

**VALDERS VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 14, 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. Dr. Dan Boettcher, a dentist from Dental Park in Manitowoc spoke in opposition to the proposal to discontinue the addition of fluoride to the village drinking water. He stated it would be a tragic mistake and is proven to reduce cavities. Their practice formerly had a branch office in the Village and many of their patients are from Valders.

PUBLIC INPUT

Jeremy Peterson, a village resident, voiced his many concerns and opinions regarding the vicious dog attack that took place 10/29/21. Peterson presented photos of his neighbor's dog Graham after the attack from a dog at large. He questioned why this vicious dog is still residing in the village and was not removed immediately, why village ordinances aren't being enforced, and why this dog was not licensed. His children and others in the neighborhood are now afraid to play outside, go for walks/runs. Peterson also stated he felt residents should have been notified of this incident by the village as a matter of public safety. Motion by Bartelme, second by Schwoerer to close public input. Motion carried.

Motion by Regan, second by Bartelme to approve minutes from 1/10/2022 as presented by Clerk/Treasurer Bruckner. Motion carried.

MINUTES APPROVED

Schneider reviewed all the loans which have been paid off during January at the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands and the balances were then refinanced at a reduced interest rate with Bank First, which is huge savings over the terms of the notes. Motion by Regan, second by Bartelme to approve the January Treasurer's reports as presented by Bruckner for all department funds. Motion carried.

TREASURER REPORT
APPROVED

Motion by Schwoerer, second by Regan to approve January Village vouchers; check #19613 - #19710 and electronic payments totaling \$644,066.62 as presented by Bruckner. Motion carried.

VILLAGE VOUCHERS
APPROVED

Motion by Regan, second by Baroun to approve January Utility vouchers; check #8607 - #8622 and electronic transfers totaling \$86,229.95 and #1060 for \$4,000 as presented by Bruckner. Motion carried.

UTILITY VOUCHERS
APPROVED

Alan & Kaylyn Dorr of 354 Roosevelt Street thanked the board for the opportunity to be heard tonight and sincerely apologized for this accident which occurred with their dog Adele. They presented documentation of veterinarian quarantine after their attacked another dog on 10/29/21, as well as written testimonials from a few neighbors regarding their dogs' good behavior observed. They stated they believe this was an isolated incident and is not normal behavior for Adele after she got away from Alan earlier that day. They explained the police report states the dog is a pit bull, but it is a lab retriever mix, and she is a rescue dog. They are good dog owners and do not feel it is fair the dog is no longer allowed to be in the Village. Schneider then reviewed with the board actions to date. After he was informed about the vicious dog attack and had obtained a copy of the police report for the incident that occurred on 10/29/21 at 438 S Adams Street he had Bruckner draft and send an official notification on 11/2/2021 to the Dorr's informing them of the Village Municipal Code 12.08 (b) & (c) which prohibits vicious animals from residing in the Village of Valders. The Dorr's at large dog attacked a cockapoo owned by Linda Lutzke in her residence garage 3 blocks away and she was also bitten. The notice gave them until 12/1/21 to remove the dog from the Village after required quarantine period. Schneider then explained the Dorr's contacted him just after the December board meeting and requested to be given a 30-day extension to rehome the dog to another owner, but they could not take her until after the holidays. Schneider granted the extension with the understanding the dog was to be always leashed or in the home. The night of the January meeting the Dorr's contacted Schneider to request to talk to the board as the plans to rehome the dog fell through, but it was too late to add to the agenda and therefore the matter is on the agenda tonight and presently the dog is still residing in the village. Schwoerer questioned why the dog was not licensed in the Valders or in the City of Manitowoc where it previously resided which is a yearly requirement as a dog owner. The Dorr's explained it was delayed by their moving process this summer and now they were awaiting updated vaccinations to be given prior to obtaining a license. Regan stated he is a dog owner too and understands dogs are extended family members, however it does not matter what breed a dog is, but once a dog bites/attacks like this it will likely occur again. Schneider stated he stands firm on this issue and the Village ordinance must be enforced in this incident. It is a potential liability to the Village if this dog were to remain in the Village and attack again, public safety is priority. After additional comments by the Dorr's and Peterson; a motion by Regan, second by Schwoerer to allow the owners 7 days to make their arrangements for removal of the dog from the Village. The Manitowoc County Sheriff's Department will be asked to follow up on compliance or a daily citation/fine shall apply. Motion carried. Bartelme a neighbor and a witness to the incident abstained from this matter.

