

Meeting called to order by President Geno D'Agostino.

Members present: Geno D'Agostino, Caroline Rediske, Vera Bollinger, Kathy Poirier, Jeff Reed, Faye Brittan, Glen Jones.

Public Comments: Bill Amrhein stated no action has been taken regarding an easement agreement between the Village of Balsam Lake and Janice Bergren at 927 Park Drive. Phyllis Peterson stated concerns regarding zoning and running a business from a residence. Bob Peterson questioned zoning policies/procedures.

Motion by Jeff Reed to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Vera Bollinger. All in favor. Carried. Motion by Vera Bollinger to approve October 5 regular Board minutes and October 14, 2015 Special Board minutes as presented. Seconded by Faye Brittan. All in favor. Carried.

Monthly Fire Report presented by Fire Chief Mark Anderson.
Police Chief Thompson was not in attendance, President D'Agostino provided a summary.
Monthly Library Report presented by Director Linda Heimstead.
Monthly Chamber of Commerce Report presented by Steve Williams.

To consider and possibly act to approve Original Alcohol Beverage License application – Class “B” Beer and Class B Liquor to Albert Severson, Paradise Landing located at 264 County Road I. **Motion by Kathy Poirier to approve Class “B” Beer and Class B Liquor License to Albert Severson, Paradise Landing pending the sale of Paradise Landing. Seconded by Caroline Rediske. On roll call: Caroline Rediske, yes; Vera Bollinger, yes; Kathy Poirier, yes; Jeff Reed, abstain; Faye Brittan, yes; Glen Jones, yes; Geno D'Agostino, yes. Motion carried.**

To consider and possibly act to approve Temporary Class B Beer License application to Community Referral Agency for a fund raising event to be held November 7, 2015 at 311 Tuttle Street. **Motion by Faye Brittan to approve Temporary Class B Beer License to Community Referral Agency for 11/7/15. Seconded by Vera Bollinger. All in favor. Carried.**

To consider and possibly act to approve Sign Permit application #15-23 to Travel Centers of America located at 101 Main Street. **Motion by Glen Jones to approve Sign Permit application #15-23 to Travel Centers of America. Seconded by Vera Bollinger. All in favor. Carried.**

Finance Labor Committee report for the meeting held on October 8th was given by Kathy Poirier. Committee members recommended to the Village Board to approve the purchase of a new utility vehicle for the Public Works Department. The purchase was approved at the Special Board meeting held on October 14th. The committee recommends to the Village Board to approve wage increases for the Clerk Treasurer 2%, Deputy Clerk Treasurer 2% and the Police Chief 2% as of January 1, 2016. The committee reviewed and updated the police and fire departments budget for the next budget meeting with the Village auditor. Jeff Reed reported on the Finance Labor Committee meeting held on October 14th. The proposed preliminary budget for 2016 was presented by auditor, Brock Geyden. The 2016 proposed budget was reviewed and discussed. A Public Hearing will be held on Monday November 9, 2015 at 5:45 pm and a Special Board meeting will follow at 6:00 pm. Jeff Reed expressed appreciation for all the work done by Village Clerk, Lori Duncan in preparation for the budget meeting. President D'Agostino commended the committee for the time and work they contributed to getting the budget prepared and how smoothly the process was accomplished.

To consider and possibly act to approve recommendation to approve wage increases. **Motion by Kathy Poirier to approve wage increases as included in the budget. Seconded by Caroline Rediske. All in favor. Carried.**

Smart Growth Committee presented by Jeff Reed. The members have met with a gentleman interested in a general grocery store in Balsam Lake. At this time it is in the planning and research stage; Dirks brothers are also interested in relocating their dry goods store to the Village, options being discussed. Connect Communities visit with Marie Steenlage, WEDC was on October 2nd. Main Street was viewed and WEDC's programs aimed at providing access to resources related to downtown revitalization were discussed. The Balsam Lake Chamber of Commerce is working on a business advertisement campaign.

To consider and possibly act to approve October 2015 Treasurers Report. **Motion by Kathy Poirier to approve June 2015 Treasurers Report. Seconded by Vera Bollinger. All in favor. Carried.**

To consider and possibly act to approve October 2015 Operators License Report. **Motion by Jeff Reed to approve October Operators Licenses #918-920 and #921 pending police record check completed. Seconded by Faye Brittan. On roll call: Caroline Rediske, yes; Vera Bollinger, yes; Kathy Poirier, yes; Jeff Reed, yes; Faye Brittan, yes; Glen Jones, yes; Geno D'Agostino, yes. Motion carried.**

Committee meetings set for November:

Smart Growth – tentative, November 9th 11:00

Public Works Committee – November 9th at 5:15 pm

Announcements: President Geno D'Agostino expressed appreciation to Keith and Judy Swenson for putting up the fall decorations on each end of the Village. Sympathy is extended to Clerk Lori Duncan and family in the loss of her mother.

Motion to adjourn by Jeff Reed. Seconded by Glen Jones. Carried.

Mary Kjeseth, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

Unapproved minutes