

**VILLAGE OF ST. CLOUD BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

**JUNE 4, 2024 – 7:00 P.M.**

FOLLOWING THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE ST. CLOUD VILLAGE BOARD WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT ERIC HEIMERMANN AT 7:00 P.M.

ALL BOARD MEMBERS WERE PRESENT WITH THE EXCEPTION OF DAVID SCHRY.

FOLLOWING THE READING OF THE MAY MEETING MINUTES, ERIC NOTED A CORRECTION TO BE MADE. THE BOARD APPROVED A PUBLIC USE PERMIT SUBMITTED BY THE ATHLETIC CLUB TO PLANT TREES AT THE VILLAGE PARK. THE ADDITION WAS NOTED. ERIC THEN CALLED FOR A MOTION TO HAVE THE MINUTES APPROVED. TOM OETJEN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES WITH CORRECTION MADE. JARED BERENZ SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL MEMBERS WERE IN FAVOR AND THE MINUTES WERE APPROVED.

**UTILITY:**

JEFF HELLMER REPORTED THAT HYDRANT FLUSHING WILL BE DONE ON JUNE 5. THE WELL VALVES HAVE BEEN RECEIVED. JEFF GAVE ADAM PUETZ A TOUR ON UTILITY ROUNDS. WATER LOSS WAS RECORDED AS A RESULT OF THE WELL 3 RUNNING ON A GENERATOR AND NOT RECEIVING COMMUNICATION FROM WELL 2. DAVE AND JEFF WILL BE RECORDING THESE WATER LOSS INCIDENCES FOR REFERENCE FOR END OF YEAR PSC REPORTS.

THE VILLAGE UTILITY WAS INFORMED BY THE ACCOUNTANT THAT THE VILLAGE QUALIFIES FOR A WATER AND SEWER RATE INCREASE IN 2024. WITH THE RISING COST OF SEWER CHEMICALS FOR THE LAGOONS SYSTEM, THE BOARD DECIDED TO ONLY DO A RATE INCREASE FOR THE SEWER PORTION. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024, SEWER RATES WILL INCREASE 20%. EVAN HAU MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE RATE INCREASE, ADAM PUETZ SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL WERE IN FAVOR AND THE MOTION PASSED. A NOTE EXPLAINING THE INCREASE WILL BE SENT TO ALL CUSTOMERS WITH THE 2<sup>ND</sup> QUARTER WATER BILL.

**VILLAGE:**

THE ATHLETIC CLUB HAS ASKED FOR TWO MAIN STREET PEDESTRIAN YIELD SIGNS AT THE PARK ENTRANCE AND FURTHER SOUTH AT THE CORNER. ERIC CONTACTED THE COUNTY AND FOUND OUT THE TYPE OF SIGN THEY WILL ALLOW. THE SIGNS WILL BE THERE FROM SPRING TO WINTER, BEING REMOVED FOR SNOW REMOVAL. SIGNS WILL BE PURCHASED BY THE ATHLETIC CLUB. THE BOARD APPROVED. THERE WAS A BRIEF DISCUSSION ON THE POSSIBILITY OF SPEED LIMIT MONITORING SIGNS AT THE SOUTH AND NORTH ENDS OF MAIN STREETS. ERIC OFFERED TO CHECK INTO THE SIGNS FURTHER.

ON JUNE 19, AT 6:00 P.M., THERE WILL BE A VILLAGE PARK WALK THROUGH WITH MCCLONE INSURANCE TO EVALUATE THE PARK TO ASSURE THAT WE HAVE ADQUATE COVERAGE FOR ADDITIONAL IMPROVEMENTS MADE IN THE LAST COUPLE YEARS.

IT WAS DECIDED TO SET A DATE IN SEPTEMBER FOR A ROUND TABLE MEETING WITH SOME OF THE AREA MUNICIPALITIES TO MEET AND EXCHANGE IDEAS.

ERIC AND MELISSA HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH CIVIC PLUS, A COMPANY THAT WILL HELP IN RECODING AND UPDATING ORDINANCES.

JARED BERENZ IS WORKING ON QUOTES FOR THE NEW FIREHOUSE/HALL DOORS. THE LED CONVERSION LIGHTS FOR THE FIREHOUSE BAY AND MEETING ROOM, HALL AND OFFICES HAVE BEEN ORDERED.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**FINANCE:** MELISSA INQUIRED ABOUT WHEN TO PREPARE FOR THE 2025 BUDGET. IT WAS AGREED TO BEGIN THE PLANNING STAGES IN SEPTEMBER. THE SEASONAL MAINTENANCE HOURLY WAGE WAS INCREASED FROM \$14.00 TO \$14.42/HOUR.

**BUILDINGS & GROUNDS:** JARED BERENZ WILL CONTACT WALSDORF ROOFING ON WHEN THEY PLAN ON REPLACING THE VILLAGE GARAGE ROOF THIS SUMMER.

**STREETS & SIDEWALKS:** ADAM WILL DO SOME FURTHER CHECKING ON THE CONTACT FOR THE DRIVE-THROUGH TO INSPECT THE VILLAGE STREETS FOR CHIP & SEALING NEEDS.

ALL OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS WERE COVERED IN THE COURSE OF THE MEETING.

EVAN HAU MADE A MOTION TO PAY BILLS AND APPROVE TIME SHEETS; ADAM PUETZ SECONDED THE MOTION. BILLS WERE REVIEWED AND PAID AND TIME SHEETS WERE APPROVED.

ERIC CALLED FOR A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. EVAN MOTIONED TO ADJOURN; MELISSA BINK SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:20 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

RHONDA WEBER  
VILLAGE CLERK