

**VALDERS VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 11, 2021**

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: Marcus Bartelme, Paul Baroun, 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. Michael Kuester, Jacob Ording & John Brusky, 3 residents of the 12 residences notified of the proposal to eliminate parking on the South side of East Roosevelt Street; all spoke in opposition to the idea. These residents expressed their concerns about traffic speed and safety of the children which live and play on this street. They pointed out due to the narrowness when vehicles are parked on both sides of the street it helps to slows down traffic. This street seems like a raceway between US 151 & Liberty Street and felt to eliminate the parking will only increase the speed of traffic. Schneider thanked them for attending the meeting and providing their input on the matter. Schneider stated the Village will relay the concerns of speed to the Manitowoc County Sheriff's Department. Motion by Bartelme, second by Regan to close public input. Motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT

Motion by Regan, second by Baroun to approve minutes from 9/13/2021 as presented by Clerk/Treasurer Bruckner. Motion carried.

MINUTES APPROVED

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

TREASURER REPORT  
APPROVED

Motion by Schwoerer, second by Bartelme to approve September Village vouchers; check #19243-#19322 and electronic payments totaling \$102,425.59 as presented by Bruckner. Motion carried.

VILLAGE VOUCHERS  
APPROVED

Motion by Regan, second by Bartelme to approve September Utility vouchers; check #8559-#8567 and electronic transfers totaling \$15,402.01 and check #1057 for \$2,300 as presented by Bruckner. Motion carried.

UTILITY VOUCHERS  
APPROVED

Schneider announced the Manitowoc County Village Association meeting to be held 10/20/21 at Reedsville Sportsmen's Club at 6:30PM, with a presentation by Valders Fire Chief Chris Dallas.

MCVA MEETING ON  
10/20/21 IN REEDSVILLE

The board reviewed the Tentative 25 Supervisory District Map Plan for Manitowoc County, which changes Valders from District 18 to District 15 for future elections of County Board Supervisory representatives. Bruckner explained this map is amended every 10 years after the Census and is based on population changes. Motion by Baroun, second by Bartelme to adopt Resolution 2021-6, which Adopts the Ward Plan, it establishes No Separate Wards within the Village limits and the Designation of Valders poll location is at the Valders Village Office. Motion carried.

ADOPTION OF WARD  
PLAN RESOLUTION  
2021-6

The board discussed proposal to eliminate parking on the South side of East Roosevelt Street from Christel Drive to Liberty Street due to narrowness & safety concerns. Motion by Schneider, second by Bartelme based on resident input not to eliminate parking as previously proposed at this time. Motion carried.

APPROVED NOT TO  
ELIMINATE PARKING ON  
THE SOUTH SIDE OF  
EAST ROOSEVELT  
STREET

Director of Public Works, Marc Stephanie reviewed the September Public Works report with the board. The upper shelter has been closed for the season. Two large asphalt repairs were completed at the recycling center. Six asphalt patches are now completed throughout the village. Staff made a repair to the garbage truck compactor the floor area over the wheel wells rotted through. A piece of Stainless Steel was cut for each side and welded on as a temporary fix. In the future the board will need to discuss the possible future privatization of sanitation and recycling vs. truck replacement. The bi-annual water valve exercising has been completed. Fall hydrant flushing will begin in October. The WWTP permit application and MDV application for phosphorous have been completed and submitted. A mechanical contractor will be rebuilding the scum skimmers in both treatment plants. This work will be done when the contractor is on site to perform maintenance checks on the pumps and mixers and lift stations. Sludge samples will be taken late September for sludge hauling in October. Fall sanitary sewer flushing will take place in October.

DPW PUBLIC WORKS  
MONTHLY REPORT

The board discussed future infrastructure and street projects in 2022 or 2023 on Washington Street or North Adams Street or Lincoln Street utilizing ARPA Funds, LGIP grant funds, street savings, and a possible future loan. Schneider & Bruckner explained that due to declining street repair activity the State Road Aid received continues to decrease annually as well as the conditions of our streets. Stephanie would like to have our engineers Kapur & Associates provide engineering financial estimates on these proposed future projects for review and to create a plan. Motion by Baroun, second by Regan to obtain project engineer estimates. Motion carried.

APPROVED TO PURSUE  
ENGINEER ESTIMATES  
FOR FUTURE STREET,  
STORM SEWER &  
WATER SEWER  
PROJECTS

The board discussed wild animal, safety concerns, property condition, and applicable ordinance violations for properties located at 322 N. Calumet & 132 Jefferson Street. Schneider stated certified letters were sent to the property owner to two addresses

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last year and returned undeliverable. In the past two years the board has required other property owners to resolve code violation issues and the board can no longer ignore this situation and will have to take further action. Schneider would like to start by working in coordination with appropriate Manitowoc County Agencies for guidance on the matter and possible legal advice/action. Motion by Baroun, second by Bartelme to pursue steps for future corrective enforcement actions. Motion carried.