DISCUSSION & MOTION
REGARDING VICIOUS
DOG ATTACK FROM
10/29/21

02/14/2022 MINUTES

Fire/EMS Reports for January were presented by Baroun in absence of Christopher Dallas, Fire Chief & EMS Director. EMS had 58 calls for service with 14 of those being no transports. The fire department is ordering a replacement vehicle for Utility 30 sometime in the first quarter through the municipal program. Funds from the sale of Utility 30 will go towards the replacement which is estimated to be between \$33,000-\$38,000. The new hurst cutter (JAWS), which was a budgeted item for 2022, has been ordered and will arrive in 2-10 weeks. A new training officers' position has been established at the fire department. The job description includes working with management to assess training needs for the fire department. Regan asked if this was a paid position, Schneider stated it is volunteer. EMS will be purchasing a full body airway manikin for required training. The previous manikin was retired due to wear and tear and without it, employees must go to a tech school for this training. Funds for purchasing the manikin will come from the FAP grant from the state, cost is \$2,489.

MONTHLY FIRE AND EMS REPORTS AND UPDATES

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

PATROL LOGS/INVOICE REVIEWED FOR MCSD

The board discussed the approval of the engineering services quote for specs & drawings for the proposed North Adams/West Washington project from Kapur Inc. of Appleton. Funds for this service will come out of street, water, and sewer replacement funds. Motion by Schneider, second by Bartelme to approve the agreement with Kapur Inc for time & materials up to \$41,600. Motion carried.

APPROVED AGREEMENT WITH KAPUR FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES

Stephanie reviewed the January report with the board. In January four large ash trees were removed in the park and stumps have been ground. The trees in the park will be replaced with a variety of different species to avoid the issue of one disease wiping out most of the trees in the park. The 89' Michigan Loader will have its front tires replaced with snow tires to allow for removal of the snow chains. Hydrant flushing took place during a recent cold spell to help move warmer water through the system and remove stagnant water. The WWTP will be hosting the upcoming WWOA Lake Michigan District regional meeting which includes a tour of our facility. The treatment plant passed its yearly required blind reference tests which are required annually to keep the testing license from the state.

DPW PUBLIC WORKS MONTHLY REPORT

The board discussed the possible elimination of fluoride addition from drinking water and amendment to Municipal Ordinance 13.07 effective 4/1/22. Many communities have already eliminated this practice. Stephanie stated fluoride is more effective when used topically in toothpaste or mouthwash. It is also a safety risk to staff who handle it and storage of this chemical. Schneider stated he is not ready to decide on this matter and would like more information. Motion by Schwoerer, second by Bartelme to postpone this matter for further research. Motion carried.

POSTPONED POSSIBLE ELIMINATION OF FLUORIDE ADDITION TO DRINKING WATER

Motion by Bartelme, second by Baroun to send certified notification letter to owner Zell White for parcels 038-550-001-001-01 & 038-550-001-002.00, located at 132 Jefferson a vacant lot and 322 N Calumet Drive for corrective actions which need to be taken under 10.07 Public Nuisances Relating to the storage of junk & vehicles. Motion carried.

APPROVED TO SEND NOTIFICATION FOR CORRECTIVE ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN

Motion by Schwoerer, second by Baroun to approve to close the Fire Knier Scholarship Education Fund & combine with Fire Replacement Fund for better interest rate and to reduce administration time. Motion carried.

APPROVED TO CLOSE FIRE KNIER FUND & COMBINE WITH FIRE REPLACEMENT FUND

Motion by Schneider, second by Bartelme to adjourn meeting at 8:22PM. Motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Respectfully submitted,
VILLAGE OF VALDERS

Lori Bruckner
Village Clerk/Treasurer

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