

VILLAGE OF EAGLE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
APPROVED MINUTES – September 9, 2010

President Spurrell called the regular monthly meeting of the Eagle Village Board to order at 7:30 p.m. Deputy Clerk Sterzinger confirmed Open Meeting Law requirements. Roll call: Couch, Greenberg, Rice, Royston, Scheff, Spurrell – present; Block was excused. Trustee Rice led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by President Spurrell to table the review and approval of all sets of Board minutes, regular and special meetings, until next month. Greenberg seconded. All in favor; motion carries with a vote of 6-0.

Trustee Scheff asked a question regarding the treasurer's report regarding special assessments/State shared revenues. President Spurrell explained, referring to the 15% of budget that is shown, that the majority of the payment comes in late October or early November. Trustee Greenberg inquired about the amount of money received for building permits. He asked if this was due to the tornado damage. Spurrell replied that it was. Greenberg then asked about the revenue from the police department and the projected income. Spurrell explained that it is pretty close to what was projected for this time of the year. Greenberg then made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. Rice seconded. Scheff questioned the second item of the checks, which Spurrell stated was for the fees for the personnel attorney and detailed the breakdown of the fees. Spurrell then asked Greenberg if his motion included the accounts payable. Greenberg stated that his motion was to approve the Treasurer's report including accounts payable, and Rice stated that his second reflected the accounts payable. There was no further discussion. Vote was taken and motion carried, 6-0

Citizen Comments. Bill Dingle, 116 South Street, stated to members of the Board that he had some questions, comments and concerns. He first asked what exactly the noise ordinance is, and why is it not enforced. Spurrell explained that he believes the noise issue comes under public nuisance, but would have to check into it. Dingle then asked why the police department does not keep records of complaints they receive. Spurrell and Scheff believed that they did keep a log of complaints, but it would be checked into. Dingle stated that he has called the police department several times, and yet was told back in June that there were no noise complaints recorded. He added that he called President Spurrell after 11:00 p.m. to complain because he was fed up with the situation. He can't keep his windows open at night because of the noise. Dingle continued that the beer garden was to be closed down at 10:00 p.m., but when the no smoking law went into effect they brought the party outside and continue to do what they want to do, and it will be harder to stop it. Spurrell will look into it and apologized on behalf of the police department. Trustee Couch remarked that the whole issue of the beer garden needs to be cleared up. There are items that need to be addressed such as documented State approval. Dingle wanted to know how they can have dining above the septic system when it is emptied each week. His concern has been the number of ordinances that are on the books but are not enforced. Couch wants to bring this matter to the Police Committee and get this sorted out. Spurrell stated that there will not be a solution tonight, but it will be addressed.

Before the announcements were made, Trustee Couch asked Fire Chief Justin Heim about the capacity signs that he noticed in the Municipal building. Chief Heim stated that the signs were just for this building. Other establishments are awaiting their signage.

Announcements. President Spurrell announced to the Board that there is a Joint Meeting with the Village and Town Boards on Wednesday, September 22, 2010 and the preliminary budget workshop for the Village Board needs to be set. The Mukwonago Chief and Jefferson Advertiser will be carrying the ad for the part time positions for clerk and treasurer in next week's editions due to the fact that the deadline for this week was missed because of the special meeting. Spurrell explained that the ads will run

for two weeks, and the deadline for applications will now be September 30, 2010. It is not a classified ad, but a display ad.

Couch asked what type of items will be on the Joint Meeting agenda. Spurrell indicated that budget will be the main issue.

Trustee Scheff announced that the Library is requesting payment be made the first of October rather than the second week. He then asked the Board if the Library could automatically be paid on the first Monday of the quarter, rather than waiting for the Village to pay on the second week and the Town on the third week after each Board has had their meetings. Spurrell stated that he believed that this was approved at last month's meeting; other Board members agreed. A discussion followed. It was decided that the Board would approved payments the month before the quarter, so checks can be written on the first of the month for that quarter.

Fire Chief Heim announced the department's pancake breakfast to be held on October 30, 2010 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. in connection with the Pumpkin Party. He then told the Board that the older ambulance is need of transmission repair, and there is only one ambulance available. He explained that if needed, Eagle can call upon surrounding communities to assist.

Due to the excused absence of the Police Chief, there were no announcements from the Police Department.

Michael Baker from InSphere Insurance Solutions gave a presentation regarding health and dental insurance plans. It was announced that Mr. Baker had already shown this program to the Personnel and Finance Committee. He explained the options for individual vs. group plans in addition to voucher programs. He detailed the payment differences and savings to the community. Discussion followed regarding deductibles, underwriting and the State insurance policy. Greenberg and Rice brought up questions regarding those who may be high risk insurable members and if they should leave the Village of Eagle, will they still be covered. Rice also asked what the Village contract would be with this plan, and it was explained that the Village is not involved; these are individual policies and the rates are guaranteed for one year. The Village would be helping the employees and keeping the costs down. Since this is just the presentation, action will be taken later in the meeting at the line item action item.

