

RIO VILLAGE BOARD-November 1, 2021 at 6:00 pm

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 Village President James Olrick. Present were Trustees Delbert Curtis, Jon Landsverk, Terry Milfred, Stan Stofflet, Carl Toth, Nancy Wescott, DPW Robert Lang, Chief Jeff Becker, Library Director Roxanne Staveness and Melanie Freeman and Jerome Worzalla were present.

Agenda:

MOTION Toth/Wescott to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes:

MOTION Stofflet/Milfred to approve the minutes of the October 4 Board Meeting and the October 25 Committee meetings. Motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance Report and consider approval of:

A. Conditional use permit for David Tessmer at 343B Railroad Street, Parcel 292.9 to have a storage shed only on property.

DISCUSSION: Members reviewed the renewal request for the conditional use permit for Mr. Tessmer. Clerk Stone reported that no concerns had been reported.

MOTION Landsverk/Toth to approve the Conditional use permit for David Tessmer at 343B Railroad Street, Parcel 292.9 to have a storage shed only on property to be reviewed annually. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Consider motion to approve Resolution to Authorize Raze Order for the property located at 130 E Rio St., Rio, WI 53960 owned by Jerome Worzalla or to require an escrow account for the property.

DISCUSSION: Clerk Stone read the report from Attorney Jesse Spankowski that was provided to members. Wescott reported that the property has been in this condition for a long time and it is not going to get better. Mr. Worzalla reported that he would go along with tearing it down. He indicated that he would tear down the building. He wants to know how much time he will have to remove the building and to get his stuff off of the property. He indicated that 60 days would be enough time for him to remove his belongings.

MOTION Milfred/Toth to approve Resolution 2021-07 to Raze and Remove Buildings at 130 E Rio Street. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Works Report:

A. Consider motion to approve Sewer and Water Budgets.

MOTION Curtis/Toth to approve Sewer and Water Budget as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Consider motion to approve using American Rescue Plan for employee bonuses

MOTION Stofflet/Milfred to approve a \$1200.00 bonus for 2021 and 2022 for the following employees; Robert Lang, Eric Wakeman, Jeff Becker, Nathan Duell, Roxanne Staveness, Jon Pribbenow and Amy Stone. Motion carried unanimously.

Police Report:

A. Consider motion to approve contract for Columbia County Humane Society.

MOTION Landsverk/Milfred to approve the Columbia County Humane Society contract. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Consider motion to approve Operator Licenses for Erika M Garcia and Dalton J.D. Baker.

MOTION Stofflet/Curtis to approve the Operator Licenses for Erika M Garcia and Dalton J.D. Baker. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Consider motion to approve policy for operator licenses.

MOTION Curtis/Wescott to approve policy for operator licenses. Motion carried with 6 yes votes and 1 no vote (Milfred).

D. Consider motion to approve pay scale for part-time Police Officers.

DISCUSSION: Members reviewed the pay scale. Chief Becker is requesting that the part-time officers make \$13.00 an hour during field training, \$15.00 an hour after field training and \$16.00 an hour when they have a college degree and the academy is complete and 18 months of service.

MOTION Stofflet/Wescott to approve the pay scale as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Library Report:

Director Staveness gave the Library report.

A. 2022 Budget

DISCUSSION: Members discussed the budget and the surplus the Library has. They have a progressive pay scale for link and it will cost ultimately \$8500.00 annually for the Link system.

MOTION Curtis/Wescott to approve the 2022 Library Budget as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Finance Report:

A. Invoices

MOTION Landsverk/Milfred to approve the invoices. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Consider motion to approve preliminary budget for posting.

DISCUSSION: Members reviewed the budget. Discussion took place regarding Economic Development and Mr. Milfred would like to continue to support them.

MOTION Milfred/Toth to approve preliminary budget for posting. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Works Employee Wages:

MOTION Wescott/Toth to approve a raise of \$1.00 for Eric Wakeman and to approve current part-time Public Works employees to receive a wage of \$15.00 an hour effective January 1, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

Municipal Court:

A. Consider motion to approve the 2022 Municipal Court Budget as presented.

DISCUSSION: Members had a financial review. The revenue isn't as good as it has been in the past. Due to Covid the number of traffic stops were reduced. The budget was balanced with undesignated funds of approximately \$10,000.00. Increases were approved for modest increases for employees.

MOTION Stofflet/Toth to approve the 2022 Municipal Court Budget. Motion carried unanimously.

Rio Fire Association:

President Olrick reported that EMS is a high revenue source. The current billing secretary is retiring and they are have a contract for a year with a new billing company. The Fire Department has a full roster. They are currently trying to get equipment for new fire fighters that is fitted. EMS has been applying for different grants. The Fire Department has tentatively approved purchasing monitors. EMS billing rates were increased.

Upcoming Meetings:

The Committee meeting will be held on Monday, November 29 at 6:00 pm and the Village Board meeting will be held on December 6 at 6 pm.

MOTION Curtis/Wescott to adjourn at 7:16 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Recording: Amy Stone, Clerk