

**VALDERS VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 12, 2020**

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 7:00 PM at the Valders Village Office, 207 South Liberty Street, Valders WI. Trustees present: Marcus Bartelme, John Regan, Devan Schneider, Donald Schuh & Lyle Schwoerer.

MEETING CALLED TO
ORDER & ROLL CALL

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

AGENDA APPROVED

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

NO PUBLIC INPUT

Motion by Regan, second by Bartelme to approve minutes from 9/14/20 as presented by Clerk/Treasurer Bruckner. Motion carried.

MINUTES APPROVED

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

TREASURER REPORTS
APPROVED

Motion by Bartelme, second by Regan to approve September Village vouchers; check #18144 - #18228 and electronic payments totaling \$106,561.11 as presented by Bruckner. Motion carried.

VILLAGE VOUCHERS
APPROVED

Motion by Bartelme, second by Schuh to approve September Utility vouchers, check #8394 - #8405 totaling \$17,550.79 as presented by Bruckner. Motion carried.

UTILITY VOUCHERS
APPROVED

Fire/EMS Reports for September were presented by Christopher Dallas. The 2021 budgets are in draft stage. Physicals for both departments are completed for all but one member. The current fire department roster is 28 members; 5 new members were added in September. The department is hosting an Entry Level Firefighter training class for the next 2 months in cooperation with Lakeshore Technical College. The Fire department is looking into replacing SCBA air packs; they need to be replaced at the end of 2022 and are estimated to cost \$85,000-\$105,000. The department is working with a grant writer to submit a grant to replace the air packs; they will have to pay 10% of the total cost & the government will pay the 90% balance. In September there were 4 Fire Calls and 38 EMS calls, 8 of which were no transports. COVID has now hit our area and 1 of 3 patients are positive cases, which incurs additional PPE and extra sanitizing/cleaning measures and expense. Some of these expenses are being covered by the Village's Routes to Recovery Grant program through the State.

MONTHLY FIRE AND
EMS REPORTS AND
UPDATES

The board reviewed the Manitowoc County patrol logs & invoice for September.

PATROL LOGS/INVOICE
REVIEWED FOR MCSD

Stephanie reviewed the report for September Public Works/Utilities activities with the board. Routine maintenance has been done on park grounds and at the community center. The upper shelter bathrooms are winterized & the water has been shut off. The area of asphalt on Christel Drive near the entrance to the Cenex gas station is now scheduled to be replaced. Routine maintenance and hydrant flushing have been done, along with yearly maintenance of Plant #2. No major issues were identified; the plant is in good working order and relatively sound structurally. There should only be minor issues until it needs to be upgraded. Work has been delayed on sanitary sewer repairs due to issues with work crew availability; they have stated that they will be able to finish by mid-October. Fall sanitary sewer flushing was completed.

DPW PUBLIC WORKS
MONTHLY REPORT

The board reviewed renewal quotes for 2021 auto, liability, workers compensation, crime and property coverage with the League of Wisconsin Municipalities Insurance Fund and Municipal Property Insurance Fund. The overall premium for all coverages increased \$583 from 2020. The classification rates set by the state for workers compensation decreased from the previous year. This policy is effective 1/1/21. Motion by Schwoerer, second by Bartelme to approve to renew the coverages as presented for 2021. Motion carried.

APPROVED INSURANCE
POLICY RENEWALS FOR
2021

Bruckner presented health insurance renewal quotes from United Healthcare which carries a 11.5% increase in premium for the Village/Utility/EMS employees. It also has a plan change which increases the deductible amount but decreases the out of pocket maximum cost to the employee. An alternative company quote was provided by our agents, McClone Insurance from Anthem. This plan has a lower deductible and out of pocket max for the employee but has an additional drug deductible and higher copays to the employee for any Urgent Care & Emergency Room services. This plan offers a significant decrease in the annual premium cost. A \$10,860 savings to the Village/Utility budgets and a \$13,030 to the EMS budget. After a period of discussion with trustees and employees present about the two plans, motion by Schneider, second by Schuh to approve to change the health plan and carrier to Anthem effective 12/1/2020. Motion carried.

APPROVED EMPLOYEE
HEALTH INSURANCE
PLAN CARRIER CHANGE

Motion by Schneider, second by Bartelme at 8:05PM to convene in closed session in accordance with Wisconsin State Statutes 19.85(1)(c), for consideration of public employee employment, evaluations and compensation. Motion carried.

CONVENED IN CLOSED
SESSION

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Motion by Schneider, second by Bartelme to reconvene in open session in accordance with Wisconsin State Statutes 19.85(2) at 9:45PM. Motion carried.

RECONVENED IN
OPEN SESSION

Motion by Schneider, second by Regan to authorize the DPW, Marc Stephanie, to offer the vacant public works/utility operator position to first candidate. If the position is not accepted, it will be offered to the second candidate. The name will be released upon acceptance of this position. Motion carried.

AUTHORIZATION OF
DPW TO FILL VACANT
POSITION

Motion by Schneider, second by Schuh effective with the first payroll in January 2021, the following employees will receive a \$1.00 per hour wage increase: Marc Stephanie, Gerald Klingeisen, & Lori Bruckner. Delaine Reis will receive a \$0.50, Paul Leonard will receive a \$0.75 and Bailey Riesterer will receive a \$2.00 per hour wage increase. Motion carried.

2021 WAGE INCREASE
APPROVED

Schneider then stated to the board sorry this matter is not on the agenda; but it must be addressed tonight. Due to the recent surge of cases of COVID in our County since the September meeting; should Trick-Or-Treat still be held? Trustees discussed it would be best if the event is cancelled for everyone's safety but with regret for the kids. Motion by Schneider, second by Schuh to cancel Trick-Or-Treat for 2020. Motion carried.

2020 HALLOWEEN
TRICK-OR-TREAT
CANCELLED

Motion by Schneider, second by Bartelme to adjourn the meeting at 9:48PM. Motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Respectfully submitted
VILLAGE OF VALDERS

Lori Bruckner
Village Clerk/Treasurer

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