

VILLAGE OF REDGRANITE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING – April 21, 2025

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held at the Municipal Building on April 17, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Jim Erdmann. Roll Call: Jim Erdmann, Mark Juslen, Gary Rodencal, Tim Hagar, Ellen Caswell and Matt Hagar. Motion by Ellen, seconded by Matt to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

PUBLIC FORUM: Scott Gustke asked if people could park on the East side of Pine River Street only on Water Street to Bridge Lane, when the road was repaired years ago the Village opted to narrow the road. A lot of people are parking on the road. If two cars meet and cars parked on each side of the road one vehicle must stop so the other can get through. Jim Erdmann stated that we will investigate it. John Kroll stated he wanted to know who owns the Library. Jim Erdmann stated he believes the Village owns the building. And not sure if the Library would own the contents. Jim Erdmann stated that he was not sure of the process, and he is trying to get this figured out. There is a lot of confusion about the way the rules were set up. There is supposed to have been a contract written up between the Village and the Library. Chief Tarr stated that he believes the contents inside is owned by the Village as well. John Kroll asked what department that falls under. Jim Erdmann stated he would assume building and maintenance. John Kroll asked what kind of long-range plan they have for the library. Jim Erdmann stated that he is working to get this all figured out so we can come to some agreement on the Library situation. John Kroll stated that in the future the Library Board and Village Board should sit down and go over the situation. Jim Erdmann stated that it is the plan and is having the Village Attorney working on the legal side of things. John Kroll stated this could be settled amongst us. Jim Erdmann stated I see Jeannie has given us legal paperwork tonight and has presented other legal paperwork from other people. Ryan Betlejeski stated that he would like to purchase a section of land from the Village. He states the lots are at a real sharp triangle. He would like to square it off. Jim Erdmann asked what part he was looking to buy. Asked if he could wait till after the Board Meeting and they could discuss it in more detail.

Motion by Gary, second by Ellen to approve the Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on April 21, 2025. Motion carried.

CLERK'S REPORT –Nothing to report.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Jim Erdmann stated that he didn't have a report, but thanked Pine Bluff Coffee Shop for bringing the coffee for the meeting.

FINANCE, PERSONNEL, INSURANCE – Motion by Ellen, second by Matt, to approve General Fund Disbursements– checks 115574 through 115599 (BankFirst) for a total of \$79,617.40. Water Fund Disbursements - checks 62006127 through 62006134 (BankFirst) for a total of \$46,910.29. Sewer Fund Disbursements – checks 63006965 through 63006972 (BankFirst) for a total of \$5,687.44; and payroll of \$52,637.69 creating a grand total of \$184,852.82 and approval of financial reports for General, Water and Sewer as printed. Motion carried. Motion by Matt, second by Gary to approve payment of CivicPlus Invoice #329628 in the amount of \$2,740.00 for proofing of Village Ordinances from Municode. Motion carried.

LIBRARY - Update was given by Jeannie McBeth. She supplied packets with some basic information on what was going on at the Library. The first page shows how many people watch the Village Board Meeting on YouTube. It is successful and people in the Village are thankful they can watch it if they can't attend. Jeannie has six pages of County Funding checks that have come in. There is a County Check in the amount of \$3,000.00. Also provided, it shows the 2023 Operating Budget for all the Libraries in the system. Library funding gets approved in December, but we receive the money in April. Jeannie supplied the mission statement that was approved last September by the Board. We received a grant to do the cohort, it's the Wisconsin Information and Science. The rest of the money was donated. We have been working hard on all the analyzing, data sets and collection of data. The next phase is sending questionnaires out in our newsletter. The goal is to see if we are meeting the needs of the Community and its future. There is a graph in the packet that shows a breakdown based on the Library Board, Library Director and others. Jeannie gets her review every year based on these factors.

MACHINERY, GARBAGE, ORDINANCES – Update was given by Jim Fredrick. He stated that we purchased the ditch mower but are still waiting for it to come in. The date & time for the next Ordinance Review Meeting has been set for Monday, May 12, 2025, at 4:00pm. Jim Erdmann stated we are going to work on Section 2 of the Ordinances. Chief Tarr stated that we can do as much as we can, and he will send Section 1 to Justin Sondalle for the questions we need answered.

MUNICIPAL BUILDING –Update was given by Jim Fredrick. He stated the new overhead doors were put in at the Public Works shop. Depending on the cost, he would like the County to come and clean out culverts in the marsh by Village Hall and possibly a few culverts on residents' lawns.

