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The Village Board meeting was held at the Marshall Buehler Center and also set up as a Zoom meeting.

The agenda for this meeting was posted on the Municipal Building door, the entrance of the Police Department/Marshall Buehler Center, and at Nekoosa Port Edwards State Bank in Port Edwards, as well as on the Village website.

The Village Board meeting was called to order by President Mancl at 7:00 p.m.

**Present:** President Mancl, Trustees Grunden, Hess, Moore, Radtke & Zurfluh

**Absent:** Trustee Saylor (excused)

**Also Present:** S. Stewart, N. Abts by ZOOM (Village Attorney), D. Gau, D. Tremmel

**Citizens:** Matt Tranel, Sandy Robinson, Cary Smith, Bob Worden, Jason Worden, Tim Schmidt, Eric Hummel

**Motion** (Radtke/Hess) to approve the Consent Agenda (meeting minutes from April 9, 2024 Board Meeting, April 16, 2024 Organizational Meeting and April 20, 2024 Strategic Planning meeting; and to approve monthly bills and the journal entries for the previous month). Motion carried. All ayes.

**Public Comment:**

Matt Tranel – He questioned why the Ripple Creek Apartments matter has to be in closed session. He understands why the offer should be discussed in closed session but is wondering why everything else cannot be discussed in open session. Village Attorney Abts gave his legal opinion that he feels it is best to continue to discuss this matter in closed session.

Bob Worden – He does not think the Village is ever going to have as good a fire department as they had. The Board does passive listening; people come, speak and leave, but then the Board ignores the situation. He believes the Board should become active and invite every firefighter who left, the entire Village and the firefighters who stayed to discuss this situation.

Jason Worden – He asks that the Board revisit the organizational structure of the Village. The fire and police departments are now overseen by a Public Safety Committee, Police and Fire Commission, and the Administrator. Previously the Administrator was only in charge of the budget matters. Fire matters were the responsibility of the Fire Chief. The Board voted to approve a budget packet, in which a new organizational chart was included; thereby approving the organizational chart when they approved the budget. He is wondering why the Village Administrator has no accountability for his actions and is not subject to discipline.

Eric Hummel – He gave an update on Nepco Lake District matters. DNR passed their aquatic plan which is good for five years. The last two years there have been several improved properties which shows potential for more growth in the area.

**President's Report:** None

**Airport Commission:** Review of minutes.

**Police and Fire Commission:** Review of minutes.

**Public Works:** Review of minutes.

**Motion** (Radtke/Moore) to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> Street project bid from Earth Inc. with a bid of \$514,570.83. Motion carried. All ayes.

**Parks & Recreation:** No meeting held. An update from Public Works Supervisor Martinson was presented.

**Public Safety:** Review of minutes.

**Planning, Legislative, Property & Information Technology:** Review of minutes.

**Motion** (Moore/Zurfluh) to move IT to the FHR committee. Motion carried. All ayes.

**Motion** (Moore/Radtke) to rename the PLIPT committee to the Economic Development, Legislative & Property committee. Motion failed 3-3 (opposed – Grunden, Radtke, Zurfluh).

**Motion** (Moore/Radtke) to convene into closed session at 8:00 p.m. pursuant to Wis. Stats. §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,” regarding the possible sale of land at Ripple Creek Apartments. Motion carried 5-1. Roll call vote – Grunden-yes, Hess-yes, Mancl-yes, Moore-yes, Radtke-yes, Zurfluh-no.

Motion (Grunden/Mancl) to reconvene into open session at 8:44 p.m. Motion carried. All ayes.

Motion (Grunden/Zurfluh) to reject the offer from Heartland Affordable Housing. Motion carried 5-1. Roll call vote – Grunden-yes, Hess-yes, Mancl-yes, Moore-yes, Radtke-no, Zurfluh-yes.

**Finance & Human Resources:** Review of minutes.

**Unfinished Business:** None

**New Business:** None

**Village Administrator Report:** Interim Administrator Gau presented alternatives in proceeding with the Administrator position, as well as alternatives for the police and fire departments.

**Clerk-Treasurer Report:**

Motion (Zurfluh/Moore) to approve a Temporary Class “B” Beer License for Port Edwards Firefighters Athletic Association Inc. for one event June 14, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. through June 15, 2024 at 2:00 a.m. Motion carried. All ayes.

Motion (Grunden/Hess) to approve an Operator’s License for Jeffery Abley (Port Edwards Firefighters Athletic Association) valid through June 30, 2025. Motion carried. All ayes.

**Communications:** None

**Trustee comments:** Trustee Radtke stated the Board has to begin looking at other alternatives for the Administrator position with Duane Gau leaving in December. He will put it on the FHR committee meeting agenda and then bring to the committee of the whole.

