

VILLAGE OF SOLDIERS GROVE, CRAWFORD COUNTY, WISCONSIN

Minutes of a Regular Board Meeting held January 11, 2024.

Meeting to order at 6:27 pm.

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

Public Input: Diane Coleman raised a complaint about plowing, said all the snow is being pushed into her yard. Her yard is getting torn up, it happens every year. Complained about people not listening to the letter that residents received regarding parking on the streets when it snows, said cars that go to Gardner's residence do not move. Was discussed to get ahold of officer to have vehicles towed. Another complaint was dead trees on South Street and in the park, Jeannette will look at the trees and they will be taken care of. Arleena Roe said she appreciates the public workers and wanted to thank Jeannette due to being able to message after hours and get a quick response. Roger Olson asked who has taken the President's position, said as a board they failed because the Village Employees went home early one day during the snowstorm, and the road needed to be cleared before leaving. He also stated that you cannot plow across a state highway, which the public workers were unaware of. Shayne Chapman spoke up and said that if the public workers need help, to not be afraid to ask. Dan Swiggum spoke for Swamp People; stated they are trying to make the community better; said they would like to show up every 3 months with a report on what was accomplished in those months. Randy Swiggum stated that they have been trying to be basic, remove pollutants in the slough, said back in the day the previous groups who tried to clean the swamp did not have the tools that there are today. They need to focus on grants due to this being a very pricey project. Currently they cannot do anything in the slough as they do not have a DNR permit and were unable to dredge due to not having that permit in the past from the DNR. It was stated that communication needs to be better towards the Village, it is a learning process. Rules have to be followed when working on Village property. Public Input ended.

Swampfest/Swamp Project People: The board has decided to table the discussion until proper paperwork and proof has been filed with the Village Clerk. They are to provide plans for the last 4 years and future plans, bank statements, proof of insurance for the last 4 years.

Fire department: At the Fire meeting they have been putting their focus on June Fun Days, committees have been assigned to handle different parts of the event, will be doing a truck and tractor pull Friday, June 14th. Still trying to figure out plans for Saturday, June 15th. The fundraiser for this spring will be a chicken Q over at the Legion with a live auction. Need updated equipment like SCBAS(air packs).

CDC: No Bills. Driftless Brewery is still behind on loan.

Public Works: Jeannette stated that plowing has definitely been a learning experience. Stated that she did not know that you cannot plow across a state highway, so that information was good to have. Jeannette had said that everyone turns to social media when they have a complaint or issue instead of going directly to the source. Going directly to the source makes things smoother and get done quicker. Have a burial coming up.

Candidate Name Placement for Spring Ballot: Shayne Chapman, Harrison Heilman, and Brett Pettit.

Motion by Miller, second by George to approve Traci Beyer operator license. All present aye, motion carried.

Motion by George, second by Miller to approve minutes of the December 7th meeting. All present aye, motion carried.

Motion by George, second by Pettit to approve bills General \$25,881.64, Fire \$611.74, Sewer \$6,465.74, Water \$2,237.34, and Library \$5,954.19. All present aye, motion carried.

Motion by Miller, second by George to adjourn meeting at 7:18 pm. All present aye, motion carried.

Kaitlynn R Ott