

VILLAGE BOARD
JULY 10, 2018

The Village Board of Combined Locks was called to order by President John Neumeier. Trustees in attendance included: Justin Krueger, Ruth Wulgaert, Tim Stutzman, Jim Ponto, Ken Vander Wielen, and Cathy Vander Zanden.

Also in attendance were Village Administrator Racquel Shampo-Giese, Public Works Director Ryan Swick, Sergeant John Schuette, and resident Charlene Mitchell.

The first item on the agenda was for public comment for matters not on the agenda. Charlene Mitchell asked about CE/Buchanan being a permanent closure. Ms. Mitchell was directed to contact Outagamie County Highway Department. She also voiced concerns about the amount of fireworks residents light off and the excessive number of days it continues. Sergeant Schuette offered to have information about fireworks placed on the Public Safety facebook page.

The next item on the agenda was to review and consider approval of the minutes and bills. J. Ponto made a motion to approve the minutes. C. Vander Zanden seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. J. Ponto made a motion to approve the bills. C. Vander Zanden seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was the Administrator Report. July information included: received \$10,567.00 dividend from League of Wisconsin Municipalities Mutual Insurance; election preparations – 08/14/18 Partisan Primary ahead of the 11/06/18 General Election; working with Buchanan and Harrison Administrators to draft a plan of action to possibly dissolve the Garners Creek Storm Water Utility – Garner Creek Commission to review at its 08/02/18 meeting. Meeting scheduled with Garner Creek attorney 07/24/18; Village's engineer working on street construction estimate for DeBruin Road, Block Road and Ruys Woods Subdivision. Borrowing will be necessary for these projects, but the majority of the cost will be assessed back to the property owners; received the 2018 assessed value for Midwest Paper Group. The total assessed value as determined by the Department of Revenue is \$13,445,700 of which \$8,051,900 is real estate and \$5,393,800 is personal property. This is lower than the 2017 total assessed value of \$15,334,400.00. The lower difference is due to depreciation of the machinery as estimated by DOR. The mill owners have 60 days (August 12th) to appeal the assessment. The \$1.9 million reduction calculates to about an \$11,000.00 reduction tax revenue to the Village; volunteer "Thank you" reception 07/16/18 at 6:30pm in MVT room - America in Bloom judges will give a short presentation.

The next item on the agenda was the Public Works Department Report. The Director reported Prospect Street reconstruction project was completed. Minimal complaints mostly relating to dust and to truck traffic; entire crew was present during our annual safety training seminar with United Heartland Insurance Company; the crew spent a significant time grass cutting, planting, weeding, weed spraying and sod cutting to help in the beautification of the Civic Center, Memorial Park and islands throughout the Village; the entire Village has now been swept four times, and the portion of the Village that is

required to be swept by twice a month per NR 216 storm water requirements has also been completed. A total of 25 tons of debris has been removed from the streets. 29 tons removed last year; the crew also hauled 34.5 tons of yard waste in June to the County landfill for a season total of 88 tons. At this point in 2017 there were 121 tons and in 2016 113 tons; brush collection at 134 of which 30 residents did not call in. Removed 12 trees around the Memorial Park trail system; large rubbish collection had 134 stops with approximately 2/3 called in; starting working on 2018 operating budget. Anticipated Projects: street sweeping; brush collection; continue to work on developing a five year capital improvement and 2018 operating budget; pond and trail maintenance; some tree removal of dying terrace trees.

The next item on the agenda was the Police Report. Sgt. Schuette reviewed monthly and year to date report with the Board; the numbers are lower because of software change - some information is missing; yard waste site fines are being issued; vandalism at Memorial Park – shingles and shed damaged; President commended PD efforts on parking.

The next item on the agenda was to review and consider approval of operator licenses. Background checks were done by Sgt. Schuette, and he recommend approval. Sgt. Schuette asked for direction from Board with regard to approval or denial for future applications. T. Stutzman made a motion to approve the operator's license. K. Vander Wielen seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

R. Wulgaert made a motion to move into closed session per Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(e) to deliberate or negotiate the purchase of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. *Appleton Coated mill farm property & landfills* AND per Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(c) to consider employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of public employees of the Village of Combined Locks. *Crossing Guard wage rates & benefits*. J. Ponto seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

J. Ponto made a motion to move into open session. C. Vander Zanden seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

C. Vander Zanden made a motion to change crossing guard wages as of January 1st each year along with other Village employees and allow for five (5) paid days off plus snow days. R. Wulgaert seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

C. Vander Zanden made a motion to adjourn the meeting. K. Vander Wielen seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.