

VILLAGE OF COCHRANE
VILLAGE BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2020
VILLAGE HALL, 102 E 5TH ST, 7 P.M.

Notice of meeting was posted at the Post Office, Village Hall and the Bank on March 9, 2020, 12 PM.

Members Present: Village President Dave Busch, Trustees: Stan Meier, Greg Hofer, Chuck Speltz, Tim Bossert, Dallas Dworschack and Kari Wilde.

Meeting was called to order by Village President Dave Busch at 7 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Comments: Ed Bork requested someone check the trees hanging over the sidewalks and trim them so they don't hit residents as they walk down the sidewalks. One or more of the committee members will assess and their findings will be communicated to the maintenance department.

Ron Olson, Service Director from Scenic Valley Emergency Management Service (SVEMS) reported that they are changing their fiscal year from May – April to January – December; the Village has paid SVEMS through April 2020. It was motioned by Dallas, second by Tim to sign their new contract, which will run from May 2020 - December 31, 2020 at the current rate of \$7.50 per capita and prorated for the 8-month period. All yes. Approved.

Water/Sewer Committee: Water/sewer billing calculations were reviewed by the board and per the legal agreement with the Buffalo City Mobile Home Park (which uses the Village's sewer system), they will be billed at the same rate as Cochrane residents. Streets/Sidewalk Committee: The Village received a proposal to purchase the old Christmas Decorations that the Village can no longer use as Xcel Energy has prohibited the Village from hanging the decorations on their electric poles. It was agreed by the board to publish a notice for bids and sell to the highest bidder. Parallel parking on Main St was discussed; no action taken at this time. The Village reviewed and discussed the contract received from Wigham Trucking for street sweeping at a rate of \$1680; it was motioned by Dallas, second Kari to approve the contract. All yes. Approved. Maintenance reported that tree trimming has started, but it is a very slow process with only 2 men; it was proposed to hire help to complete the job more efficiently. Maintenance will acquire estimates and hire the least expensive company. Finance Committee: Nothing to report. Health, Fire, Parks, Ordinances, Floods Committee: A siren testing contract was received by the Village and Tom, Maintenance Supervisor, will refer to manual and determine what is recommended for maintenance on the siren. Discussion to continue next month. Tom received the bi-annual contract for Cross-Connection Control & Backflow Prevention Inspections from TJ's Plumbing & Water Services Inc. from Williams Bay WI. Motion Greg, second Chuck to approve the contract. All yes. Approved. Maintenance is desperately in need of a new lawn mower; quotes will be acquired and discussed at the next meeting. Franzwa's are retiring from flower maintenance; Village Clerk will look for other volunteers and if need be, place an ad in the paper. The Village has received a few complaints regard the smoke from the wood burning furnace at 106 N Main St; a letter will be sent to the owner to install the chimney extension to lessen the possibility of the smoke entering businesses and residences nearby.

Motioned by Greg, second Chuck to approve the bills. All yes. Approved.

Motion Tim, second Greg to approve the February minutes. All yes, Approved.

Building Permits approved for Derek Fogel & North End – Nick Kuhn.

Motion Tim, second Dallas to adjourn the meeting. All yes. Meeting adjourned at 8:43 PM.

/s/ Marcia Drysdale, Village Clerk/Treasurer