

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Winnebago met telephonically at 7:00 P.M. President Franklin J. Eubank, Jr. Presiding. The President was in the Village office for the meeting.

ROLL CALL

GRAHAM – KIMES – MALAGRANDA – O’ROURKE – present; MCKINNON – MORGAN - absent

Guests: Attorney Gaziano, Chief Jeff White, Sally Bennett, Kellie Symonds, Chad Insko, Officer Nick Haff, Seth Gronewold, Officer Alan Nylund, Officer Mike Mund

A quorum was established.

There was no disclosure of any conflict of interest.

Item VIII was removed from the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by MR. KIMES, seconded by MRS. O’ROURKE to accept the agenda as amended. Motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote of those present.

A motion was made by MR. GRAHAM, seconded by MRS. O’ROURKE to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote of those present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one requested the opportunity to address the Board.

COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS/REQUEST

A. PUBLIC WORKS

1. The Committee minutes of November 2, 2020 were included in the packet.
2. Based on Committee recommendation a motion was made by MR. GRAHAM to approve the final payment to Helm (Civil Constructors) for \$15,058.07 from account 01-42-514 for the 2020 road project. Motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote of those present.
3. Based on Committee recommendation a motion was made by MR. GRAHAM to approve the reduction of the Crossroads Church bond to ten percent. Motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote of those present.
4. Based on Committee recommendation a motion was made by MR. GRAHAM to approve the purchase of salt at a cost of \$12,000 from account 01-42-514. Motion carried on a roll call vote of those present.

5. Mr. Burkhart resigned his position of Public Works Assistant as the position was not a good fit. A motion was made by MR. GRAHAM seconded by MR. MALIGRANDA to advertise the position for a replacement. Motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote of those present.

B. VILLAGE ENGINEER

1. Mr. Gronewold's monthly report was provided in the Board packet. There was a recent meeting to discuss Elida Street improvements.

C. COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE/4TH OF JULY TEAM/WIPC

1. Mr. Manheim provided his report.
2. The Solar Electric System Code Enforcement Ordinance remains open.
3. R.J. Viel will provide the business signs for the Totem Pole by the Police Garage at a cost of \$50 per side. The cost of the sign will be paid by the business. Who will pay to light and maintain the sign - MR. KIMES will meet with the Winnebago Chamber of Commerce to discuss this.

D. VILLAGE ATTORNEY

E. FINANCE COMMITTEE

1. & 3. The first request of \$5071 was recently sent to the CURE Program for reimbursement. There will be several more requests.
2. The budget for 2021 is underway. There will be a meeting November 23 to discuss the Public Works and Police budgets. It was discussed to budget \$40,000 for a complete July 4th festival and fireworks.

F. POLICE COMMITTEE

1. The U.S. Department of Justice Mandate requires the Police Department to be certified by January 31, 2021 – Safe Policing for Safe Communities. This cost will be \$150 for three years.
2. Officer Smith will be released to return to work December 7, 2020. Chief White will request a letter with specific details of the release.

3. Early in 2020 the Chief did a wage study for police officers in other similar departments. In trying to hire another officer the Chief has been told the candidates cannot afford to take the pay cut to come to Winnebago. The Chief has requested a five percent increase for all officers.

G. ADMINISTRATION TEAM/CLERK

1. A motion was made by MR. KIMES, seconded by MR. GRAHAM to approve the dates for 2021 meetings on the second Monday at 7:00 P.M. each month. (See attached). Motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote of those present.
2. A motion was made by MRS. O'ROURKE, seconded by MR. GRAHAM to approve the raise of \$500 for Mrs. Symonds as she has successfully completed her probation. The certification program was not offered this year because of COVID but she took the courses online as offered. Motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote of those present.
3. To meet the requirements everyone must complete the Sexual Harassment Prevention Policy.

H. LIQUOR COMMISSION

I. PRESIDENT

1. The President's report was provided in the Board packet.
2. The contract with Gill's Disposal for refuse collection remains open. It was suggested that a dollar figure for the rate increase each year should be used rather than a percentage. MRS. O'ROURKE will review the last ten years of the CPI for refuse hauling.
3. The President will meet with the government liaison for Mediacom to get information on the cost to break the existing contract. .
4. A motion was made to adopt Ordinance 2020-15 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION POLICY FOR THE VILLAGE OF WINNEBAGO. A motion was made by MR. GRAHAM, seconded by MRS. O'ROURKE to lay over Ordinance 2020-15. Motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote of those present.
5. The Board chose not to address the IMRF Executive Trustee Election Ballot.

6. No action was taken to temporarily reduce/refund/suspend liquor license fee due to COVID-19.
7. The Board approved the appointment of Mike Booker to the Zoning Board effective today through 2027. He will replace Randy Cook who did not want to continue in the position. It was noted Randy attended the last Zoning Board meeting and voted.

17. UPCOMING MEETING DATES:

Public Works Committee	December 07, 2020	5:00 P.M.
Police Committee	TBD	6:00 P.M.
Finance Committee	November 23, 2020	5:30 P.M.
Community Development	TBD	5:00 P.M.
4 th of July Family Fest Team	TBD	6:00 P.M.
Liquor Commission	TBD	4:00 P.M.
Errant Water	December 14, 2020	6:45 P.M.
Admin Team	TBD	3:30 P.M.
WIPC	January 20, 2021	5:30 P.M.
Pecatonica Prairie Path	TBD	9:30 a.m. Virtual
Win-Bur-Sew NIMS Training	TBD	TBD
Committee of the Whole	TBD	4:00 P.M.

NEW BUSINESS

The TODS signs have been erected for The Scoop on Highway 20. The Village will now need to provide Trail Blazing signs from Highway 20 to The Scoop. The cost of these signs is the responsibility of the business.

A motion was made by MR. KIMES, seconded by MR. GRAHAM to go into Executive Session at 8:15 P.M. to discuss a pending lawsuit, Village of Winnebago vs. Mantle Development Group. There will also be a discussion of police salaries as they relate to the sergeant's position. Motion carried on the following roll call vote: O'ROURKE – GRAHAM – MALIGRANDA – yes, KIMES – absent.

The Board returned to regular session at 10:23 p.m. GRAHAM- KIMES – MALIGRANDA – O'ROURKE; Guests: Attorney Gaziano, Kellie Symonds, Sally Bennett, Chad Insko.

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8. A motion was made by MR. KIMES, seconded by MRS. O'ROURKE to authorize Attorney Gaziano to negotiate a settlement with Mantle Development Group for the property. Motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote of those present.

A motion was made by MR. GRAHAM, seconded by MR. KIMES to adjourn at 10:26 P.M. Motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote of those present:

APPROVED

Sally Jo Huggins, Village Clerk
(Approved December 14, 2020)