

ST. CLOUD VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 6, 2020 – 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 RYAN GEBHART AT 7:00 p.m. ALL BOARD MEMBERS WERE PRESENT WITH THE EXCEPTION OF DAVE SCHRY AND MIKE BORN, DALE BINK WAS ALSO ABSENT. MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER MEETING WERE READ. LUKE BOLL, MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS READ; DAN DREIFUERST SECONDED THE MOTION; ALL WERE IN FAVOR AND MINUTES WERE APPROVED.

UTILITY:

BRUCE AND TROY WHO WILL BE ZACK'S REPLACEMENT, FROM MCO REPORTED THAT KEN CHAMBERS FROM THE DNR DID HIS INSPECTIONS AND EVERYTHING CHECK OUT WELL. CROSS CONNECTION INSPECTIONS SHOULD BE DONE EVERY TWO YEARS, AN OPTION TO REPLACE THE INSPECTIONS IS TO DISTRIBUTE CROSS CONNECTION INFORMATIONAL PAMPHLETS OUT TO THE RESIDENTS. THEY WILL BE DISTRIBUTED WITH THE 4TH QUARTER WATER BILLS. THE WWTF PERMIT IS DUE IN APRIL OF 2021. DISCHARGE WILL OPEN EARLIER THAN NORMAL SO SAMPLES CAN BE TAKEN. BRUCE WOULD LIKE A COPY OF THE WELL PERMIT ORDINANCE TO FORWARD TO KEN CHAMBERS. RHONDA WILL FORWARD A COPY TO HIM.

BRIAN ZEHREN WILL BE WORKING ON THE ELECTRICAL CONNECTIONS FOR THE NEW GENERATOR AT THE LIFT STATION TO HAVE COMPLETED BEFORE WINTER. DAN CHECKED WITH BRUCE IF AN EXTRA TRANSFER SWITCH COULD BE INSTALLED IN CASE THE NEW GENERATOR WOULD SHUT DOWN.VI

VILLAGE:

MARK FRITZ PRESENTED THE FIRE DEPARTMENT'S 2021 BUDGET. WITH COSTS INCREASING, NEW AIR PACKS BEING NEEDED IN THE NEXT COUPLE YEARS, AND LACK OF FUND RAISING EVENTS THIS YEAR, THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IS REQUESTING A 2% INCREASE IN FUNDING (\$960) FOR NEXT YEAR.

ROB AND SARA MICHAELSON WERE AT THE MEETING WITH PLANS FOR THEIR GARAGE EXPANSION. THE PLANS HAD BEEN REVIEWED BY BRIAN WITKOWSKI, WHO WAS PRESENT AS WELL. THE BOARD MEMBERS REVIEWED THE PLANS AND BECAUSE OF CLOSENESS OF PROPERTY BOUNDARIES REQUESTED THEY HAVE A VARIANCE FORM SIGNED BY NEIGHBORING PROPERTY OWNERS. THEY WILL FORWARD THE FORM TO BRIAN FOR THE PERMIT, AND HE WILL EMAIL A COPY BACK TO THE VILLAGE. DON DAUN WAS ALSO AT THE MEETING WITH PLANS FOR A GARAGE EXTENSION THAT WAS ALSO APPROVED WITH NO VARIANCE FORM NEEDED.

THERE WAS DISCUSSION WITH BRIAN ON INSTANCES WHEN PROPERTY LINES ARE CLOSE AND QUESTIONABLE, AND OPTIONS OF HAVING PROPERTY SURVEYED. IT WAS DECIDED THAT ANY ACCESSORY BUILDING OR DECK ADDITIONS CLOSE TO PROPERTY LINES THAT ARE QUESTIONABLE WILL HAVE THE PLANS FORWARDED TO RHONDA, WHO WILL PASS ON TO THE BOARD MEMBERS FOR REVIEW FOR ACCEPTANCE BEFORE A PERMIT WILL BE GIVEN.

DAVE HAMMAN, OUR UTILITY ACCOUNTANT WAS AT THE MEETING TO EXPLAIN HOW FUNDING THE HWY G ROAD LOAN THROUGH THE UTILITY DEPARTMENT CAN BE DONE. THE VILLAGE WOULD LIKE THE ROAD LOAN FINANCED THROUGH WATER UTILITY AT LEAST UNTIL THE WELL 3 LOAN IS PAID UP IN 2026, WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF THE PAYMENTS BEING LESS FOR UTILITY AS 2026 APPROACHES. IN 2009, WHEN THE WELL #3 LOAN WAS TAKEN OUT, 60% WAS PAID BY VILLAGE AND 40% WATER UTILITY USER FEES, TO BE LOCKED IN UNTIL 2026. BECAUSE OF A RESOLUTION PASSED IN 1999, THE PROPERTY TAXES OWED TO THE VILLAGE FOR WATER DEPARTMENT INFRASTRUCTURE WAS EQUIVALENT TO ZERO. THAT BEING SAID, IN THE LAST 21 YEARS FROM 1999 TO PRESENT, THE WATER DEPT, WOULD HAVE PAID APPROXIMATELY \$400,000 (\$21,000/YR FOR 19 YEARS) TO THE VILLAGE FOR THE WELL #3 LOAN. INSTEAD THE VILLAGE FINANCED 60% OF IT. ACCORDING TO DAVE THE PSC HAS NO PROBLEM WITH THIS BEING DONE PROVIDED THE 1999 RESOLUTION IS VOIDED. UTILITY PROPERTY TAXES PAID TO THE VILLAGE IS BASED ON HISTORICAL COSTS. ALTHOUGH THE VILLAGE COULD CHARGE UTILITY ANYWHERE

FROM \$0 TO \$21,000/YEAR ANNUALLY. THE BOARD AGREED TO VOID THE 1999 RESOLUTION WHEN THE TIME COMES TO DO LOAN PAYMENT SCHEDULING.

