

**MINUTES OF VILLAGE BOARD MEETING AND
SEWER & WATER UTILITY BOARD MEETING
September 9, 2024
VILLAGE OF HATLEY**

President David Narloch called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. This meeting, held in the village board room at the Hatley library/community center, opened with The Pledge of Allegiance. Present were: David Narloch-President, William Karschney-Trustee, Peter Holdridge-Trustee, Joseph Szews-Treasurer, Joan Fraaza-Deputy Clerk, Brian Janikowski-Utility Operator and David Fierek-Utility Personnel.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes of the August 19, 2024 village board meeting and sewer/water board meeting were read and approved on a motion by Trustee Holdridge, second by Trustee Karschney and carried.

BUILDING & ZONING:

Building/ Zoning Report: Zoning Administrator, Bill Karschney, reported that he issued the following permit: Bill Fraaza 200A Emmonsville RD – single family home.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD: Treasurer Szews reported continued reports of chicken running loose. Janikowski reported overgrown weeds/grass on several properties. Janikowski further requested a notice be put in the October Villager regarding snow guards residents place across frontage of property or mailboxes in winter; these must be placed 5 feet from roadway.

FARMERS MARKET UPDATE: David Fierek reported that the Farmers Market continues to do well and will continue until end of September. 2025 permit form will be created. A \$25 fee for entire 2025 season was proposed to help defray costs.

TIF PROJECTS UPDATE:

TID Update from Treasurer: Treasurer Szews presented updated TID Revenue Bond Record of Draws and Funds Usage report and projects funded with monies from bond proceeds.

Columbus Street Bridge Project Update: President Narloch reported that our bridge design expenses paid to date (\$13,647.14) have been furnished to the County. Design work must be completed by November 24, 2024; Bid due date is February 11, 2025.

OLD BUSINESS-SEWER & WATER UTILITY:

No Old Sewer & Water Utility Business.

NEW BUSINESS-SEWER & WATER UTILITY:

Utility Report: Brian Janikowski provided a monthly report. Janikowski continues to monitor nitrates. Joe Eichsteadt received request from DNR for more information on our influent and effluent flow meters. Janikowski requested approval for purchase of a pump for sludge digester for #2 storage tank; motion by Trustee Karschney, second by Trustee Holdridge to purchase. Motion carried. Janikowski and Narloch have been working with Attorney Sam

Wade (1-580-917-1425) concerning lawsuits that have been settled with 3M and Dupont for PFAS. According to Attorney Wade, 14 more lawsuits have been filed. The 3M lawsuit awarded 12.5 billion to communities that applied and the Dupont lawsuit awarded 1.18 billion to communities that applied. This equates to \$90,000.00 and \$11,000.00 for the Village of Hatley, less attorney fees of 16% and 25% respectively. Payment will come directly thru the courts within the next several years. Thank you to Janikowski and Narloch for their work in the application process. Payment drop box was installed in office door of village treasurer for residents to use for sewer & water bill payments, tax payments, and other correspondence. Treasurer Szews noted that he will work on the 4.1% Simplified Rate Increase with the PSC and will have presentation ready for board approval at the October board meeting.

OLD BUSINESS-GENERAL:

Fire & Ambulance District Update: District meeting minutes were not available for review. President Narloch noted that the District approved purchase of new Lucas for the ambulance.

Update on 6'-20' bridge culvert program: President Narloch spoke with Delmore about this new State of Wisconsin program. Delmore completed Phase 1 of the program, which only identified the number of existing culverts in Wisconsin. Next phase is the inspection phase, which is to be no cost to us. \$300.00 invoice from Delmore will be approved for payment.

Update on Ice Age Trail Event: Event will be held on September 21, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

Village Welcome Sign: Nothing to report. Brian Janikowski suggested creating signage with rocks.

NEW BUSINESS-GENERAL:

Whispering Willow Easement: We will contact Lee Emmer and research this issue further.

TREASURER'S REPORT + REVIEW AND APPROVE BILLS:


Tax Account and Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Szews presented a Treasurer's report for board review, as well as account detail. Szews reviewed the August settlement re-cap. Tax Account checks # 1308-1310 were presented for approval. Sewer & Water Utility Checks # 7834-7851 were presented for approval. General Fund: Checks #12680-12691 were presented for approval. TIF Account: Checks # 866-868 were presented for approval. Motion to approve all checks by Trustee Karschney, second by Trustee Holdridge. Motion carried.

SET OCTOBER MEETING DATE:

The **October** meeting was scheduled for **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.** at the Library/Community Center.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m. on a motion by Trustee Holdridge; second by Trustee Karschney. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,


Joan M. Fraaza, Deputy Clerk