

VILLAGE OF COCHRANE
VILLAGE BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2021, 7:00 PM
VILLAGE HALL, 102 E 5TH ST, COCHRANE, WI

Notice of meeting was posted at the Post Office, Village Hall, Alliance Bank
and on the Village's website Monday, February 8, 2021, 12 PM.

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

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

There were no public comments.

Scenic Valley Emergency Medical Service (SVEMS) presented their 2020 profit & loss statement. They reported a total of 84 calls for 2020, 9 of those calls will be financially reported in 2021 and 2 calls being deaths which are not collected on. They had a schedule fill rate of 97%. They have 2 new recruits that are currently being trained. Total Income was \$90,525.31, Total Expenses was \$57,022.69 for a Net Profit of \$33,502.62. They will be back in September 2021 to discuss the needs for 2022.

Dave Busch reported on the recent fire board meeting he attended and the fire board is needing to replace the truck that hauls the water tank. Due to the lack of funds, this has been postponed for the last 4 – 5 years; the fire board is anticipating a truck purchase not to exceed \$50,000 with Cochrane's share not to exceed \$11,000. The truck would be a used truck, single axle, diesel automatic and have the ability to carry about 2000 gallons of water. The fire board is hoping they won't have to purchase a pumper as they will be working with other municipalities to share resources. Buffalo City has approved the truck purchase and once all municipalities involved approve the purchase, the fire board will be able start looking and finalize the purchase. Greg motioned, Kari second to approve the purchase of a used water truck not to exceed \$50,000 (\$11,000 Cochrane's share). All yes, approved.

Dave reported on the ATV/UTV meeting he attended at Buffalo County and action the village will need to take if the county ordinance is passed. A few regulations mentioned: ATV/UTV's will be open to all county roads, maximum speed is 35 mph or follow all posted speed limit signs within the village whichever is lower, no operation on state highways as they are only allowed to cross a state highway, no tracked vehicles, county will manage all signage on county land and they can be operated from April 1 – December 1. Do we want to include golf carts? As a village, we will need an ordinance to allow ATV/UTV's in our village and preferably very similar to the county ordinance for enforcement purposes. The village clerk will contact the county for a draft of their ordinance and present at the next board meeting. Motion Greg, second Tim to adopt the county ordinance for ATV/UTV's. All yes, approved.

The board discussed the vacant trustee seat created by the resignation of Dallas Dworschack in December 2020, which can be filled now by appointment of the board or leave it vacant until the April 2022 election. There are 13 months left in the term and the board wants someone who will be actively involved in the position. Edward Bork has expressed interest in the position. Motion Kari, Chuck second to appoint Edward Bork as a trustee to the village board. All yes, approved.

Marcia requested board approval to attend year 3 of the Clerk's Institute from July 12 – July 17, which will be held virtually this year due to Covid-19, so there is no travel or lodging expense; the cost of the class is \$489,

which was entered into the budget. The board was presented with the class schedule and the clerk mentioned the classes are very relevant to the job and materials supplied and contacts made are an excellent reference resource. Motion Kari, second Tim to approve the clerk to attend year 3 of the Clerk's Institute. All yes, approved.

Motion Tim, second Chuck to approve the Operator's Licenses for Dollar General for: Donavan Bensmiller, Julie Palmer, Tanner Johnson and Jamie George. All yes, approved.

Motion Greg, second Kari to approve the bills. All yes, approved.

Motion Tim, second Chuck to approve the December 8, 2020 board meeting minutes. All yes, approved.

Greg mentioned that the BBC&M is just starting to look into the feasibility of subcontracting its operations.

At the board's request, the clerk will email the board the tax settlement sheets from the property taxes that were collected.

At 7:56PM, Motion Chuck, seconded Kari to adjourn the meeting. All yes, approved.

/s/ Marcia Drysdale, Village Clerk/Treasurer