CENTURIA VILLAGE BOARD MINUTES July 14, 2014

The Village Board meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Markert, with Tom Boettcher absent. Stan Swiontek made the motion, seconded by Rod Peterson, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

The motion was made by Gene Ludack, seconded by Gordie Moore, to approve the minutes from the June 9th board meeting. Motion carried. It was suggested to the police department that they get the electronic speedometer sign from the county and place it on 8th Street to try to control the speeding. The motion was made by Stan, seconded by Kevin Kamish, to approve the minutes from the June 16th special board meeting. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report was approved showing a balance of \$259,318.19 for the month of June. The receipts were \$15,419.16 and the disbursements were \$46,953.23. The TIF balance is negative \$381,072.62.

Katie Bestland attended the meeting to hand out thank you notes to the board members for allowing her to redo the village's float. She also presented the first place trophy the new float received from the Frederic parade.

Chief Stanley gave the police report. He said a dog had been quarantined for ten days to be sure it did not have rabies, since it had bit someone. It will need to be vaccinated and licensed before it is returned to its owner. Chief Stanley asked if the village had a policy for him to follow when a dog is found. He was told to check with Interstate Vet and the village office to see if they know the dog. If need be it can be put in the kennel at the sewer plant for a couple of days, before taking it down to Arnell Humane Society.

The property owners with unregistered vehicles received letters giving them six weeks, and some even longer, to either register or remove them. Then the Chief sent out citations, and now four weeks later, some are still there. The motion was made by Stan, seconded by Kevin, to approve towing those remaining unregistered vehicles. Motion carried.

Chief Stanley explained the DUI Grant that Polk County is receiving. They would like the local police departments to work up to four hours overtime each week.

Tony stated that you have to be careful not to respond to any local calls when working under the grant or there could be complications with receiving grant funds. Stan stated that the village does not have enough manpower presently to participate in the program. Dan Clement is out until the 25th of July.

The Librarian had written a letter to the board complimenting the Police Department for making the Bicycle Safety Program such a success.

Chief Stanley stated that there were no serious problems over Memory Days.

The new squad car expenses are still under budget by \$3295. That amount will probably be spent on the rest of the equipment that is needed to complete the unit. He defended the equipment he has already installed. Stan said he would have liked to have seen an official quote for the total costs from the company beforehand.

The motion was made by Stan, seconded by Gene, to approve moving the village's savings account from AnchorBank to RCU. Motion carried.

Chief Stanley stated that the village would be covered under recreational immunity insurance for a skate park, and that St. Croix Falls was able to build their skate park for about \$13,000. Public Works Director Tony Weinzirl was able to discuss a skate park with Matt Babcock from the Park Board, and he said that the insurance does not stop people from suing for injuries and a skate park costs about \$45,000 to \$50,000 by the time you add all the excavating that is needed. Tony recommended that the kids that are interested in this project try to meet with Matt and then come back with a plan for the board to consider. Dave Markert suggested the board members attend that meeting with Matt and the kids. Katie Bestland asked why the board would want to put all that money into a project that probably only two kids would use. She would like to see improvements done to the current park.

The motion was made by Stan, seconded by Kevin, to pay the bills. Motion carried.

The motion was made by Rod, seconded by Gene, to adjourn. Motion carried.

Judith A. Jepsen, Clerk