

MINUTES OF VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

August 3, 2020

The meeting of the Village Board of the Village of Slinger was called to order by President Brandt at Village Hall - 300 Slinger Rd, Slinger, WI, at 6:00 PM on Monday, August 3, 2020 in accordance with the notice of meeting delivered to the members on July 31, 2020.

1. Call to Order - Notice of Joint Meeting with the Village of Slinger Redevelopment Authority and Noting of Roll:

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Russell Brandt, President	x	
Jeff Behrend	X	
Lee Fredericks	X	
Rick Gundrum	X	
Rick Kohl	X	
Dean Otte	X	
Marlyss Thiel	X	
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Also Present:

Administrator Margaret Wilber, Engineer Jim Haggerty, Police Lt. Joe Cashin, Deputy Clerk Dawn Smith and Treasurer Valerie Knetzger.

President Brandt informed the members present that the open meeting law had been complied with in connection with the meeting. Notice of the meeting was sent to all who requested same and posted in three public locations.

2. Consent Agenda

A. Minutes

- 1. **7-20-2020 Minutes DRAFT**

B. Vouchers

- 1. **8-3-2020 Voucher Report**

C. Committee Reports

- 1. **7-15-20 Planning Minutes - Draft**
- 3. **Police Report June 2020**
- 4. **Building Inspector's Report June 2020**

Motion Board Member Thiel/Board Member Otte to approve the minutes of 7-20-2020 with a correction to the Proclamation to add Reverend Enderle’s service dates of “1983-2020”; pre-authorized checks #51646-51700 in the amount of \$132,127.85; payroll checks # 200724001-200724063 in the amount of \$58,079.95 and online payments #200722001-200722052 in the amount of \$435,953.61; Passed

3. Appearances and Possibly Action Thereon - None

4. Unfinished Business and Action Thereon

A. James St Water Main

Engineer Haggerty stated that as near as he could determine the existing water main along James Street was constructed around 1951 and the plan did not include information on the material of the water main to be installed at the time. He stated the current project along James Street and Hartford Road was originally planned to replace the existing 4-inch water main that ran along the front of the WeldFab site. He stated that upon the change in size of the water main from 4-inch to 6-inch they noticed a material change from the 4-inch cast iron pipe to a 6-inch transite main. It was also determined that the 6-inch transite water main extends to the hydrant in front of 305 James Street, then transitions from the 6-inch transit pipe to an 8-inch PVC main.

He stated to replace the main a total of approximately 730 ft. of 8-inch PVC water main will need to be constructed from the northern-most WeldFab driveway to the James Street cul-de-sac. The replacement main will have to be constructed at a different location as the existing main in order to maintain water service to customers until the new main is installed and safe water samples are confirmed. He stated the estimate to complete this work as part of the project is \$145,000 provided no additional unforeseen issues arise during the construction.

Discussion took place on how the Village would pay for this and the construction time frame. Engineer Haggerty stated that he felt there was adequate funds under the project award to pay for the main extension and also explained the proposed construction schedule.

Village Board members stated the water utility should also be involved in the funding since will be a water project.

Motion Board Member Otte/Board Member Thiel to replace the water main along James Street as presented; Passed.

B. Farmstead Creek Highlands Acceptance of Improvements

Engineer Haggerty stated he had reviewed the improvements installed within the Farmstead Creek Highlands Subdivision as required by the development agreement and stated he is recommending the Village acceptance of sanitary sewer, water mains, stormwater management system, curb & gutter, gravel base and grading & restoration. He reminded the Board that should they accept the improvements, the 2-year guarantee period as required by Section VII(A) of the development agreement covering the work would expire at midnight on August 3, 2022.

Board Member Otte asked about sidewalks and street trees. Engineer Haggerty stated that sidewalks were going in as the houses are built, and street trees would come in the future.

Motion Board Member Gundrum/Board Member Behrend to accept the improvements for Farmstead Creek Subdivision as presented; Passed.

5. New Business and Action Thereon

A. Resolutions - None

B. Licenses and Permits – None

C. Review and Action

1. Update of Village Website Policy

Administrator Wilber stated the Village is in the process of converting to a new website that will be hosted by WPPI rather than GovOffice and should save the Village about \$600 annually. She stated the new system seems much more user friendly and should allow staff to update web pages with greater flexibility. She stated she would also like to see it include more community information, promote local businesses, a better calendar, and making it more interactive with residents. She also stated this would not include any advertising but would be more of an informational service for residents and visitors.

Motion Board Member Behrend/Board Member Thiel to update the Village's Website Policy; Passed.

2. Less Lethal Equipment Request

Lt. Cashin went over several recent scenarios and showed a video from a recent arrest in Slinger where a less lethal weapon would have been a good option for the officers. He stated that several other communities have implemented these and that he has heard positive feedback from those using them. He stated that Police staff felt these weapons were long overdue.

Discussion took place on the increase in mental health calls, the cost of the units, and if funds were in the budget. The Board Members felt that the less than lethal bean bags were a good option for officers.

Motion Board Member Behrend/Board Member Thiel to approve the purchase of 6 - 12GA shotguns with less lethal identifiers attached & 60 less lethal bean bags for the Slinger Police Department; Passed.

6. Ordinances - None

7. Communications and Possible Action Thereon - None

8. Staff Reports and Action Thereon

A. Administrator's Report - Traffic Survey Information, WPPI Community Programs

Administrator Wilber stated that earlier this year a resident contacted the Village Board to express concerns over traffic in the Farmstead Creek Subdivision. She stated staff reviewed traffic patterns and advised the Board that installing speed limit signs at entry points would be appropriate and the signs were installed shortly thereafter. She stated the Slinger Police Department placed their radar trailers near the subdivision for 5 days in July and the reports showed of the 407 vehicles recorded the average speed was just under 15 mph, well below the posted 25mph. She stated that based on these readings, staff felt no additional measures appear to be needed at this time.

Administrator Wilber also stated that WPPI will be issuing a press release soon to announce a significant donation that Slinger Utilities was able to make using WPPI’s “Community Recharge” funds. The program that WPPI created is to help its members support local customers in addressing the health & economic impacts of COVID19. She stated Slinger opted to use the funds for a variety of donations including gift cards to Piggly Wiggly employees in recognition of grocery store employees continued service during the extreme pandemic, and other donations would be made to the Slinger Police Department, the Slinger Food Pantry and the Ice Age Trail.

9. Closed Session

Go into closed session pursuant to State Statute 19.85 (1) (e) deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session (Potential Land Purchase)

Motion Board Member Otte/Board Member Gundrum to go into closed session at 6:34pm and include Administrator Wilber and Engineer Haggerty; Passed

10. Return into Open Session and, if necessary, take action on Closed Session items

Motion Board Member Gundrum/Board Member Behrend to return to open session at 6:42pm; Passed

Motion Board Member Thiel/Board Member Behrend to direct staff to complete the land transaction with St. Peter’s Church using quit claim deed as agreed; passed unanimously.

11. Adjourn

Motion Board Member Behrend/Board Member Gundrum to adjourn at 6:43pm; Passed

Approved By: _____
Village President Russell Brandt

Drafted by: Dawn Smith, Deputy Clerk