

**VILLAGE OF WALWORTH  
VILLAGE BOARD**

Monday, July 8, 2019, 6:00 p.m.  
Village Hall, 227 N. Main St., Walworth, WI

**MINUTES**

**Call to Order:** President Connelly called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Roll Call:** Present: President Connelly, Trustees Czaja, Reiersen, McMahon, Mizialko, Maynard.  
Absent: Trustee Nordmeyer. Also Present: Attorney Brad Lochowicz, Police Chief Milligan, Clerk  
Treasurer Waswo, Deputy Clerk Treasurer Rogers, Director of Public Works Boss

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Approval of Minutes from April 8, 2019 Regular Board meeting, May 13, 2019 Regular Board meeting, May 21, 2019 Special Board meeting, June 10, 2019 Regular Board meeting and June 18, 2019 Special Board meeting**

Czaja/Maynard motion to approve the minutes as listed. Motion carried 6 to 0.

**June 2019 Financial Reports – Village and Water/Sewer Budgets**

This is provided informationally and will be critical during budget times. Trustee Czaja noted Finance Committee has reviewed it as well.

**Approval of June 2019 Village and Water/Sewer Payables including Additions**

Czaja/Mizialko motion to approve the water/sewer utility and the village payables including the additions. Motion carried 6 to 0.

**Comments from Citizens Present: Any item presented to the Village Board by a citizen will be heard and may be placed on the next regular meeting's agenda.**

Kenneth Reyer owns 5 units in the village, 2 on Howard, 1 on Beloit and 1 on Park Street. When we received the monsoon rains, the storm sewer filled up and backed up on the Main Street corner. The storm sewer on his corner quit taking any water. All the water from Howard Street came down Howard and around the corner. It came about 25 feet and ran over on his lawn. It ran about 25 feet wide. They did not get any water in the big house. There was a foot of water in the basement in the little house about 3 times in a row. He is at the lowest point, and his road is terrible. Thought it was going to be fixed 3 years ago. He feels they need more than just new black topping. If the village can't do anything about the water, they are going to hire someone to make a berm on their lawn.

Theo Reyer explained when the snow melts all the water comes there. They are tired of the situation and something needs to be done. Not only does their lot flood, the 2 lots east of theirs floods as well. Ken understands they have had some strange weather. He drove by the Howard Street gully and didn't see another storm sewer inlet in the whole 4 or 5 blocks. There needs to be an extra catch basin or two along Howard Street. As soon as the storm sewer caught up that catch basin on his corner started to work. DPW Boss stated he took pictures. The bottle neck goes all the way up. There is only one pipe that goes out. All the storm sewer water dispenses by Subway on Fairview Drive. The problem is there is one pipe that covers the square, the couple on Madison Street, everything from the north side of town all goes to one pipe. In that event we had 2 inches of rain in 35 minutes. Everywhere in town was flooded. The biggest problem we have is elevation in Walworth and there is only one pipe going out on the west side of town. Boss stated there are about 6 catch basins on the east end of Kenosha Street and then goes down Highway

B. President Connelly replied we have a letter into the DOT asking them to work with us to send Howard Street drainage through an easement to Highway 67. That would take a lot of pressure off the Howard Street issues that we have had for so long. President Connelly asked if the pump that we are talking about purchasing will help. Boss stated no, we would never be able to get it set up in time for events like that. Connelly said these are standing agenda items on public works. We realize these are long standing issues, and obviously always come down to funding. We are also looking at going under the railroad tracks to pump to a dry detention area to the north.

Stan Fairchild has a tenant and shop at 138 Howard Street. He would like to upgrade his parking area but doesn't know where the street or curb will be when the paving is done. Under normal rain conditions, curbs would get the water to the drain on the corner of Howard and Park. His house faces Howard Street but all access is on Park Street. He wants to upgrade his parking area but if a street and a curb will go in, he needs to know where it will be placed. He feels left out on that short street. It hasn't been repaved and apparently, it's because of a curb situation. DPW Boss stated the only reason we did Franklin Street was because semis went down there and actually fell in. Stan stated they don't have water moving, it sits. If that street could be surfaced with a curb it would get the water to the corner under normal raining conditions. Plus everything from the roof of Iseli comes down that street. If it had a curb it would take it to the drain.

Czaja/Reierson motion to suspend the rules and move item 12 up on the agenda. Motion carried 6 to 0.

### **Standing Committee Recommendations & Reports – Discussion and Action on the following:**

#### **Public Works: Meeting Update**

##### **Purchase a 6” pump with floats plus a trailer unit at a cost of \$35,275.00 with half paid by the sewer utility and half cost provided by the village**

Trustee Czaja submitted a timeline of events from May of 1990 pertaining to Oak Knolls Subdivision. We have already spent \$5,500 to rent a pump for the Oak Knolls retention pond. We can add another \$3,000 based on this last week. A rental pump may not be available when needed or a lag time of 4 hours, thus allowing an overflow of the retention pond. It's the recommendation of Public Works Committee held on May 24<sup>th</sup> that the board authorize the purchase of a 6” pump with floats plus a trailer unit. On May 12, 2008 Foth recommended purchasing a pump. The pump can also be used on Howard, Bonito and Randolph Streets. The Public Works Committee will continue to study storm water drainage and come forward with recommendations to remediate existing conditions of storm water flow in the village.

