

VILLAGE OF LYNDON STATION
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
November 10, 2014

The November 10, 2014 Regularly Monthly Board Meeting was called to Order at 6:30 p.m. by President David Klicko. The roll call was taken by the Clerk. Present were President David Klicko and Trustee William Blank. Absent was Trustee Rebecca Coley. Also present was Clerk/Treasurer Lori J. Scully and Steve Klicko from Public Works. Citizens present as per the sign in sheet.

Trustee Blank made a motion to go into Closed Session per State Statute 19.84(1) (c): Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, seconded by President Klicko; two ayes carried, one absent. Roll Call: President Klicko, yes; Trustee Blank; yes. Closed Session followed. Trustee Coley arrived at 6:36 p.m.

A motion was made by Trustee Blank to go into open session, seconded by Trustee Coley; three ayes carried. Roll Call: President Klicko, yes; Trustee Coley, yes; Trustee Blank, yes. Open Session followed at 6:58 p.m.

Trustee Coley made a motion to approve the October 13, 2014 Regular Board Meeting Minutes as corrected, seconded by Trustee Blank; three ayes carried. Trustee Blank made a motion to approve the Special Board Meeting Minutes of October 23, 2014, seconded by Trustee Coley; three ayes carried. A motion was made by Trustee Blank, seconded by Trustee Coley to approve the Special Board Meeting Minutes of October 27, 2014; three ayes carried.

The Payables Report from the General Fund for October, 2014 was read by the Clerk and approved in the amount of \$33,427.79 on a motion by Trustee Blank, seconded by Trustee Coley; three ayes carried.

The Treasurer's Report of the General Fund for October, 2014 was read by the Clerk. A motion to approve the report with a balance of \$1,294.83 as of November 1, 2014 was made by Trustee Coley, seconded by Trustee Blank; three ayes carried. The 2015 Budget was passed out by the Clerk.

The Clerk read the Water Report as prepared by the Utility Clerk. A motion was made by Trustee Blank, seconded by Trustee Coley to accept the Water Department Report and Payables from November 7, 2014 to November 9, 2014 with a balance of \$11,999.46 and \$119,288.60 in Water Savings; three ayes carried.

The Sewer Report was read by the Clerk as prepared by the Utility Clerk from November 7, 2014 to November 9, 2014. Trustee Coley made a motion to accept the report with an ending balance of \$5,512.89 and the Sewer Savings \$71.69 and WWTP \$2,456.38, seconded by Trustee Blank; three ayes carried.

Under Public Comments, Rita Hall asked when the light on Washington Street is going to be fixed, she said there were an abundance of leaves all over town and the ATV's are cutting off the corner of Water Street. Rita also asked about a bill for the Juneau County Economic Development Meeting. She also asked about the wood pile. Steve Klicko brought up trees being cleared on Scully's property.

President Klicko said the Fire Department checks will be prepared and mailed by the Clerk/Treasurer by December 11, 2014.

There is little improvement with the Verizon plans at the water tower. The final plans are being worked on by Verizon. Hopefully in the spring the board can work on fees with the contracts.

A lengthy discussion took place regarding a 3% increase in water and a 3% increase in sewer. The PSC regulates the water and there is no regulation for sewer. The last increase was 40% over three years ago. The Village is playing catch up for the increases in costs over the years. Growth in the Village was discussed. A rate case form has to be applied for to the State. Trustee Blank made a motion, seconded by Trustee Coley to increase the water and sewer rates each 3% with a prospective starting date of the first quarter of 2015; three ayes carried. Trustee Blank said he would help Steve with the applications.

President Klicko had three quotes from Computer Connections of Reedsburg to replace Steve Klicko's damaged laptop computer. A lengthy discussion took place. No action was taken.

Vehicle replacements were discussed. Costs and plans of which vehicles should be replaced, new or used needs to be identified and which would be of the best benefit to the community. A meeting will be scheduled in January, 2015 to set up a schedule and which vehicles are to be replaced.

Currently there is a difficulty in finding election inspectors. The clerk has checked with other communities with their compensation for election inspectors. Breaking up the shifts would be ideal. After a lengthy discussion, Trustee Blank made a motion to compensate Election Inspectors \$10.00 per hour, seconded by Trustee Coley; three ayes carried.

Discussion took place of the Village Finances. President Klicko asked where the money is going to come from for all the increases. The only way to have the Village operate as it should is to increase the levy. The taxpayers will have to vote to raise the levy in order for the services necessary. Trustee Blank said if the levy is not raised, the taxpayers must tell the Board what services they want to eliminate. The public has to understand the issues facing the Village Board. Even if the levy was raised, is the Village going to subcontract with Juneau County for Police Services, are the First Responders going to start charging for their services? These are questions that need to be addressed. There are so many things that need to be addressed. The levy is still where it was 30 years ago. President Klicko said taxpayers must understand what financial problems the Board is faced with. He said the March, 2006 Village Board Minutes reflect that the Board agreed to have the Fire Department pay the Village \$10,000 each year for 10 years and that no payments were ever made to the Village. Trustee Blank said the Fire Department cannot afford it. Trustee Coley said this should be discussed with the Fire Department. Trustee Coley said if the Board is to cut back on items, this should be worked out with the different departments. Trustee Blank said if the departments said they are fine where they are at, we still have to approach that department and say if the public doesn't increase taxes, where are you willing to cut? After a very lengthy discussion concerning budget costs, a meeting will be set to meet with departments.

Any items that the Village Departments want to sell, they should take them to the red shed. The clerk will email the Fire Chief regarding items to be put up for sale on Craig's List.

Trustee Coley made a motion to approve the contract with LaMar Sign Company for \$1,000 per year until 2019, seconded by Trustee Blank; three ayes carried. Discussion took place regarding the contract of the previous owner and how the Village is the legal owner and should have their own contract.

It was decided to have Terry Christian from Westland Insurance come down at the next meeting to explain the Theft Insurance Coverage.

There was nothing to report for Utility/Streets Report.

Trustee Coley made a motion to approve Brian MacMiller as a Fire Fighter with a one year probationary period, seconded by Trustee Blank; three ayes carried.

Trustee Coley made a motion to approve Harry Jorgenson as a Fire Fighter with a one year probationary period, seconded by Trustee Blank; three ayes carried.

There was no report for October Financial Report for the Fire Department.

The Clerk read the October, 2014 Operating Report. The November 1, 2014 balance of \$16,638.01 without the Village apportionment was approved on a motion by Trustee Coley, seconded by Trustee Blank; three ayes carried. President Klicko said the Fire Department applied for a \$24,000 Grant which is for seven new portables of which the Village would pay approximately \$6,000. If the Grant is awarded, the Village Board would accept or deny the Grant. Discussion took place regarding the balance of the Fire Department 2014 Budget.

Trustee Coley said on November 17, 2014 the Park Fest final financial report will be completed.

There was nothing to report from the Ambulance Association.

There was no meeting held for the Planning Commission.

Under New Business, President Klicko said there were a number of vandalism reports going on around the Village. ATV's are causing ruts and dirt bikes are NOT allowed in the Village. Chief Jessen is going to be issuing citations to ATV and dirt bike violators no matter who is involved.

A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Blank, seconded by Trustee Coley; three ayes carried. Meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori J. Scully, Village Clerk