THE NORTH MAIN – CEDARVIEW DRIVE WORK, ALTHOUGH THE SOURCE OF THE PROBLEM IS TO THE EAST OF NORTH MAIN STREET, THE VILLAGE FUNDING A LARGER PIPE CONNECTION WOULD BE AN OPTION TO START. OMNI AND THE COUNTY HAVE DISCUSSED PLANS TO OPEN A RETENTION POND IN THE FIELD, WHERE THE SOURCE OF THE PROBLEM IS. MIKE BORN WILL CONTACT HALBACH EXCAVATING ON A QUOTE FOR THE CEDARVIEW CULVERT TO HELP ALLEVIATE THE FLOODING. THERE IS STILL A HOLD ON PRODUCTION FOR THE GRATE ORDER, TO INSTALL NORTH AREA NEAR ACHTERS.

SOME OF THE BOARD MEMBERS MET AT THE PARK TO DECIDE THE HEIGHT OF THE SHELTER STRUCTURE WHICH WILL BE 10' HEIGHT IN THE BACK, AND 12' HEIGHT IN THE FRONT. PLANS ARE IN THE WORKS BY TOM MEIKLEJOHN, STRUCTURAL ENGINEER.

THE CHRISTMAS DECORATION COMMITTEE MET ON MONDAY NITE. IT WAS DECIDED THAT THE RED CHRISTMAS BANNERS WILL BE PUT UP. IT WILL BE CONFIRMED WITH TED TABBERT THAT HIS LIFT AND POSSIBLY HIS SERVICES CAN BE USED. DAN IS GETTING A QUOTE FROM WE ENERGIES TO GET THREE OF THE OUTLETS MOVED TO EVEN OUT THE LIGHTING. THE COMMITTEE WILL HAVE A FLIER CREATED FOR BUSINESS CANVASSING FOR COST OF THE NEW DECORATIONS, AS WELL AS A "LIGHT UP ST. CLOUD" CAMPAIGN WITH A RESIDENT CHRISTMAS DECORATING CONTEST.

ERIC HEIMERMANN HAS GOTTEN QUOTES FROM FLAG AND BANNER COMPANY FOR (15) U.S. FLAG BANNERS TOTALING \$1,406.25. THEY WILL WORK WITH THE BRACKETS WE ALREADY HAVE FOR THE VILLAGE CHRISTMAS BANNERS. ERIC WILL SEEK OUT HELP TO HAVE THE BANNERS PUT UP WITHIN THE NEXT COUPLE WEEKS

THE WEBSITE REDESIGN PROPOSAL WAS REVIEWED BY THE BOARD. WITH THE BUDGET RESTRAINTS THIS YEAR, IT WAS DECIDED TO HOLD OFF ON THE COST OF THE REDESIGN FOR ANOTHER YEAR.

THE MPIC INSURANCE ADJUSTER DAVE SEIBEL INSPECTED THE VILLAGE ROOFS FOR HAIL DAMAGE. THE PARK PAVILLION, PARK SHED, RIVERSIDE SHELTER WILL BE TOTALLY REPLACED. THERE ARE END ROOF SECTIONS OF THE VILLAGE HALL THAT WILL BE REPLACED.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PARKS: DALE WORKED WITH HALBAH EXCAVATING TO CLEAN UP AND REPAIR THE DRIVEWAY AND PARKING AREA BY THE BACK BALL DIAMOND.

A TOTAL OF SIX TREES HAVE BEEN REMOVED BY ABLER TREE COMPANY. THEY HAVE DONATED ALL THEIR TIME AND EQUIPMENT SERVICES TO THE VILLAGE. WE ARE TRULY GRATEFUL TO THEM FOR THEIR GENEROSITY. THERE WERE NO OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS GIVEN.

BECAUSE OF THE NOVEMBER 3RD ELECTION, THE NOVEMBER VILLAGE BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10; VILLAGE BUDGET MEETING WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17.

RYAN ASKED FOR A MOTION TO PAY BILLS AND REVIEW TIME CARDS. NICK COLLIN MOTIONED TO PAY BILLS AND ERIC HEIMERMANN SECONDED THE MOTION. BILLS WERE PAID AND TIME CARDS WERE REVIEWED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY LUKE BOLL TO ADJOURN THE MEETING; DAN DREIFUERST SECONDED. THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:15 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
RHONDA WEBER, VILLAGE CLERK