Amending the contract of interim Village Clerk was discussed. Correspondence was received from the State of Wisconsin indicating that the term "interim" should be used rather than "sub-contracted" as was listed on the contract. Couch moved to amend the sub-contract for the Village Clerk to state "interim". Greenberg seconded the motion. All were in favor and the vote carried 6-0.

The update on Woodfest was simply stated. Scheff remarked that he heard it was slow, and that the only arrest was for drunk driving. Rice stated the bands were great. Royston added that the bands ended on time, but weather may have kept some patrons from attending.

Discussion regarding the acquisition of a front end loader was led by Scheff. He explained the program, which the Town of Eagle used to apply for the loan from the State. He stated that there has to be discussion on a front end loader at two consecutive meetings, and a form needs to be filed with the State for their approval. Couch said that we have gotten by for a number of years without one by borrowing the Town's equipment of subcontracting Pett Construction to help with the snow removal. Spurrell asked Scheff about the cost that he is looking at, to which he replied \$45 – 55 thousand. Rice questioned the frequency of its use, other than snow removal and the obvious use during the tornado clean up. Discussion revealed that it would be used for water main breaks, cul-de-sac snow removal and at the compost site. Discussion continued. Rice reminded the Board that this is going to be a tough budget and it seems to him that this is a "want" not a necessity. Motion was made by Couch to table the issue and bring it up at the next regular Board meeting so that it would be compliant with the requirements.

Greenberg seconded the motion. Spurrell clarified the requirements. There was no further discussion. Vote was taken and all were in favor. Motion carried 6-0.

Update on the Disaster Relief Fund was presented by President Spurrell. Applications for the committee have been closed off. Background checks were done on all applicants and now it is up to the Village & Town to meet to select the Committee. Suggestion was made that a meeting be set up before the Joint meeting on September 22nd with all Board members (Town & Village) getting copies of the applications ahead of time to review and be prepared to make recommendations. The meeting would start at 7:00 p.m. prior to the Joint meeting. Spurrell gave the current account balance for the Relief Fund is \$35,543.65. Couch inquired about who made deposits to the account, and Spurrell said that it is possible to find out if Knuckleheads (the Dooleys) have made a deposit since the Woodfest. A brief discussion followed. Spurrell has letters and cards that were sent with the donations and will have them available to be viewed at the Village Office.

Trustee Royston brought up the matter of posting and publishing minutes in the Chief. She explained the qualifications for publishing proceedings/minutes, as directed by the League of Wisconsin Municipalities and went on to state that the minutes do not have to include discussions, but must list who made motions, seconded and the result of the votes. A discussion followed regarding publishing the “unapproved” minutes rather than waiting a month later to read them. It was also discussed about the content of the minutes. If they are too brief, citizens would not be able to tell what the votes were about. Spurrell pointed out that only two residents were in attendance; how would others know what happened at tonight’s meeting without some explanation. Motion was made by Greenberg to maintain the posting of the unapproved minutes as we are currently doing. Rice seconded and the vote was taken. Motion carried all in favor, 6-0.

Scheff presented information on a digital recorder to use for meetings. He explained the advantages of having the recorder. Greenberg motioned to purchase a new digital recorder as presented. The second was made by Royston. There was no discussion, but Spurrell clarified that the expense would come out of Municipal office supplies and expenses. He then called for a vote which carried unanimously, 6-0.

Scheff reported that Mike Walden from Snyder Insurance would be meeting with him on September 15th at 11:00 a.m. to go over the equipment and buildings that are insured. Royston will be in attendance because she has been compiling a list of insurable items. Greenberg asked about insuring the Information Center and Couch reported that he has received two bids to repair the building, low bid being \$7100.00 and high bid at \$8900.00.

Committee Reports:

Couch reported that as representative for the Development Assistance Committee he met with the CEO of Piggly Wiggly and reports that there needs to be more discussion on the issues of the market study. There was a discussion regarding TIF districts, but no request was made. Keith Wicks, the person who has put together the market study, has asked for monetary consideration if the project goes farther. Couch requested that \$1000.00 be set aside for Mr. Wicks to cover his expenses. He believes that this is a good project and we should be moving forward. Spurrell stated that a motion cannot be taken, but he’d like to take a straw poll vote to get a Board consensus of a commitment that we keep moving forward and use a land use account to cover the expenses.

Personnel and Finance brought up the issue of health and dental plan for employees. Financially it appears to be a large cost savings with little difference with current coverage. Discussion followed. Concerns over something that may not have been discussed this evening and having the employees go through another change. Recommendation was made that Mike Baker meets individually with eligible

employees to do the underwriting, to get figures together to present to the Board at a special meeting on Monday, September 20th at 6:00 p.m. A motion was made by Spurrell to make Mike Baker do the underwriting with the employees, explain the policy and have numbers to the Board by the 20th. Second was made by Rice. Short discussion followed. The Board voted 6-0 unanimously in favor.

The 2011 Budget meetings have been dedicated to the insurance issue, and also mentioned was the hydrant fees and garbage collection. The Village Budget Workshop was set for Monday, September 20th, 2010 following the meeting on the insurance.

Motion to adjourn was made by Greenberg and seconded by Scheff. Unanimous vote by the Board to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene Sterzinger,
Village Deputy Clerk