

VILLAGE OF SOLDIERS GROVE, CRAWFORD COUNTY, WISCONSIN

Minutes of a Regular Board Meeting held December 7, 2023.

Public Hearing: Sewer Ordinance and Rezoning; Question of is there a minimum acreage for agriculture. No other input or questions. Closed at 6:20 p.m.

Meeting to order at 6:25 pm.

Roll Call: Present: Jerry Miller, Brett Pettit, Harrison Heilman, Vicki Campbell, Steve George, and Howard Arndt.

Public Input: Arleena Roe spoke on behalf of the Swamp People, wanted to make sure that all the board members received their packets she delivered. Campbell explained what the public hearing and public input is, stated after public input is closed there will be no input from the public allowed during the meeting. Campbell stated that the article put in the paper regarding the Swampfest ticket, the article was one sided, the newspaper did not reach out to the Village for comment. Also addressed the insurance requirements for events in the Village and what had gone wrong with the picnic license for the board to deny it. Roe agreed Swamp People were in the wrong. Diane Coleman asked Roe where the money has gone that has been raised during the last 3 years Swampfests. Roe explained that the funds have to be available for the public to see but did not provide any statements to show. Campbell recommended that Swamp People show the public statements for the funds that have been raised and what they have done with the money. Coleman also asked what they have done to the slough as nothing has been done all year. Kathy Benson spoke and said they have cut down dead trees, stated the trees were picked up and piled for the event but were never used. Campbell stated that the Village will not be putting a story in the paper for their side of the ticket as it is done and over. Roe had said that this has been a learning curve as the previous person in charge of the event is no longer with Swamp People, she said that it is important for them to follow the rules. Another input: Diane Coleman complained about parking on the street as a letter was sent out to residents regarding parking during the time it snows, to allow the village workers to plow the streets properly. Another letter will be sent out to the residents again reminding them. Coleman also asked that the village workers do not push snow into her yard this year as it has ruined her nativity set last year. Campbell read a letter from President, Paul Nicholson, resigning from the Village Board, no comments were allowed after the reading of the letter.

CDC: No bills.

Fire department: Monthly meeting went well. Big weekend planned for the coming weekend, will have a parade around town with local business with Santa. Santa was at the Fire Station until 3pm. Rod-N-Gun put together goodie bags for children visiting Santa. January plan to start talking about Fun Days.

Public Works: Got a little bit of snow so far this year. Asking residents to be patient with the new workers as they are learning to plow the streets correctly. Mike passed part of his water license and has also completed the sewer class.

Motion by Miller, second by Heilman to approve the updated Sewer Ordinance. All present aye, motion carried. Roll Call.

Motion by George, second by Pettit to approve the rezoning for 12720 State Hwy 131 from agriculture to agriculture/residential. All present aye, motion carried. Roll Call.

Motion by Heilman, second by Arndt to approve Monica Horner operator license. All present aye, motion carried.

Motion by Miller, Second by George to approve moving forward with the PSC Rate Case. All present aye, motion carried. Roll Call.

Motion by Miller, second by Heilman to approve \$200.00 Christmas Bonuses for employees. All present aye, motion carried.

Motion by George, second by Miller to approve minutes of the November 2nd meeting. All present aye, motion carried.

Motion by Miller, second by George to approve bills General \$19,837.28, Fire \$1,541.35, Sewer \$5,784.23, Water \$443.68, and Library \$4,602.79. All present aye, motion carried.

Motion by Miller, second by Pettit to adjourn meeting at 7:16 pm. All present aye, motion carried.

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