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The Board of Trustees of the Village of Winnebago met remotely via GoToMeeting online at 6:00 P.M. with President Franklin J. Eubank, Jr. presiding. The President was in the Village office for the meeting, as well as the Village Clerk, Trustees Graham and Pearson.

Because of the continued disaster declaration and the Village Office being too small to accommodate guests, the public, trustees, and employees were invited to join via computer, telephone, or other electronic device with connection information provided on the agenda that was duly posted in accordance with all applicable statutes.

ROLL CALL

GRAHAM - MCKINNON – O'ROURKE - PEARSON – present; LEFEVRE – absent

Guests in person: Attorney Gaziano, Kellie Symonds, Nancy Mertzenich, Guests attending remotely: Treasurer Sally Bennett, Sergeant Nick Haff, Chief White, Public Works Director Chad Insko, Laurel Bergren, Jonathan Carson, Hal Sprague, Hudson Insko, and Stephanie King.

A quorum was established.

No one stated a conflict of interest.

There were no changes to the agenda

A motion was made by MR. GRAHAM, seconded by MRS. O'ROURKE to approve the consent agenda as presented.

- a. Approval of Board of Trustees and Minutes
 - i. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of June 13, 2022
 - ii. Minutes of the Public Hearing of June 13, 2022
- b. Approval of Line Items Transfers
- c. Approval of Bills:
 - i. \$5,000 and over
 - ii. Under \$5000
 - i. Treasurer's Report place on file for audit
- d. Administrative Reports
 - i. President's Monthly Report
 - ii. Chief of Police Monthly Statistics Report
 - iii. Fehr-Graham – July Engineering Report
 - iv. Code Enforcement & Building Officer Monthly Report
 - v. Fourth of July Donation Total: \$ 9638.35 received as of July 5th (does not include pledged amounts)

Motion carried on a roll call vote of those present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one requested the opportunity to address the Board.

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TRAJECTORY ENRGY – SOLAR FARM PROPOSAL

Jon Carson explained their project of a solar farm on Falconer Road near the water tower. They would hope to install 12-14 thousand panels on the 38 acres. The Village would benefit from the increased property tax on the property. In addition, the village could subscribe to benefit from the reduced cost for electricity.

The Village could set this up by a special use permit, solar ordinance or permitted use. Laurel Bergren talked about other solar farms in the area. She would provide information and locations for the village to visit.

COMMITTEE DEPARTMENT REPORTS/REQUEST

a. PUBLIC WORKS

- i. Based on committee recommendation a motion was made by MR. GRAHAM to approve the cost for chip sealing of a one-mile section of McNair Road east of Westfield, and a half-mile section of Falconer Road from McNair south to the Prairie Path at a cost not to exceed \$30,000 from line item 01-42-514. Motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote of those present.
- ii. A motion was made by MR. GRAHAM seconded by MR. PEARSON to spend up to \$10,000 from line 01 42 514 to replace the pavement at the corner of Swift and School Streets and pave a parking area on Soper Street near Benton Street. This work will be completed by the Helm Group, the same group will also complete the work in the previous motion. Motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote of those present.

b. COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE/PLANNING & ZONING/4TH OF JULY EVENTS

c. POLICE COMMITTEE

- i. MRS. O'ROURKE explained that the starting wage for a new police officer is much below Pecatonica and Cherry Valley making it very hard to get applicants for our open police officer position in our present budget situation. The President explained he hopes to talk with Sherriff Caruana about the struggles of the small communities.

d. FINANCE COMMITTEE

e. ADMINISTRATION TEAM/CLERK

f. LIQUOR COMMISSION

NEW BUSINESS

- a. The Hotel Feasibility Study update remains open.
- b. The IML Conference is September 15-17, 2022. If any of the trustees are interested in attending, please let Mrs. Bennett know.
- c. The Liquor Commission recommended a liquor license be awarded to Kelly's Gaming 68 LLC. The license was issued after the \$5,000 application fee and the prorated share of the annual liquor license fee were received.
- d. President Eubank stated there will need to be a special board meeting including Admin Team members to discuss wages of present employees and possible additional employees. Please let Mrs. Symonds know of your availability of the first three weeks of August and then a doodle poll will be sent out to set a date.
- e. The Special Event Application Form is being reviewed; it is hoped the form can be approved at the August Board Meeting.
- f. The Bago Jingle & Mingle date of December 10, 2022 is approved. As soon as the Special Event Application is available it will need to be completed.

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- g. The coffee truck mobile vendor will need to apply to the Police Chief for a Solicitor's Permit. The truck will be on private property.
- h. MR. PEARSON has agreed to chair the Community Development Committee.
- i. The Standard Meeting Dates were accepted with a change in the starting time for the Finance Committee to 17:00 p.m.
- j. There is still a need for a board member. The President talked to two people – one declined because of work commitments; the other will not physically live in the Village until the end of August or early September. Any suggestions should be provided to the President.
- k. There are two vacancies on the Zoning Board.
- l. A paint ball entertainment park is proposed at 8686 Auburn Road. The Board offered no objections.

The attorney commented about inquiries on zoning for properties.

A motion was made by MRS. O'ROURKE, seconded by MR. GRAHAM to adjourn at 7:09 p.m. Motion carried on a roll call vote of those present.



Sally Jo Huggins, Village Clerk