONE &  
MARBLE DONATE NEW  
PARK SIGN &  
APPROVED DESIGN  
PRESENTED

The board reviewed the agreement between the Village of Valders and Casarez Family Trust pertaining to the rail spur which allows the Village at our cost to take out the roadway/sidewalk spur track sections prior to future roadwork to be done on Washington Street. It also allows the current or any future owner to reinstall a new rail spur in the future at their cost with remediation of any Village infrastructure & conforms to Railway Authority Specifications. Motion by Bartelme, second by Regan to approve the agreement as presented. Motion carried.

APPROVED CASAREZ  
RAIL SPUR AGREEMENT

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Stephanie reviewed the April report with the board. All park bathrooms are open. Staff addressed a water runoff problem at the upper park, working with the School District a new flume was installed to help redirect storm water from undermining the school's track shed. Park playground equipment and picnic tables were inspected, repairs needed will be completed as time allows. While filling potholes staff discovered some severely deteriorated catch basins & manholes. Repairs were made using concrete purchased from a contractor working in the area. Staff is working with CMSD's contractor for Brennan Road & Schuler Street ditches to be cleaned up and repaired. Cold weather has prevented hydrant flushing; it is expected to start in May. Flushing of the collection system will coincide with hydrant flushing to reduce water loss. Our new State DNR Basin Engineer informed us that they don't expect to issue the new WWTP discharge permit until October. We are still waiting for supplies to start the pump replacement project at the WWTP. The contracted repairs to the collection system have been completed by Northern Pipe.

DPW PUBLIC WORKS  
MONTHLY REPORT

Valders Public Utilities will be implementing the acceptance of ACH payments for customer quarterly utility bills (E-bills recently implemented will be required) beginning with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Bills which are due in October. The board reviewed the Direct Payment form & asked questions. Those interested should sign up by September 1<sup>st</sup>. A monthly fee for this service will be charged by our bank, however we will be saving postage as those customer bills will be emailed and after initial implementation data entry it will also reduce staff time each quarterly cycle.

VPU WILL ACCEPT ACH  
PAYMENTS FOR UTILITY  
BILLS STARTING WITH  
THE 3RD QUARTER 2022

The board discussed placing out on bid asphalt replacement of 1200' feet of Brennan Road utilizing LRIP Grant Funds & Street Replacement Funds for the project. Bruckner noted this road will be the main alternate route to get to school, residences on Wilson & Kennedy and the recycle center when Adams and Washington Street Replacement Project is underway in the future. Motion by Baroun, second by Schwoerer to approve to put the Brennan Road Project out for bid with bid opening to be at the June meeting. Motion carried.

APPROVED BRENNAN  
ROAD PROJECT TO BE  
PUT OUT FOR BID

Fire/EMS Reports for April were presented by Christopher Dallas, Fire Chief & EMS Director. Fire & EMS had 51 calls for service; 19 were no transports. The new remount ambulance has been delivered & the radio is installed. It is currently getting lettering & graphics package installed. It is expected to be in service by mid-May. Fire Station Ducts were cleaned. A Village Radio Channel was placed back in service and all radios were reprogrammed to add the channel.

MONTHLY FIRE AND  
EMS REPORTS AND  
UPDATES

The board reviewed the Manitowoc County Sheriff's patrol logs & invoice for April.

PATROL LOGS/INVOICE  
REVIEWED FOR MCSD

The board discussed with Dallas a recommendation by the Fire Department to order a 2023 Chevy 3500 Pickup Truck to replace Utility #30 sold last year for \$42,500. Municipal pricing has not yet been released, but it is expected there will be a 15-30% markup from last year's municipal prices. Pricing presented by Dallas of \$60,600 is without municipal discounts. The ordering window is anticipated before our next meeting and only for a limited time. Dallas suggested for the board to approve a spending cap of \$48,000 to be set. The sale proceeds were transferred into the replacement fund last year. The total purchase price will be transferred out of the Fire Replacement Fund and no loan is needed. Motion by Baroun, second by Regan to approve to order the replacement when pricing is released with a spending cap of \$48,000. Motion carried. Schneider abstained from entire matter as he is a member of the fire department.

APPROVED FIRE  
UTILITY #30  
REPLACEMENT TO BE  
ORDERED

Motion by Schwoerer, second by Bartelme to a approve a six-month Class B Beer License for the Valders Area Sports Association; Brian Ulness, Agent, for the two ball diamond shelters at the Valders Memorial Park for the upcoming baseball season. Motion carried.

APPROVED CLASS B  
BEER LICENSE FOR  
VASA

Bruckner reported many pet owners in the Village for dogs and cats have still not complied with annual license requirement by April 1<sup>st</sup>. There was notification in all newspapers in the County by the County Clerk, reminder on Valders Utility Bills at the end of December and a notification in your tax bill of this requirement. Tenant notifications also were sent to apartments known to allow pets. On April 6<sup>th</sup> Bruckner sent out 35 final notification letters for over 70 know animals with a compliance deadline of April 29<sup>th</sup> and a \$15 per animal late penalty. Several pet owners still have not responded to the notification, it is municipal, county and state code regulation and are still not licensed as of today. Bruckner would like law enforcement to proceed from this point. Motion by Schneider, second by Bartelme to approve the Manitowoc County Sherriff's Department to utilize a patrol shift to contact & issue potential citations to pet owners not in license compliance by 5/20/22. Motion carried.

APPROVED MCSD TO  
CONTACT UNLICENSED  
PET OWNERS

Motion by Schneider, second by Bartelme to adjourn at 8:11PM. Motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Respectfully submitted,  
VILLAGE OF VALDERS

Lori Bruckner,  
Village Clerk/Treasurer

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