

**VALDERS VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JULY 8, 2024**

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, Dan Sabel, Devan Schneider & Lyle Schwoerer.

MEETING CONVENED &
ROLL CALL

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

AGENDA APPROVED

No one was present for public input. Motion by Baroun, second by Bartelme to close. Motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT

Motion by Sabel, second by Baroun to approve meeting minutes from 6/10/24 as presented by Clerk/Treasurer Bruckner. Motion carried.

MINUTES APPROVED

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

TREASURER REPORT
APPROVED

Motion by Sabel, second by Bartelme to approve June Village, Fire, EMS payroll direct deposit vouchers #1276 - #1310; checks #21869 - #21907 and electronic payments totaling \$111,179.90 as presented by Bruckner. Motion carried.

VILLAGE VOUCHERS
APPROVED

Motion by Baroun, second by Bartelme to approve June Utility vouchers; check #8962 - #8971 totaling \$24,938.98 as presented by Bruckner. Motion carried.

UTILITY VOUCHERS
APPROVED

The board discussed a request received from the American Legion Post 477 in St. Nazianz for a Valders municipal location to store their safe for ceremonial rifles for Military Honors. After brief discussion and possible liability insurance concerns and expressed it should be stored in St. Nazianz, a motion by Schneider, second by Schwoerer to deny the request. Motion carried.

DENIED REQUEST TO
STORE ST. NAZIANZ
AMERICAN LEGION
RIFLES ON VILLAGE
PROPERTY

The board reviewed the Manitowoc County patrol logs and invoice for June.

PATROL LOGS/INVOICE
REVIEWED FOR MCSD

Fire/EMS Reports for June were presented by Christopher Dallas, Fire Chief & EMS Director. There were 43 Fire & EMS calls; 8 were invalid or cancelled enroute. Dallas announced the EMS is having a good year financially year to date, with increased calls. Dallas would like to meet with a member of the Finance Committee and Public Safety Chair later in August to start working on the 2025 budgets.

MONTHLY FIRE AND
EMS REPORTS AND
UPDATES

The board then reviewed at length recommendation reports after our emergency warning sirens were inspected in late spring. Siren 1 located at the Village Office from the 1960's or earlier is in good working condition, however two-story buildings block sound as it is non-rotating and the building interior wiring is arcing and a potential fire hazard. Their recommendation is to take this siren out of service and replace Siren 2 at Well 2 on South Adams Street, which is from 2006. This siren is a better location, higher and sound coverage reaches the entire community with the single siren. It has been recommended to replace it rather than make the necessary repairs to it based on its age for an estimated total cost of \$11,634. It will also save on future annual inspection and maintenance costs with only one siren. Bruckner reported the Village has \$9,625 saved in replacement & a Certificate of Deposit maturing in January of 2025, plus we can allocate \$2,000 of the 2025 budget replacement amount for the balance needed. After discussion, motion Schneider, second by Bartelme to purchase a new siren from Federal Signal Safety and Security Systems installed by Emergency Communication Systems for a total cost of \$11,634 to be installed at the Well 2 location in early 2025. Further Siren 1 will be placed for sale on Wisconsin Surplus and then decommissioned, with sale proceeds put toward the cost of the new siren and the balance from replacement funds. Motion carried.

APPROVED TO ORDER
NEW SIREN AT
LOCATION #2 AND HAVE
ONLY 1 SIREN IN THE
VILLAGE SIREN #1 WILL
BE DECOMMISSIONED

Shillcox reviewed the June report with the board. A crack filling machine was rented two days and our staff crack filled curb/gutter joints on Melody Lane, East Roosevelt and W Washington. Northeast Asphalt completed milling and repaving Kennedy Street. The LRIP Grant will be now be submitted to receive the reward of \$10,666, toward the total project bid cost of \$59,600. Several storms with high winds resulted in tree cleanup throughout the Village. Large amounts of brush have therefore accumulated at the Compost Center. Our staff will chip and haul as time allows between other duties. The water heater in the laboratory building at the Wastewater Plant was replaced. The Parkson pilot sand filter equipment is scheduled to arrive July 8th for our trial use for phosphorus reduction.

DPW PUBLIC WORKS
MONTHLY REPORT

The Valders Public Water System has an opportunity to file a claim in a nationwide litigation between the law firm of Napoli Shkolnik and the companies of 3M and DuPont to possibly recover compensation associated with expenses due to per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). 3M & DuPont are some of several companies associated with manufacturing PFAS. A claim would need to be filed in the online system by 7/12/24 to receive any compensation associated with a potential settlement. The EPA has announced new PFAS compliance level of 4 parts per trillion which water systems are struggling to meet and will have to make significant upgrades to their operations or search for new water sources to meet these mandates. Motion by Baroun, second by Schneider to submit a claim. Motion carried.

APPROVED TO SUBMIT
A CLAIM FOR PFAS
CLASS ACTION LAW
SUITS

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Discussion on Collins State Bank Certificates of Deposits (CD) postponed as current Money Market Investment rates still higher than CD rates for various Utility Funds.

Motion by Schwoerer, second by Schneider to approve a Temporary Class B Fermented Malt Beverage License for the period of 8/2/24-8/4/24 for the Valders Lions Club for the Valders Community Picnic held at the Valders Memorial Park. Motion carried.

APPROVED ANNUAL
PICNIC LICENSE

The board discussed the vacant position of part time Administrative Assistant position since November of 2023 at length, including title and duties to assist the Village Clerk/Treasurer with various administrative duties workload. Motion by Schneider, second by Bartelme to repost and publish the position changing the rate of pay from \$15 per hour to up to \$18 per hour dependent on qualifications and previous experience. Motion carried.

MOTION TO REPOST
FOR ADMINISTRATIVE
ASSISTANT WITH A
HIGHER RATE OF PAY

Schwoerer brought up the need to cut ditch areas and around the Welcome Sign in the TID district and a few other overgrown areas in the Village. DPW Shillcox will work on cutting what they can soon, however the ditches are in the highway right of way and the County is responsible for this area.

DPW STAFF TO CUT
SOME LONG GRASS
AREAS WITH FLAIL
MOWER

A reminder was stated that the August regular meeting was moved to 8/7/24 at 6PM due to the August Primary Election the day after the regular date to allow for setup.

REMINDER OF AUGUST
MEETING DATE
CHANGE

Motion by Schneider, second by Baroun to adjourn meeting at 8:05PM. Motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Respectfully submitted,
VILLAGE OF VALDERS

Lori Bruckner
Village Clerk/Treasurer

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