APPROVED TO PURSUE ENFORCEMENT FOR CODE VIOLATIONS AT 132 JEFFERSON STREET & 322 NORTH CALUMET DRIVE

The board discussed to allow the contents of Lions Club/Fire Picnic Equipment to be stored in Village Park shelters and be included on Village Property Insurance. Bruckner explained the premium share would be minimal. Baroun representing the Lions stated they would reimburse the cost to the Village. Motion by Schwoerer, second by Bartelme. Motion carried. Schneider and Baroun abstained from the vote due to their involvement with the annual picnic.

APPROVED TO ALLOW PICNIC EQUIPMENT STORAGE IN PARK SHELTERS

The board reviewed the proposed Health Insurance renewal plan and premium costs with Anthem Blue Cross Shield effective 12/1/2021. The cost to the employee for out-of-pocket maximum increased from the current plan, but deductible and copay employee costs remain the same. There is minimal impact to Village and Utility budgets, the EMS has more of an increase due to the addition of an employee off his parents' insurance and now on our health plan. Motion by Schneider, second by Bartelme to approve the plan renewal for the upcoming year period. Motion carried.

APPROVED TO RENEW HEALTH INSURANCE WITH ANTHEM BCBS

The board reviewed the Manitowoc County patrol logs and invoices for September.

PATROL LOGS/ INVOICE REVIEWED FOR MCSD

Fire/EMS Reports for September were presented by Fire Chief & EMS Director, Chris Dallas. EMS had 34 calls for service with 8 no transports against medical advice; Fire had calls and responded to accidents/extrication calls as needed. The fire department received a 50/50 grant from the WIDNR for \$3,649 to replace wildland water packs, forestry hose, and a radio. Red Power provided an estimate of \$114,200 to refurbish the water tender instead of selling it; it was decided to keep it for the time being and only fix issues at hand as it only goes out on minimal runs each year. The County Executive has approved to allocate County ARPA funds received for County approved radios, if utilized would be cost savings to both Fire & EMS. After a discussion with fire department members, it was decided it is necessary to investigate options to alleviate our 3 daytime volunteers who can leave work to respond to calls. Response from volunteer members and availability during the day is not guaranteed and is an issue for many area departments. The City of Kiel is offering to provide EMS Paramedic services to Eaton & Meeme at a significantly lower cost. The option will be taken into consideration and discussed at their future town meetings. Contracts have been sent out to our current Districts for 2022 EMS services.

FIRE/EMS MONTHLY REPORT AND UPDATES

The board reviewed the Valders 2022 Contract for EMS service, with a per capita rate of \$25.00 for a total of \$24,175. Motion by Bartelme, second by Schwoerer to approve. Motion carried.

APPROVED 2022 EMS SERVICE CONTRACT

Dallas presented proposal of putting the 2016 Ford F250 Fire pickup truck out for sale with a reserved bid. The truck is currently worth more than initially paid for five years ago. Dallas stated if sold the funds would be put into the replacement for future equipment purchases. After board discussion, motion by Baroun, second by Bartelme to put the truck out for auction bid with a minimum reserve bid of \$37,000 with possible action on a bid at the December meeting. Delivery would be prior to the end of the year to eliminate any 2022 insurance premium cost to be paid. Motion carried.

APPROVED TO PUT 2016 FORD F250 TRUCK OUT FOR RESERVE BID AUCTION

Dallas presented the proposed 2022 Fire Operating Budget and Fire Protection agreements for Valders, Cato, & Liberty for board review which carries a total increase of \$6,196 over 2021. Motion by Schwoerer, second by Bartelme to approve the budget as presented and the Village contract for fire protection service share of \$38,659 and to submit the contracts to Cato for \$48,445 and Liberty \$50,885; based on equalized valuations for their respective Town Boards approval. Motion carried.

APPROVED 2022 FIRE BUDGET AND SERVICE CONTRACTS

Motion by Schneider, second by Regan at 9:08PM to convene in closed session in accordance with Wisconsin State Statutes 19.85(1)(c), for consideration of performance and compensation of public utilities. Motion carried.

CONVENED IN CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Schneider, second by Bartelme to reconvene in open session in accordance with Wisconsin State Statutes 19.85(2) at 9:56PM. Motion carried.

RECONVENED IN OPEN SESSION

Motion by Schneider, second by Bartelme effective with first payroll of 2022, the following employees will receive a 3% wage increase: Marc Stephanie, Chris Dallas, & Lori Bruckner. Gerald Klingeisen and Tom Shillcox will receive a 2.5% increase. Paul Leonard, Bailey Riesterer, and poll workers will receive a \$0.50 per hour wage increase. Delaine Reis will receive a \$0.25. per hour increase. Motion carried. Note Shillcox increase is effective earlier on 11/1/21 for his one-year anniversary date.

MOTION RESULTING FROM CLOSED SESSION APPROVED WAGE INCREASES

Motion by Schneider, second by Bartelme to adjourn at 9:59PM. Motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Respectfully submitted,  
VILLAGE OF VALDERS

Lori Bruckner, Village Clerk/Treasurer

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