

Village Workshop Meeting

Monday July 1, 2019

The first item on the agenda was the proposal for batting cages at the Fort Hardy Park. These cages would not be permanently installed but would be disassembled at the end of each season. The cost to purchase and the ongoing maintenance of these cages would be entirely the responsibility of OSAA.

The handbook update was discussed. The board had all been provided with copies of the handbook which contained all of the markup for the changes made. Becky mentioned that we amend that handbook one more time to make the health insurance dental and vision to begin the first day of the month as opposed to the first day worked.

Attorney Klingebiel has stated that he feels that there are no changes to the handbook which will require a referendum, as there are no amendments that would require a local law to be changed.

Trustee Colvin asked who the committee was composed of that worked on the handbook. Mayor Carpenter stated that the persons who attended the handbook meetings were himself, Ray Carr, Rebecca Christner, Cory Heyman Trustee LeBaron and Charles Sherman. There were no questions regarding the revisions to the handbook. Trustee Young suggested changing meat breaks to meal breaks, (typo) and looking over the draft for any other typos that were overlooked.

The next item up for discussion was the canal testing by GE. Mayor Carpenter read the letter from GE to the village regarding PCB's at Fort Hardy Park. In summation, the EPA recommended that the public take precautions when using the beach area.

He noted that there was a map of all current and previous testing of that area.

Mayor Carpenter stated that this was a different issue than the canal testing and that he felt that the EPA did not deliver results. The EPA has stated that they are hoping to get us the results by the end of the year. Mayor Carpenter stated that these things typically take approximately 8 weeks, and therefore he felt this time table was unacceptable. There will be a conference call with the Mayor, DEC, DOT and the Canal Corporation on Monday 7/8/19 to follow up on an initial meeting on the canal, the culverts and the flow of the canal. The canal has breached the banks a number of times in the last few years. He stated that the overflow is supposed to go over the Metal wall by the south gate but upon initial review there were concerns that this metal wall was lower than the concrete wall about 15 yards to the south that would impede the over flow into Fish Creek.

The canal corp has asked for a copy of the storm water drain system. As the clerk treasurer was unable to discern exactly what the engineers were looking for, they have asked to come in and look through the documents we have in our files. Heyman has told them that they can come to the office at any time to search our archives room for any information they may need.

Our IT company has told us on a number of occasions that our wiring system is in need of new switches. Stored Tech quoted the village a fairly high amount to install the switch, we feel that we could purchase the switch ourselves and connect it in house, rather than paying the technicians at Stored tech to do this for us.

Request for funds from the garden club. Mayor Carpenter stated that he feels that there were some dates of purchase, that these should have come from the previous year's expenses, as they were purchased before the beginning of June.

Request from Byron for consignment of stickers. He would like to be given 500 stickers up front, which he would repay as he goes. Mayor Carpenter stated that he felt the current situation was working well. He did not want to burden the office with having to keep track of the money of the tickets.

Rob Decker gave the DPW report. He feels that the new employees are working well together. He does feel, however that he still needs a sixth crew member. He feels that there is not enough time for the crew to get everything done. He asked if the board could prioritize the tasks to be completed by the crew.

Mayor Carpenter thought that repairing the potholes was the first priority. Decker stated that the crew would need to trim the alleys before they could repair the potholes. Mayor Carpenter felt that the sidewalk project could be postponed until after the parade to give the crew time to prepare for this.

Mayor Carpenter stated that he would contact the attorney to find out if we can hire summer help and if this would require an amendment to the budget.

Decker reported on the canal dam beaver situation. There are two beaver dams, one is at the upper end and the other is inside the concrete box at the end of the canal, preventing the DPW from being able to control the gate. Decker stated that he is working with the canal corporation to figure out how to address the beaver situation. The house demolition is complete and the filling is nearly done, there will need to be additional fill added after the ground settles. Decker reported that someone has been, "doing donuts" in the field next to the demolished house by the water plant. He asked if anyone knew if there were cameras outside of the water plant to catch the person who is doing this. Mayor Carpenter stated that he would ask Chairman Healy.

There was an update on the insurance payout for the culvert overflow. According to the insurance broker, Dave Meager, it has been determined that all three claims should be covered.

Trustee Colvin made the motion to adjourn, Tri seconded the motion, all in favor, meeting adjourned.