PARKS, CEMETERY – Monthly update was given by Jim Fredrick. He stated he is going to paint bathrooms at Veteran's Park. He also is having someone come to look at the shelter house to see if we can lift it up and straighten it out so new doors can be installed. Jim stated he is waiting for the topsoil to dry so we can get some delivered to finish the Pickle Ball Court. Phelps Construction will be coming to put concrete down alongside the Pickleball Court. Placement of benches on each side. A gravel parking lot is scheduled for the future. In May, they will be coming to finish the surface and paint the lines to add color. Cleaning up duties at the parks continue with more bagging to do at East Side Park. Tim Hagar asked if they had swings to install at East Side Park. Jim stated that he would have to look. The Engineer looking at Courtney Lane is going to look for grants for parks. Kyle stated that Jeremiah gave an estimate for a camera on the pickle ball court. Motion by Matt, second by Ellen for Opening date of the Community Garden Plots as of May 1, 2025, with a \$20.00 rental fee and \$20.00 refundable deposit. Information needs to be added on the Village website. Start signing people up in case more garden beds need to be added. Becky stated we have rented four so far. Jim stated that they will get all the boxes worked up before the planting season. Motion carried. Motion by Ellen, seconded by Matt for Approval of "We Clean" Jolene Maldonado's bid of \$150.00 per week for 2025 season of Parks Cleaning. Motion carried. Motion by Matt, second by Ellen to increase the Cemetery Fee Schedule with an increase for Single Plot to \$750.00, Double Plot to \$1,500.00 and a Full Plot to \$3,000.00. With fifteen percent (15%) of Sales going into a Perpetual Care Account. Motion carried.

POLICE, FIRE – Update given by Jeff. He stated that we have up to 140 calls. A Water Tanker came on the market a couple weeks ago and Jeff went to look at it. The Fire Department ended up purchasing it. It's not in service yet. It's a 2002 model replacing the 1981 tanker. The goal is to have the new one in service soon. The same size as before but it will improve our ISO rating. An update was given by Chief Tarr. He stated that he has upcoming training and then the 2024 – 2025 training will be completed. Chief Tarr will be submitting the bill for \$320 per officer to the state for reimbursement. The Police had High Visibility Traffic Enforcement along with Waushara County Sheriff's Department and State Patrol. We will be doing more in the future. The reason for this is to keep people more mindful of their driving. We are working on Prison cases, trying to get them up to the District Attorney's Office. Chief Tarr has been doing more administrative work. FLOCK cameras should be going up this week. The highway department is getting new speed limit signs along Highway 21. Work is being done on the Speed trailer, and it will be out soon. We went to prison and met prison officials and community partners for a disturbance control plan. We went through what we could provide for services along with other departments so it can be completed for the year. Officer Chappa went to Wild Rose for an Active Shooter Training meeting. Kyle gave an update on Prison billing for the 1st quarter. It was just under \$5,800.00. Motion by Tim, seconded by Gary on Approval of Annual Alarm Alert Agreement with Waushara County for 2025 in the amount of \$25.00. Chief Tarr stated that we are paying for alarm registration, but our alarm is not hardwired to a call center. Officer Chappa or I will get the notice if the alarm is tripped. With Board Approval, he would like to have it hardwired to a call center in case of an emergency that neither Chief Tarr nor Officer Chappa can get to Village Hall, the Sheriff's department will be sent. The plan is to sit down with Village employees and go over the alarm policy. Motion carried. Motion by Tim, seconded by Mark, for Ordering a new Squad Vehicle. Opposed by Ellen, stated she would like to see the funding guaranteed before purchasing. Chief Tarr stated that adding another full-time officer and the other squad car being a 2016, he wants to be prepared in case the 2016 squad breaks down. If we order the vehicle by May we will save money, after May price increase on the vehicle along with some equipment for the vehicle. Once we figure out where the funding is coming from then we will order equipment for the new vehicle. We would be able to get a new vehicle in approximately 4 to 5 weeks, but there would be other equipment that would take longer to get. Jim Erdmman stated that we are looking into grants. Most of the money will come through the grant programs just not sure which ones we will be able to apply for. Jim stated that we don't want to lose out on the deals that are offered on the vehicle. Ellen stated that she wants to know where the money is coming from. Motion carried. Motion by Mark, second by Tim for Approval of the purchase of three (3) Police Transport Helmets in the amount of \$65.00 each using the AmVets donation. We are having issues transporting certain people which bang their heads on the cage causing injuries to themselves. Motion carried.

