

**VALDERS VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JULY 10, 2023**

Followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call; President Devan Schneider called the regular monthly meeting of the Valders Village Board to order at 7:02PM at the Valders Village Office 207 S. Liberty Street. Trustees present: Paul Baroun, Marcus Bartelme, Dan Sabel & Devan Schneider. Lyle Schwoerer absent & excused.

MEETING CONVENED &
ROLL CALL

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

AGENDA APPROVED

Public Input: Village Resident and former Village Trustee, John Regan expressed his displeasure with the Village funding the Valders Ambulance Service over several years totaling \$431,600 when they were short of funds to continue to operate; over and above what other Villages and Towns pay to Valders for services. Regan wants to know what the board is going to do to recoup the funds for our taxpayers. He also questioned the cost of the ambulance maintenance. Motion by Bartelme, second by Sable to close public input. Motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT

Motion by Bartelme, second by Sabel to approve minutes from 6/12/23 as presented by Clerk/Treasurer Bruckner. Motion carried.

MINUTES APPROVED

Motion by Bartelme, second by Baroun to approve the June Treasurer Reports as presented by Bruckner for all department funds. Motion carried.

TREASURER REPORTS
APPROVED

Motion by Sabel, second by Bartelme to approve June Village, Fire & EMS vouchers; check #21138 - #21214 and electronic payments totaling \$128,173.46 as presented by Bruckner. Motion carried.

VILLAGE VOUCHERS
APPROVED

Motion by Bartelme, second by Baroun to approve June Utility vouchers; check #8821 - #8833 totaling \$18,107.01 as presented by Bruckner. Motion carried.

UTILITY VOUCHERS
APPROVED

President Schneider recommended committee assignments for Dan Sabel, Appointed Village Trustee: as Chair of Public Works & Member of Public Welfare. Motion by Schneider, second by Bartelme approve committee assignments for Sabel. Motion carried.

TRUSTEE APPOINTED
TO COMMITTEES

Schneider gave a brief financial history of the EMS service. The Service is owned and operated by the Village and is ultimately responsible for operating shortages. The board has raised EMS Per Capita rates paid by other districts who contract with our service significantly from \$3.10 in 2008 per person to \$32 a person in 2023. Estimated operating budgets in the past few years are now calculated with deductions for Medicare/Medicaid and uncollectible write-offs from run revenues which were not properly calculated by predecessors. Unfortunately, all costs to operate continue to rise and we must pay our staff a decent wage or they will go elsewhere to work, and we won't have anyone to come to our aid when needed. We also must maintain the ambulances to be ready to go out the door the minute there is an emergency call no matter the cost. Schneider stated a few years ago it was suggested to create an ambulance district separate from the Village; only 3 of the 11 municipalities served were interested in looking into the proposal. Schneider posed the question to Regan, when you were on the board for past seven years did you present any viable solution to resolve this issue, if you now have any please bring it forward to the board.

EMS FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS
RESULTING FROM
PUBLIC INPUT

Motion by Baroun, second by Bartelme to approve a refund of Class "B Fermented Malt Beverage & Intoxicating Liquor Licenses fee paid of \$250 less administration processing fee of \$30 of \$220 to Frankies Place LLC, 111 Washington, who changed mind of opening the new business prior to actual license issuance. Motion carried.

APPROVED CLASS
CLASS B LICENSE
REFUND LESS ADMIN
FEE

Motion by Bartelme, second by Schneider to approve Class "B Temporary Fermented Malt Beverage License to the Valders Lions Club for the Valders Community Picnic at the Valders Memorial Park for the period of 7/28/23-7/30/23. Motion carried.

APPROVED CLASS B
BEER PICNIC LICENSE

Review of and motion by Baroun, second by Bartelme to approve renewal of 3-year contract with Ihlenfeld, Skatrud, & Anderson Inc. for audit services with an additional \$2,000 in 2023 for time on the utility side for the construction project for the PSC report and other required reports and entries. Motion carried.

APPROVED RENEWAL
OF 3 YEAR AUDIT
SERVICES CONTRACT

Board reviewed Manitowoc County Sheriff's Patrol Reports for June.

PUBLIC SAFETY-
PATROL MCSD

June reports & updates from EMS Director & Fire Chief on department operations. The Fire department had 10 responses. EMS had 34 calls. EMS is down 14% in call volume as compared to 2022. Dallas provided information on ACT 12 Legislation recently passed pertaining to Shared Revenue changes pertinent to Fire & EMS for board review and future discussion, including potential grants to Create a Separate Fire & EMS Joint District, separating it from being only "Village".

MONTHLY FIRE/EMS
REPORTS

Motion by Schneider, second by Baroun to reject request for an original allowed payment from an EMS Patron Insurance Statement and to waive the remaining balance. Motion carried. Dallas will draft an EMS No Negotiation Policy for any future requests.

REJECTED REQUEST
NEGOTIATION OF EMS
SERVICES INVOICE
FROM INSURANCE
7/10/23MINUTES

Upper Diamond Project Update by Schneider: Signature Landscapes finished installation of catch basins and grass matt around outer fence areas. The concrete block was installed for relocation of the existing storage shed. VASA will be doing an ATV raffle over the winter to raise project funds. A grant was applied for through the West Foundation for Concrete Bleacher Area to be installed for \$50,000 if awarded will be completed by Lorrigan Construction. Teams will start playing on the new diamond in two weeks.

UPDATE ON UPPER
DIAMOND PROJECT

June report/updates from Director of Public Works on municipal/utility operations. The staff is working on exercising all water valves in the Village. Tom Shillcox passed his DNR Certification test and obtained Water Distribution certification. A valve was repaired on the sludge storage tank. An electrical relay on Pump #2 at the Jackson Street lift station was replaced due to failure. About 75% of the Utility infrastructure is now complete on the North Adams/West Washington Street project.

PUBLIC WORKS
REPORT

Motion by Bartelme, second by Baroun, to adopt Resolution 2023-4 Resolution for 2023 Required Rebuilding/Repair of Sidewalks. Motion carried.

ADOPTED RES 2023-4
REPAIR OF SIDEWALKS

Reviewed quote to Repair Garbage Truck Head Gasket, if able to after inspection for \$5,100. It may need to be completely replaced. We must pick up garbage so must be fixed. The Town of Cato is willing to let the Village utilize their truck for curbside pickup while ours is out of service. Motion by Bartelme, second by Baroun to utilize Equipment Replacement Fund as it is a non-budgeted major repair. Motion carried.

APPROVED TO UTILIZE
REPLACEMENT FUNDS
GABAGE TRUCK MAJOR
REPAIR

Motion by Schneider, second by Bartelme to adjourn meeting at 8:17 PM. Motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Respectfully submitted,
VILLAGE OF VALDERS

Lori Bruckner
Village Clerk/Treasurer

07/10/2023 MINUTES