

Proceedings of the regular meeting held Wednesday, August 13, 2014 at the Village Hall, Cochrane, WI at 7:00 p.m. Notice of meeting was recognized in the C-FC Recorder. Village President Dave Busch presiding. Trustees present were Shawn Auman, Tim Bossert, Greg Hofer, Tom Hansen, and Chuck Speltz. Kari Wilde was absent. Also in attendance were Bill & Edna Meier and Tom Platteter.

There were no public comments.

Motion Shawn; second Tim to approve the July 8, 2014 minutes. All yes. Approved.

-The street light by Mork's will be installed next week.

-Electrical work at the VFW will begin this week. Dave will attend a VFW meeting to request funding.

-The Town of Belvidere donated blacktop to repair the VFW parking lot and they installed a handicap accessible door.

-The City of Buffalo City would like to borrow our truck for their new employee to take their CDL exam. The board agreed, as long as they refuel.

-Sherry is working on the sidewalk repairs that are not yet complete.

-The drain, clean, repair, and inspection of the water tower went great. The repairs are holding. It looked very good inside. The service we received was great.

-Winona Welding took the Village to small claims court. The judge ruled in our favor. We were overbilled, and we do not owe them any additional funds. The board thanked Sherry and Tom for great recordkeeping.

-Shawn put some herbicide around the fountains in the lake and there was no change to the amount of weeds. The weeds caused the fountains to plug up. Therefore, we will not reinstall the fountains at this time. Next year, we will treat the vegetation right away, and hope to stay ahead of the problem. Greg talked to a company in Prescott. They can send someone out to give us some tips on the lake. Maybe we need a new approach.

-Tom spoke with the County highway crew and was told it is their road, they can do what they want. It is what it is. We can rake and shovel the edge if we want to change it.

Motion Greg; second Shawn to approve the bills. All yes. Approved.

BNSF has contacted a few board members about possibly annexing into the Village some property to create a transload facility. Discussion was held. The railroad cannot keep up right now. The power plants are waiting for coal and the mill has waited for grain, Would jobs be created? How could they help us financially? Could we get the lake fixed? Could we silence some train whistles? How much noise would a spur create? Would property values be affected? Would our crossings end up congested? How would our roads be affected? Could they be improved? We have many questions that need to be answered before we will consider this. We need more information to make a decision. They are looking at two different sites.

Motion Shawn; second Chuck to adjourn. All yes. Meeting adjourned.