President Connelly provided pictures of Big Foot Farms, Oak Knolls and other areas of flooding in the village. The berm is compromised on the northside of the retention area. Water flows around the berm and into the Oak Knolls homeowners back yards. It sounds like it will take 4 months to get on a list for the pump and 16 weeks to obtain. DPW Boss didn't factor in getting flexible pipe for Howard and Randolph. On Howard Street it takes 300 feet to get over the high point. Connelly stated it's just coming up with the funds. This is something we should budget for. He asked if we could provide board authority to create the order and lag it long enough to get it next year. Boss would like to keep the ball rolling and purchase the pump this year as winter time on Howard Street is when we can really utilize the pump. When the temperature changes and it turns to ice, it's nice to get it gone. This will pump 2,100 gallons per minutes. If we had a problem with a sewer main, we could use this as well.

President Connelly asked how we are going to pay for this item. Boss stated the generator came in under budget. Trustee Czaja said there could be some wiggle room in streets capital outlay. We were going to do some patching but could hold off.

It was discussed to split it between streets capital outlay and water utility. Trustee McMahon feels it is time we do something.

Czaja/Reierson motion to purchase a 6-inch pump from Mid-State Equipment not to exceed \$36,000 with half the money coming from the sewer department and the other half from the village street capital outlay budget. Motion carried 6 to 0.

### **Report on Howard Street Improvements**

DPW Boss stated Howard Street has been on the backburner as the contractors have been behind. We are waiting on Barden and Sons for the curb and sidewalk cement. If the cement gets done, Boss will schedule it right away. He is anticipating it will be done in a couple weeks.

## **Communication and Miscellaneous Business – Discussion, Consideration, and Action on the following:**

### **Cemetery Maintenance Complaint**

Bob Rauland submitted a letter as he is upset as a couple of family members tombstones need to be repaired. He's happy to help fundraise if that's what is necessary to get things up to a certain standard. Trustee Maynard stated he does not do the mowing or racking. Since there is a Cemetery Board in place, Connelly feels the village does not have authority or liability to take care of these issues. Connelly will pass the information onto the Cemetery Board to address these issues as it is not the village's place to do so but he wanted the board to be aware of it.

### **Uniti Tower Update**

They have been in contact with Attorney Lochowicz and are working on an agreement.

## **Standing Committee Reports – Discussion, Consideration, and Action on the following:**

### **Finance: Meeting Update**

#### **New York Life Insurance Employee Benefit/Additional Insurance Plan**

Marisa Nor submitted a letter regarding this additional benefit for village employees. Finance didn't make any recommendation as we wanted to hear from Marisa. This is strictly a voluntary program for employees. It is a whole life product that can be customized. Employees can cover themselves, kids, and grandkids. The employee owns the plan and can take it with them if they leave the village. It is budget friendly where the employee can choose what they want to pay per paycheck. They don't have to go through the full underwriting process. There is no cost to the village. President Connelly noted we already have short term coverage. This would create extra time for the Clerk Treasurer's office with payroll and accounts payable. Consensus was to send the item back to Finance with a straw poll of employees to see if this product is something they would be interested in.

#### **Baker Tilly Audit Update**

Carla from Baker Tilly was not ready to present at tonight's meeting. CT Waswo noted a change; she found prior year TID exempt computer aids were put towards the general fund instead of the TID in error. Taking this into account, the TID has a positive balance of \$42,217. However, the general fund now owes the TID \$18,970. Connelly feels Finance should look into the TIF and see what projects can be completed.

### **General Services: Meeting Update**

#### **Original 2018-2019 Operator's License application from Marina Lewis**

There was no General Services meeting this month, so there is no recommendation. Lt. Alonzo has completed the background check.

Maynard/Reierson motion to approve the Operator's License. Motion carried 6 to 0.

**Temporary Operator’s License applications filed by Robert Klockars, Edwin Heyer and Charles Palma for the Corn and Brat fest at Heyer Park on August 3, 2019**

Maynard/Reierson motion to approve the Temporary Operator’s License for Robert Klockars, Edwin Heyer and Charles Palma. Motion carried 6 to 0.

**Commission and Special Committee Reports: Discussion, Consideration, and Action on the following:**

**Plan Commission: Meeting Update**

Plan Commission has taken over the responsibility of the Building Committee which has been dissolved. The Commission will take a field trip to view all buildings to see what a needs assessment would look like.

**FWWPCC: Meeting Update.**

There was no meeting last month due to lack of quorum.

**Emergency Government: Meeting Update.**

No report.

**Library Board: Meeting Update.**

The Library had a 140 kids and adults today. Walworth was one of 2 libraries that excelled in new visitor attendance.

**Closed Session**

To consider a motion on whether or not to conduct a closed session in accordance with Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(e); Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session related to:

- a. Reconsider filing Declaratory Judgment Action on 301 N. Main Street title
- b. Offer to Purchase 301 North Main Street Property
- c. Town of Walworth Fire and Rescue Contracts

Czaja/Mizialko motion to go into closed session at 7:09pm.

Roll Call: Czaja, Mizialko, Maynard, Reierson, Connelly, McMahon voting “yes.” Motion carried 6 to 0.

**Open Session**

Return to open session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(2) and take action on any items discussed in closed session

Maynard/Reierson motion to go into open session at 7:26pm. Motion carried 6 to 0.

**Adjournment**

Maynard/Mizialko motion to adjourn at 7:27pm. Motion carried 6 to 0.

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Sabrina Waswo, Clerk Treasurer