Village of Balsam Lake Regular Meeting of Trustees January 7, 2013 Village Hall 7:00 pm to 7:35 pm

Meeting called to order by President Guy Williams.

Members present: Geno D'Agostino, Josh Hallberg, Caroline Rediske, Jeff Reed, Chris Sondrol, Mike Voltz, Guy Williams

No public comments were given.

Motion made by Jeff Reed to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Geno D'Agostino. All in favor. Carried.

Minutes from previous Board meeting were presented. Motion by Josh Hallberg to approve minutes as presented. Seconded by Mike Voltz. All in favor. Carried.

Monthly Fire Report was presented by Fire Chief Tom Mabry. Training for first responders will be conducted. Participation is requested for the Winterfest Polar Plunge held on February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Monthly Police Report presented by Police Chief Tom Thompson. The Explorers group is preparing for directing traffic at Winterfest. Thompson encouraged youth ages 14 to 21 interested in law enforcement to join the Explorers.

Monthly Library Report was submitted by Linda Heimstead. Indianhead Federated Library System will be conducting focus groups as part of long range planning for the library. Various members of organizations will be asked to participate on January 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>.

Monthly Chamber of Commerce Report presented by Carl Holmgren. The Christmas Day dinner at Indianhead was a success. Winterfest events were outlined and participation requested. The next Chamber meeting will be held on January 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm at the Polk County Business Center.

Temporary class "B" Retailers License submitted by Balsam Lake Area Chamber of Commerce for Winterfest, February 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> was reviewed by the Board. **Motion by Jeff Reed to approve application. Seconded by Mike Voltz. All in favor. Carried.** 

Declaration of Public Utility and Street Easement agreement with Elmer & Kathaleen Mabry was reviewed and discussed. Motion by Jeff Reed to approve Easement Agreement with Elmer & Kathaleen Mabry in the sum of \$500.00. Seconded by Caroline Rediske. All in favor. Carried.

Discussion was held on a two month utility billing cycle versus the current quarterly billing. It was agreed to leave utility billing quarterly unless the new rate increase draws complaints.

Rip rap rock for the new bridge can be obtained free of charge from Polk County. Photos of the rock and form liners was reviewed and discussed. Motion by Caroline Rediske to approve obtaining rock from the County for the rip rap at the bridge. Seconded by Geno D'Agostino. All in favor. Carried.

Public Protection Committee report was given by Geno D'Agostino. An additional part time officer Shaun Thayer was hired to work shifts to fulfill grant obligations for the purchase of

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radar equipment. Quotes for graphics for the new squad car are being obtained and installation of equipment and electronics is scheduled for January 21<sup>st</sup>. The department is going forward with the youth Explorer program.

Smart Growth Committee Report was given by Jeff Reed. WEDC Community Account Manager, Marie Steenlage was unable to attend due to weather. The committee was given a progress report on the proposed grocery. Discussion was held on a master plan and communication with Faith Lutheran Church regarding the beach property. The Connect Communities Application for the Main Street Renewal Program was submitted.

## Committee Meetings set for January

Public Protection Committee	January 14th	6:00 pm
Park/Dam Committee	January 29th	6:00 pm
Street Committee	January 29th	6:30 pm

Vouchers were presented to the board. Motion made by Mike Voltz to approve vouchers as presented. Seconded by Caroline Rediske. All in favor. Carried.

Treasurers Report was presented to the board. Motion made by Geno D'Agostino to approve the Treasurers Report as presented. Seconded by Caroline Rediske. All in favor. Carried.

Building Permit #12-42 was presented to the board. Motion by Mike Voltz to approve the building permit as presented. Seconded by Geno D'Agostino. All in favor. Carried.

Announcements: Steve Scheidler, auditor for the Village has officially retired. Attorney fees will range from \$175 to \$250 per hour. The new street banner was presented and viewed.

Motion to adjourn by Jeff Reed. Seconded by Mike Voltz. All in favor. Carried.

Mary Kjeseth, Deputy Clerk Treasurer