CADOTT VILLAGE BOARD MINUTES

JULY 5, 2023

The Finance Committee met at 6:00 p.m. to audit bills.

The regular meeting of the Cadott Village Board was called to order by President Randy Kuehni. Trustees present were: Terry Licht, Les Liptak, Todd Seeley, Eric Weiland, and Nicole Whipp Sime. Absent: Bart Chapek. Public Present: Julia Wolf (Reporter) and Brian Reilly (Ehlers). The next regular Board meeting will be July 17, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

A motion was made by Licht and seconded by Liptak to approve the minutes dated June 19, 2023. MC.

A motion was made by Licht and seconded by Liptak to approve the bills dated July 5, 2023. Motion by roll call. MC.

A motion was made by Weiland and seconded by Seeley to approve any additional monthly bills. MC.

Agenda item #7 was discussed in regards to financial information with Ehlers. Brian Reilly stated Ehlers will prepare a formal sewer proposal and discuss it on the July 17th meeting. With switching the General Obligation bonds to Electric utility it will free up the general obligation borrowing capacity. The Village can’t mix the new project funding with the refinancing of the bonds as the projects are not electrical related. The bond rates have been stable for refinancing the bonds to electric utility. Reilly recommends doing a general obligation promissory note for five or ten years for the purchase of the Public Works truck that was purchased in 2022 to help with the 2022 general fund deficit. Reilly offered two financing options for the upcoming projects: accessing local bank finances or a state trust loan. Reilly stated the state trust would be the best option with an interest rate of 5.75% and no payments required for 2024. The local bank financing is usually only 20 years without it being a fixed rate. A motion was made by Weiland and seconded by Liptak to approve having them move forward with giving the numbers for the state trust plan at the next meeting. MC.

Agenda item #8 regarding the sewer rate increase was tabled for the July 17, 2023 meeting.

A motion was made by Liptak and seconded by Whipp Sime to approve Clerk Bruhn attending the webinar. MC.

A motion was made by Liptak and seconded by Licht to approve the Operator’s License for Donovan Roy Walters at Big T’s Midway. MC.

Kuehni would like to tell the public if anyone texts him to sign your name. It is hard to respond when he doesn’t know who it is from.

Clerk Bruhn handed out a budget comparison to the Village Board for informational purposes on how the budget is sitting so far this year.

There is a Water Rate Increase Public Hearing on July 12, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.

Rolly Tichy made a frame for the flag in the Village Office and donated it to the Village of Cadott. Kuehni stated it looks very nice. Liptak stated it is very much appreciated.

The Village received the Voltage Conversion Study results. The cost for the complete electrical conversion is $7.45 million. The information was emailed to Maria Lauck for a grant towards the project. Lauck said the State will not approve the grant as it is too large of a project. There are other possible grant options but the Village would have to match $2.5 million.

The Library Board is checking into different sites for the new Library and would like at least someone from the Library Board and Village Board included on each of the tours.

Clerk Bruhn is editing the handbook according to the contract that was received from the attorney. The total revised handbook will be presented to the Board at the next meeting.

Weiland stated at the dump there was a big branch pile that started on fire. That pile usually gets burned anyway but it was starting the woods on fire. The pile was smoldering since December when they last burned the pile. Weiland stated in the future we need to look at how it is set up down there. Kuehni stated next week the Public Works will need to clean the pile up and get the North end taken care of. Kuehni would like to thank the Fire Department for coming; they did a good job.

A motion was made by Weiland and seconded by Licht to adjourn. MC.

April Bruhn, Clerk