

**VILLAGE BOARD MINUTES  
MONDAY, AUGUST 8, 2016  
7:00 PM  
BOARD ROOM, MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 210 COTTONWOOD AVENUE**

Roll Call

Pledge of Allegiance –Trustee Meyers

Present: Trustees Stevens, Meyers, Compton, Landwehr, Swenson, Wallschlager, President Lamerand

Others: Administrator Cox, Finance Director Bailey, DPW Director Einweck, Fire Chief Dean, Clerk Igl, Billy Cooley

Public Comments: (Please be advised the Village Board will receive information from the public for a three minute time period per person, with time extensions per the Village President's discretion. Be it further advised that there may be limited discussion on the information received, however, no action will be taken under public comments.) None.

1. Motion (Meyers/Stevens) to approve Village Board minutes of July 25, 2016. Carried (7-0).
2. Motion (Landwehr/Swenson) to approve the vouchers for payment in the amount of \$358,622.58. Carried (6-0). Meyers abstained.
3. Consideration of actions related to Licenses and Permits
  - a. Motion (Compton/Landwehr) to approve Operator's (Bartender) Licenses with a term ending June 30, 2018. Carried (7-0).
4. Consideration and determination of direction related to pedestrian bridge construction in connection with the Riverwalk development.

Administrator Cox stated that updated information related to construction of the pedestrian bridge was included in the packet including an estimated cost. Additional information was provided at the meeting. Administrator Cox stated that the discussion needs to lead to determining what type of bridge gets installed and how it is financed. It was stated that the Village is intending per the agreement with McCormick to fund the installation of the bridge, however with the addition of a roof the bridge is a significant cost warranting further discussion.

Billy Cooley, representative of JD McCormick, stated that soil borings were conducted and it was found that it would be necessary to go down to 30 feet to get to material that would hold the bridge. The estimate provided used 50 feet to be sure it's to a point that can hold the helical piers. He stated that final engineering is not yet complete. The preliminary plans had

three piers per embankment but the estimate includes 4 just to be safe. He stated that they had briefly talked about moving the bridge up or down the river in hopes of locating better soils but it was quickly determined that it would be unlikely to be of value based on poor soils present on the Riverwalk site.

Trustee Wallschlager asked for clarification on the location of the piers and asked whether they could be moved back. It was stated that the piers would be installed about 5 to 7 feet off the bank of the river. It was asked whether they could be moved back but it was stated that the bridge would then be longer it would exponentially increase the cost.

Trustee Meyers asked whether the planned bridge could be placed in the location of the bridge behind Palmer's. Mr. Cooley stated that it would likely be possible.

Administrator Cox stated that Village staff plans to recommend replacement of that bridge in the not too distant future using existing abutments. The Village's plan is to have walkways on both sides of the river. Administrator Cox reminded the Board that this pedestrian bridge serves multiple purposes. Installation of the bridge allowed granting of a waiver for parking requirements for the Riverwalk Development as it will allow access to additional parking on the opposite side of river. In addition, the bridge will provide another pedestrian connection from the downtown to the parking lot. There was discussion as to whether the proposed bridge could be eliminated and utilize only the existing bridge behind Palmer's.

It was stated that the Schedule 30 permit to install the bridge which is a 60 day process. It was stated that it may or may not be installed this fall. If not installed until spring when the water levels are higher, it would be installed later in spring.

Mr. Cooley stated that removing the roof from the current proposal would reduce the cost by \$22,600. It was stated that the footings required would be the same whether the bridge has a roof or not. Administrator Cox outlined options including proceeding with the bridge construction as discussed, consider a redesign of the bridge in an effort to reduce the cost, or further reduce the cost by installing a bridge similar to the bridge behind Palmer's. It was stated that temporary repairs were made to the existing bridge but it is anticipated that it would be replaced in the future.

It was stated that the bridge could be financed either by using the funds from the existing capital account or make the bridge a TIF expense taking the funds from those reserve funds and recoup it in the end. TIF expenses for this district are roughly \$1.9 million.

There was discussion regarding whether a roof on the bridge would be an advantage. Trustee Swenson stated that a bridge with a roof would be an attractive feature in the downtown area. It was stated that the bridge behind Palmer's is part of the Ice Age Trail. It was stated that the trail could be relocated to avoid that bridge in the future. President Lamerand stated that if the proposed bridge is installed, there would be the option to relocate the Ice Age Trail to utilize the new bridge rather than the bridge behind Palmer's. It was stated that replacement

of the existing bridge behind Palmer's is estimated at approximately \$35,000 or rather than replace, it could be decided in the future to eliminate the bridge rather than replace.

There was discussion regarding the costs included in the current proposal. Trustee Meyers stated that the Board had agreed on installation of the bridge based on earlier estimates provided. It was stated that the most current proposal is higher due to enhancements requested including a metal shingled roof, wood interior ceiling and Fiber Force decking. Mr. Cooley stated that the current proposal is for the bridge as designed.

Motion (Swenson/Landwehr) to approve the installation of the bridge with a roof as proposed being financed through the TIF. Carried (4-3). Wallschlager, Meyers, Stevens opposed.

Mr. Cooley stated that there is an existing walkway in Kenosha in which Fiber Force was utilized and requested that representatives from the Village view the project to determine whether the Fiber Force material will be satisfactory for the bridge project. Administrator Cox stated that staff and interested Board members will schedule a visit to the Kenosha project.

5. Consideration of a motion to approve a reduction in the Letter of Credit for the Four Winds West development.

Motion (Meyers/Swenson) to approve a reduction in the Letter of Credit for the Four Winds West development in the amount of \$969,013.08. Carried (7-0).

6. Consideration of a motion to approve the 2016 Crack Sealing Contract with Precision Sealcoating Inc. in the amount of \$44,320.

Motion (Stevens/Landwehr) to approve the 2016 Crack Sealing Contract with Precision Sealcoating Inc. in the amount of \$44,320. Carried (7-0).

7. Consideration of a motion to affirm and approve the increased water rate structure as established by the Public Service Commission, to confirm the Public Hearing date and time of September 27, 2016 beginning at 10:00am and to direct staff to implement the final ruling of the Public Service Commission regarding water rates with an effective date of December 16, 2016

Finance Director Bailey stated that staff had been directed to file a water rate increase application with the PSC expecting a 48% increase. PSC has reviewed the submittal and has presented a 29% rate increase (average). An average residential user will see 32% increase or \$28 per quarter. It is expected that the Village's budget in 2017 would show the water department with a positive balance at year end. PSC wants that balance accumulated to fund future projects. A Public Hearing is to be held on Sept. 27 beginning at 10:00 a.m. for a minimum of one hour in the Village Board room.

Motion ((Meyers/Landwehr) to affirm and approve the increased water rate structure as

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established by the Public Service Commission, to confirm the Public Hearing date and time of September 27, 2016 beginning at 10:00 am. Carried (7-0).

Motion (Compton/Swenson) to direct staff to implement the final ruling of the Public Service Commission regarding water rates with an effective date of December 16, 2016. Carried (7-0).

8. Announcements: The following individuals will be given an opportunity to make announcements at the meeting in regards to (1) activities taken since the previous meeting on behalf of the community, (2) future municipal activities, and (3) communications received from citizens. It is not contemplated that these matters will be discussed or acted upon. The following individuals may provide announcements: Village President or individual Village Board members or Village Administrator or other Village Staff members.

President Lamerand reminded viewers of the Partisan Primary Election to be held on Tuesday, August 9 with polls being open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

9. Motion (Stevens/Wallschlager) to adjourn at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene Igl  
Village Clerk