

VILLAGE BOARD  
OCTOBER 16, 2018

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

Also in attendance were Village Administrator Racquel Shampo-Giese, Public Works Director Ryan Swick, Judy Hebbe of the Times Villager, residents of Janssen Street, 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 view the operation of the vacuum truck for leaf collection. After a demonstration by DPW mechanic, Mike King, the Administrator explained that the Board is extremely proud of this truck as the mechanic built it using the chassis from the retired automated trash collection truck. Using Mike's knowledge and abilities, this saved the Village and estimated \$40,000 for the truck, and using this type of collection process requires one less laborer. The result is a much more efficient service being provided to the residents and much cleaner streets. The Board applauded Mike's efforts.

The next item reviewed was the proposed expansion of the Kaukauna Utilities owned sub-station at the intersection of Prospect Street and Janssen Street. The Administrator explained that she had received the plans from Eric Miller at Kaukauna Utilities. The sub-station is in need of repairs, and the Utility believes the best alternative for repair is upgrade and expansion. The sub-station is 47 years old, and the Utility plans to expand it to the west. All of the plans are preliminary at this time, as PSC authorization is needed. The residents who are directly affected by this potential expansion asked the Village Board to do what they can to convince the Utility to consider another location for the expansion. The residents just purchased the home the Utility wants to level for the expansion. The matter was discussed.

The next item on the agenda was to review the Annual Report to the Heart of the Valley Metropolitan Sewerage District. The Public Works Director explained that this annual report details the efforts the Village put forth in 2017 to alleviate and prevent inflow and infiltration problems of the sanitary sewer system. J. Ponto approved submittal of the report. K. Vander Wielen seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was to review and consider approval to increase room rental fees and security deposits. The Administrator provided room rental rates from the surrounding communities. The matter was discussed. J. Krueger made a motion to increase the resident room rental rate for the Mark Van Thiel Room to \$100 with a \$100 security deposit and the non-resident rental rate to \$150 with a \$150 security deposit. C. Vander Zanden seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was to review the 2019 preliminary drafts of all funds and utilities. The drafts for the general fund, storm water fund, solid waste fund, water utility fund, and sanitary sewer fund were reviewed. The general fund draft shows a tax rate of \$5.23/\$1000 of assessed value. The storm water fund and solid waste funds do not include a rate increase. The water utility fund and

sanitary sewer fund include higher expenses for purchased water and sanitary sewer disposal fees, but a rate increase is not expected for 2019. It is expected that both funds will have rate increases for 2020 to accommodate the expected 17% water rate increase from the Kimberly Water Utility and the capital project expected for the Heart of the Valley Metropolitan Sewerage District.

The next item on the agenda was to review and consider approval of an operator license for T. Damsheuser. It was noted that the background check had been completed, and Sgt. Schuette has recommended approval of the license. C. Vander Zanden made a motion to approve the license. K. Vander Wielen seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

In other general business, the next meeting was scheduled for 6:30pm on Monday, November 5<sup>th</sup> to avoid conflict with the election on November 6<sup>th</sup>. This meeting will be a detailed review of the proposed general fund budget.

K. Vander Wielen made a motion to adjourn. J. Ponto seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.