

CENTURIA VILLAGE BOARD MINUTES
September 14, 2020

The Village Board meeting was called to order at 7:30 by President Stan Swiontek, with Tom Boettcher absent. Kevin Kamish made the motion, seconded by Chuck Ellsworth, to approve the agenda. Upon voice vote, the motion carried.

The motion was made by Chuck, seconded by Jeremiah Lunsman, to approve the minutes from the August board meeting. Upon voice vote, the motion carried.

The treasurer's report showed a balance of \$646,870.73 for the month of August. The receipts were \$13,868.91, the August Settlement of \$93,380.98 came in, and the disbursements were \$85,271.75. The TIF balance remains -\$660,325.19. Kevin made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Brian Kammerud. Upon voice vote, the motion carried.

Jovan Paulzine and Jeanne Alling were at the meeting to share about this weekend's Memory Days events. Due to the Covid-19 Health Emergency, the schedule has been scaled back, but they hope everyone is able to come outside and FINALLY celebrate, while practicing appropriate social distancing. They asked if the Board would give permission to close the street for their street dance on Saturday night. (That Agenda item will be later in the meeting.)

Kandy Nelson was here to see if the Board would support their using the ballpark again this year for the Halloween event, "Field of Screams" the weekend of October 23 & 24. They will be encouraging social distancing throughout the events.

Kevin Kamish reported that the Finance Committee had met in regard to our property in the Industrial Park. After meeting with engineers on September 24, we should know more about what is available, and what options we can offer.

Kevin was at the Library Board meeting, before coming in. The Library wants everyone to know that Michael Edmonds will be speaking on "Cuts Through The Noise". You should pre-register on the Centuria Public Library's Website, centurialibrary.org.

Polk County Rep, Sharon Kelly was in to report back on some of the issues we had discussed last month. She is working on the financial impact that construction by large corporations, that then file tax exempt status, has on small communities. She will continue her research at the state level. She has learned about PILOTs and Municipal Service fees, and is wondering if they would be something that might work for Centuria. She also reports that Polk County Economic Development is planning to have a meeting with other Municipalities in November. All of the heads of local communities will be invited.

Chuck and Karen had been checking in to what other communities are charging for dog licenses. Chuck's proposal was to increase the Spayed/Neutered license to \$5.00, and the

unaltered dogs would go up to \$10.00. Jeremiah made the motion, seconded by Brian to adopt Resolution #4-2020 raising dog licenses fees, respectively. Upon voice vote, the motion carried.

Stan had updated the Organizational chart of Commissions and Committees. Brian made the motion, seconded by Chuck to approve Kevin Kamish as President Pro Tem. Motion carried by voice vote.

Kevin made the motion, seconded by Jeremiah to approve the updated Committee appointments. Upon voice vote, the motion carried.

Chuck made the motion, seconded by Brian to re-appoint Stan Swiontek and Jeremiah Lunsman to another 5 years on the Sewer and Water Commission. Upon voice vote, the motion carried.

Due to the Ledger Press closing, Kevin made the motion, seconded by Mike Koch to adopt Ordinance #01-2020 Amending the Village's Official Newspaper to be the Inter County Leader. Upon voice vote, the motion carried.

Jeremiah Lunsman made the motion, seconded by Mike to allow 4th Street to be closed from Wisconsin Ave to Polk Avenue for the Memory Days festivities and the Street Dance on Saturday, September 19. Upon voice vote, the motion carried.

Chuck made the motion, seconded by Jeremiah to approve the 5 year contract with St Croix Valley EMS for Ambulance Service, at \$5.00 per capita. Upon voice vote, the motion carried.

The 2021 Assessor's Contract was tabled for October.

Kevin made the motion, seconded by Jeremiah to continue with the Polk County Tourism Guide's, full page ad. Upon voice vote, the motion carried.

Brian made the motion, seconded by Mike to continue our financial support for Economic Development in 2021. Upon voice vote, the motion carried.

Brian made the motion, seconded by Jeremiah to approve the population estimate of 946. Upon voice vote, the motion carried.

The Budget workshop will be on Tuesday, October 6, at 6:00 pm.

The motion was made by Kevin, seconded by Chuck to pay the bills. Upon voice vote, the motion carried.

The motion was made by Mike, seconded by Brian, to adjourn. Upon voice vote, the motion carried.

Karen C Edgell, Clerk