SEWER, WATER – Brent gave a monthly update. He stated that he sent videos to the tablets of one of the leaky manholes, along with a picture showing what they look like after being repaired. Hydro Klean has been working on repairing them for the last few weeks. The roads are all reopened, with no more leaks. The DNR representative on the Sewer side came and inspected the plant. This is one step to the new discharge permit we are hoping to get. The DNR had positive things to say about inspection stating our facility is properly operated and maintained.

STREETS, SIDEWALKS, DITCHES - Update was given by Jim Fredrick. He stated that the culvert on Bridge Lane was lowered by two (2) feet. After it dries up, we will have some landscaping to do. Phen Street was sinking in so we dug about 7 to 8 ft down so we put fill and 6 in breaker and covered it with limestone. There are two more spots on that road that will be done. Motion by Tim, seconded by Mark to Close the sidewalk in outer parking lot on West side of former Village Hall for falling debris. Jim Fredrick stated that the person responsible for building is not maintaining it. Chief Tarr states the property is owned by a person who is deceased so until the County goes after the back taxes it could take years. Jim Erdmann stated that we should get a hold of the Village Attorney to see what we can do. Chief Tarr stated that we should contact either the Village Attorney or the League of Municipality. Jim Fredrick stated that he will close off sidewalk till a decision is made. Motion by Mark, seconded by Tim on 2025 street projects. Jim Fredrick stated that we are planning on doing Cottonville Court, estimates from Scots were \$28,000.00 and Waushara County's bid was \$20,000.00 for double chip seal. Motion carried. Gravel from the County was \$24,000.00 and Linds Excavating was \$18,000.00. There is an additional cost of \$2,000.00 for reshaping the road and watering it and another \$500.00 for the compactor to roll it. Jim Fredrick stated that County will not complete it till July, and he needs to know so County can order enough oil for the road. Motion carried. Motion by Mark, second by Gary, to do double chip sealing on Foster Rd. Jim Fredrick stated that Foster Road is another project needing work. Scots have a smaller chip for roads that are in better shape. The cost would be \$9,933.00. Jim would like to see if it helps preserve the road for less cost in the future. Motion carried. Motion by Mark, second by Matt for Wolf River Asphalt to redo the Library parking lot in the amount of \$19,500.00. Motion carried. Jim Fredrick stated that there is an electrical wire that needs to be fixed under the parking lot, and we are not able to patch it anymore. Motion Carried. Motion by Mark, seconded by Gary to approve the road work for Courtney Lane. Jim Fredrick stated that he laid limestone on Courtney Lane, due to all the blacktop being destroyed. Waushara County will pulverize it and put on a 2 ¼" binder. The cost is \$26,500.00, that includes a 2 ft of shoulder. This project will be funded out of the Wheel Tax Account. Motion carried. Motion by Mark, seconded by Gary, to approve all new culverts for Park Street in the amount of \$8,900.00. Motion carried. Jim Fredrick stated that he took the Street Committee to see the culverts that are pushing up through the road. The ditch is too close to the road, plus it's offset from where the culverts are. The residents will be responsible for the cost of their culverts. Motion by Mark, second by Tim, to approve sending a letter to Residents with dead trees in their yard. Jim Fredrick stated that he is only doing the trees that can fall on the sidewalk or the road. There are some that are becoming a hazard. Jim will supply addresses to Becky so we can get letters out. Mark Juslen asked how long the trees had been dead. Jim Fredrick stated it has been approximately two (2) years since they all died. Jim Erdmann states that we have had a few problems with those trees, and we need to get this matter taken care of as soon as possible. The Village would give them 2 months to get the trees down on their property. Motioned carried. Motion by Mark, seconded by Tim, to buy two (2) new weed trimmers for \$375.00 each. Motion carried. Jim Fredrick stated that the weed trimmers are 15 years old and are not reliable. Motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

- 1) Motion by Matt, seconded by Mark to Approve Operator's License for Amber Grimm (Rick's Irish Pub) April 22, 2025 thru June 30, 2025. Motion carried.
- 2) Motion by Tim, seconded by Gary to Approve Operator's License for Christopher Salzer (AmVets) from April 22, 2025 thru June 30, 2025. Motion carried.
- 3) A date was set as May 12, 2025 at 5:30pm for the Hunting Committee Meeting to approve Kevin Schmidt's request to Bow Hunt on his property.

Items to be placed on May 19, 2025, Regular Board Meeting:

- 1) Parking on Pine River Street

Motion by Matt, seconded by Mark to Adjourn meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:34pm by Jim Erdmann.

Respectfully submitted,
Christa Erdmann
Village Deputy Clerk

