

## **ST. CLOUD VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**NOVEMBER 2, 2021 – 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.

MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER MEETING WERE READ.

LUKE BOLL MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES, RYAN ACHTER SECONDED THE MOTION.

ALL WERE IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED AND MINUTES WERE APPROVED.

### **UTILITY:**

TONY KAPPELLA OF MCMAHON ENGINEERING ATTENDED THE MEETING TO EXPLAIN THE INITIALIZING OF A CLASS ACTION LAW SUIT PROCESS BY THE RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION ON PFAS CONTAMINATION PRODUCED BY MAN MADE CHEMICALS. THE EPA IS BEGINNING TO SET MAXIMUM CONTAMINATION LEVELS THAT POSSIBLY COULD SHOW UP IN WASTEWATER AND WATER SYSTEMS. BECAUSE THE CHEMICALS PRODUCED BY THESE PRODUCTS DO NOT BREAK DOWN AND ACCUMULATE OVER TIME. THE CLASS ACTION SUIT WOULD INVOLVE RECOUPING COSTS OF COMMUNITIES MONITORING THEIR WATER SYSTEM.

AND IF NEEDED, ALSO THE COSTS OF CHEMICAL TREATMENT AND REMEDIATION OF THE CHEMICALS. THE EPA IS HOSTING A WEBINAR TO PROVIDE AN OVERVIEW ON PFAS CONTAMINATION AND THE RURAL WATER COST RECOVERY PROGRAM ON NOVEMBER 18. TONY PASSED THE WEBINAR INFORMATION ON TO THE BOARD MEMBERS IF ANYONE WOULD BE INTERESTED.

TONY WILL TALK TO BRUCE AT MCO ABOUT THE PH READINGS AT THE LAGOONS, AND IF THEY ARE CONSISTENTLY LOWER POSSIBLY BACKING OFF OF THE CHEMICALS FOR A WHILE AND SEE HOW THE READINGS APPEAR THEN.

DALE COMMENTED THAT THE NEW HYDRANT AT THE END OF EAST BARRETT STREET HAS BEEN ORDERED. SPEEDY CLEAN HAS BEEN TO WET WELL TO CLEAN IT OUT. THERE IS A NEED TO REORDER FOOD GRADE GREASE. IT CAN BE PURCHASED FROM WEBER'S BP IN KIEL. THE COST IS JUST UNDER \$200 FOR A 5-GALLON CONTAINER.

FOND DU LAC COUNTY WILL BE LEVELING OFF THE MANHOLES THIS SPRING. THE COUNTY HAS ALSO GRADED RIVER LANE.

A NEW METER WILL BE ORDERED FOR THE CHURCH/RECTORY, SINCE THE READINGS HAVE BEEN UNUSUALLY HIGH AND ALL OTHER POSSIBLE ISSUES HAVE BEEN CHECKED OUT.

DAN DREIFUERST REPORTED THAT MIKE BORN IS READY TO SUBMIT THE VILLAGE 5-YEAR STREET PLAN. HE SUBMITTED A TOTAL COST OF \$171,000. ITEMS INCLUDED IN THE PLAN ARE RE-DOING CHURCH AND MARSH STREETS TO BARRETT STREET, AND STORM SEWER AT THE INTERSECTION OF CHURCH AND MARSH STREETS, AND CRACK SEALING NEEDED THROUGHOUT THE VILLAGE. THIS WORK COULD BE FINANCIALLY POSSIBLE IN TWO YEARS, WITH MONEY MARKET STREET FUNDS AND BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS. LUKE BOLL GOT A PRICE OF APPROXIMATELY \$25,000 FOR STORM SEWER WORK AT THORP AND GORDON STREETS AND AT THORP AND RAILROAD AVENUE. TOM JAHNKE OF FOND DU LAC COUNTY HIGHWAY SAID AT THE MEETING THAT COUNTY G NORTH OF HIGHWAY 23 WILL BE MILLED AND PAVED NEXT SPRING.

THE LOCAL ROAD IMPROVEMENT FUND WAS APPLIED FOR. THE VILLAGE WAS AWARDED \$49,411. .

A HOLIDAY LIGHTING FUNDRAISING MEETING WAS HELD AT DAN DREIFUERST'S HOME TO DISCUSS MORE WAYS TO RAISE FUNDS OTHER THAN THE RAFFLE TICKET. DISCUSSION ON MAKING REQUESTS TO LARGER COMPANIES THAT EMPLOY RESIDENTS AND ALSO COMPANIES THAT ARE PATRONIZED BY RESIDENTS. DAN DREIFUERST WILL DRAFT A LETTER TO BE SENT TO THESE COMPANIES. THE HOLIDAY LIGHTING RAFFLE WILL BE HELD BEFORE THE DECEMBER 7 VILLAGE BOARD MEETING.

THE PROCESS FOR ISSUING CITATIONS FOR ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS FOLLOWING DISREGARDED VIOLATION NOTICES WAS DISCUSSED. THE MUNICIPAL COURT SYSTEM PROCESS ALLOWS CITATIONS TO BE ISSUED WITHOUT COURT APPEARANCE IF THE FINE IS PAID WITHOUT CONTESTING THE CITATION. IF CONTESTED A MUNICIPAL COURT APPEARANCE TAKES PLACE RESULTING IN COURT COSTS AS WELL.

THE BOARD WAS REMINDED OF THE ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, AT 6:30.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

THERE WERE NO COMMITTEE REPORTS GIVEN.

RYAN ASKED FOR A MOTION TO PAY BILLS AND REVIEW TIME CARDS. DAVE SCHRY MOTIONED TO PAY BILLS AND REVIEW TIME CARDS; LUKE BOLL SECONDED THE MOTIION. BILLS WERE PAID AND TIME CARDS REVIEWED.

RYAN GEBHART CALLED FOR A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. DAVE SCHRY MOTIONED TO ADJOURN; ERIC HEIMERMANN SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:20 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

RHONDA WEBER  
VILLAGE CLERK