

VILLAGE BOARD
OCTOBER 2, 2018

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

Also in attendance were Village Administrator Racquel Shampo-Giese, Public Works Director Ryan Swick, Public Works employee Tim Mulry, Outagamie County Sheriff's Office Lieutenant Jeff Dietzen, Judy Hebbe of the Times Villager, and several Kimberly High School students.

The first item on the agenda was for public comment for matters not on the agenda. No public comments were received.

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

The next item on the agenda was the Administrator's report. The report included information and updates concerning: temporarily filling the part-time DPW laborer position, the Fire Departments ISO audit, discussions to recommend the dissolution of Garners Creek Storm Water Utility Commission, the 2019 Police Service Agreement with Outagamie County Sheriff's Office, County CE/K intersection, preliminary tax rate for 2019, finalizing the annual report to the Heart of the Valley Metropolitan Sewerage District.

The next item on the agenda was the Police Report. The report included information and updates concerning: September and year-to-date incidents and calls for service, Police coverage of the Fox Cities Marathon, and Sgt. Schuette's handling of a fraud complaint that affected people across the state.

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The next item on the agenda was a presentation regarding America in Bloom. T. Mulry presented the Volunteers and Best Idea presentations he gave at the symposium in Lexington. Combined Locks was one of five communities asked to give a presentation about how to get and keep volunteers in your community. The Best Idea presentation was of our new banners. It was noted that the new banners would not have been purchased if not for the anonymous donation of \$7,500. The Commission expressed its gratitude for the donation. T. Mulry also reported that the Village received one of seven special awards for Overall Impression. This is truly an honor as it is an award presented without consideration of population.

The next item on the agenda was to review the condition of the retaining wall at the Public Works building. The Administrator reminded the trustees of the collapse of the retaining wall in which an employee was injured. She explained that the wall will need to be reconstructed at a large expense. The Village's engineer has been asked to provide some options and estimated costs for the reconstruction.

The next item on the agenda was to review the 2019 health insurance rates. The Administrator reviewed the available plans and rates with the trustees. The lowest rate plan for 2019 is Dean Health Insurance – Prevea 360 whose clinics and doctors are located in Brown County. The next lowest rate plan is Network Health. Their premiums minimally (less than 1%) over 2018 premiums. It was noted that the Village can pay a maximum of 88% of the lowest tier 1 plan (Network Health for 2019).

The next item on the agenda was to review proposed welcome signs. T. Mulry reviewed the vision for the new signs which will be installed (pending budget approval) near the Green Way Village Subdivision and near Christ the King Church. The options were reviewed. It was noted that \$10,000 is tentatively budgeted for these signs.

The next item on the agenda was to review the Centennial Logo options received to date. 10 submissions were received. The trustees narrowed the choices to five (5), and the Plan Commission will also review the choices at its meeting on 10/03/18. The top choices will be available for residents to vote on at the 11/06/18 Fall General Election.

K. Vander Wielen made a motion to move into closed session per Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(e) to deliberate or negotiate the purchase of public properties, investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive of bargaining reasons require a closed session 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. T. Stutzman seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

R. Wulgaert made a motion to return to open session. K. Vander Wielen seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

J. Krueger made a motion to approve a 2.5% wage increase for Village employees, rename a DPW Equipment Operator/Laborer position to Utilities Specialist/Operator/Laborer with a wage adjustment, and adjust the Village Administrator salary to \$79,000. T. Stutzman seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

J. Ponto made a motion to adjourn the meeting. T. Stutzman seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.