Meeting adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

Minutes taken by Diane M Tremmel, Village Clerk-Treasurer

**The following Village bills were approved for payment:**

Abts Grubofski & Vruwink LLC-legal fees monthly retainer	1000.00
Ace Hardware-tools & supplies; parks; maint of wastewater equipment	431.30
Advance Janitorial Service & Supply-monthly statement	224.40
Ag Source Coop Services-monthly statement (wastewater testing)	771.00
Alliant Energy-monthly statements	6613.79
Amazon Capital Services-cemetery expenses; cashier expenses	181.53
American Welding & Gas-fire health & welfare	364.06
Amoco-monthly statement	1547.64
ArborVantage Tree Care LLC-removal of ash trees	15244.50
Aspirus Clinics Inc-fire health & welfare	619.00
Bowmar Appraisal-payment on assessor contract	3425.00
Casper Stump Tracking-stump grinding	1400.00
Cintas Corp-monthly statement	559.43
City of Wisconsin Rapids-2024 airport appropriation	7986.00
Crescent Electric Supply Co-maintenance of wastewater equipment	276.33
Diane Tremmel-refundable shelter deposit	25.00
Diversified Benefit Services Inc-health insurance deductible reimbursement	1214.13
Diversified Benefit Services Inc-May health reimbursement	101.92
Duane Gau Municipal Services-administrator services	5460.00
Emily Heil-refundable shelter deposit	25.00
Energenecs Inc-water & wastewater software	451.43
Fastenal Company-tools & supplies	85.88
Francis Excavating LLC-black dirt for cemetery	600.00

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General Distributing LLC-parks; splash pad	154.46
Jefferson Fire & Safety Inc-fire health & welfare	138.53
Lexipol LLC-police office supplies	2856.37
Metcalf Lumber-roads & streets maintenance	203.43
Mid-State Technical College-fire training books	412.65
MSA Professional Services Inc-Hwy 54/73 project (Legacy grant)	24690.00
Napa Auto Parts/Nekoosa-street machinery; tools & supplies	244.47
Partners Mfg Group Inc (Dinkmar)-street machinery	1420.00
Pomp's Tire Service Inc-parks truck	1283.12
Postmaster/US Postal Service-postage stamps	340.00
Private Lines Inc-street lighting	878.75
Quest LLC-2 <sup>nd</sup> Street projects (TIF)	9129.04
Quill LLC-misc. office supplies	361.73
Solarus-monthly statement	1265.55
State of Wisconsin-April court report	294.40
The Dirks Group LLC-May Microsoft 365	36.30
Vandewalle & Associates-TIF services	3220.00
Verizon Wireless-monthly statement	386.90
Wis. Dept. of Natural Resources-wastewater & groundwater fees for 2024	948.46
WM Corporate Services Inc-monthly statement	11547.50
Wood County Fire Investigation Task Force-annual dues	50.00
Wood County Treasurer-April jail assessment	100.00
A-1 Services Wisconsin Rapids LLC-sidewalks	1923.90
Aflac-monthly statement	217.78
Applied Industrial Technologies-maintenance of wastewater equipment	124.32
ArborVantage Nursery LLC-trees	1750.00
BGA LLC-June building inspection services	2000.00
Casper Stump Tracking-stump grinding	875.00
Diversified Benefit Services-health insurance deductible reimbursement	1461.31
Fastenal Company-tools & supplies	42.99
General Distributing LLC-parks	44.28
James Leiser-unused sick leave health insurance reimbursement	183.08
Kim Holcomb-reimbursement for flowers	152.57
Lonn Radtke-unused sick leave health insurance reimbursement	295.48
Marco Technologies LLC-copier charge & usage	43.39
Mark Brandt-CDL renewal	82.00
Mobile Lock & Security-police dept push button lock	608.00
Nekoosa Port Edwards State Bank-May direct deposit fee	50.00
Paul Liebherr-Yellow Pellet-May 30 <sup>th</sup> music fest	250.00
Precision Grading & Utilities Inc-alley site prep and storm sewer	26873.00
Principal Life Insurance Company-June premium	55.80
Pro Lettering Service-fire dept sign engraving charge	100.00
Security Health Plan-monthly statement	29949.60
Sherwin-Williams Co-roads & streets maintenance	1517.85
Vandewalle & Associates-monthly statement (TIF)	4130.00
We Energies-monthly statement	695.37
Wis. Dept. of Administration/Milw-monthly web site hosting	65.00
Wis. Dept. of Natural Resources/OCP-municipal waterworks cert-K. Murray	45.00
Amazon Capital Services-cemetery expense (US Marines flag)	30.60
American Welding & Gas Inc-fire health & welfare	38.80
Diversified Benefit Services-health insurance deductible reimbursement	1647.87
General Distributing LLC-splash pad expense	136.52
Nick Michels and Sons Inc-gutters, downspouts, roof – 140 Market Ave (TIF)	6386.00

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Wages & Salaries – **May** wages

95518.64

**The following Water Utility Bills were approved for payment:**

Ag Source Coop Services-water utility testing	177.00
Alliant Energy-monthly statement	2993.06
Badger Meter Inc-maintenance of meters	56.86
Diggers Hotline Inc-maintenance of mains	8.00
Mailboxes & Parcel Depot-testing	18.06
Water Works & Lighting Commission-water test	30.00
Western Wis. Waterworks Professionals-registration for meeting (2)	50.00
WI State Lab of Hygiene-testing	29.00

**Building Permits:**

Shane Robinson-fence  
Bob Skibba/Nick & Khryse Flugaur-deck  
Feldco Factory Direct/Scott Stewart-remove & replace windows  
Christopher Hites-fence

**Electrical Permits & HVAC Permits:** None**Plumbing Permits:**

RJ Rasmussen Plumbing/Dean Anderson-replace sewer line  
Tri-City Services/Erika Esser-air conditioner

**Excavation Permits:** None**Zoning Permits:** None