

Deputy Mayor Bruce Widrick called the regular meeting of the Village Board to order at 6:00 p.m. Roll call was taken with the following members present: Trustees Matt Nortz, Lloyd Richardson, and Linda Nortz. Also present were Treasurer Charlene Moser, Deputy Clerk Liz Jones, Clerk Kay Sabo, and Public Works Maintenance Worker Chris Nortz. Mayor Mike Monnat was unable to attend. Becky Knight was also present.

Public Comment:

Becky Knight introduced herself to the new board members as the representative for the Lewis County Search and Rescue. She reported that all calls have been responded to, and everything was working well. If anyone had concerns, they could feel free to contact her. She left and the meeting continued.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed in detail for the new board members and after discussion a **motion** was made by Trustee Matt Nortz, seconded by Trustee Linda Nortz, and carried to approve the report as read. Charlene reported that there are 33 water and 34 sewer bills still unpaid.

Paid Family Leave is now in effect. The cost is approximately .126% of an employee's wage. The Village has the option to pay, or pass the cost on to the employee. Trustee Richardson made a **motion** for the Village to cover the cost, seconded by Trustee Matt Nortz with all in favor.

The W-2's were mailed out and 1099s are nearly finished. Charlene mentioned that suggestions, plans and needs for the upcoming fiscal year are needed by the board for completion of the new budget. Some suggestions were: new Christmas lights, sealing tennis courts, insulating pipes on Bridge Street. The board may present more at the next meeting.

A **Motion** made by Trustee Nortz seconded by Trustee Richardson and carried that

General Fund Abstract	#8	186 – 204	\$ 6,637.92
General Fund Payroll Abstract	#8A	205 – 207	\$ 1,772.11
General Fund Abstract	#8B	208 – 209	\$ 258.52
Water Fund Abstract	#8	81 – 89A	\$ 14,200.86
Water Fund Payroll Abstract	#8A	90 – 93	\$ 2,743.41
Sewer Fund Abstract	#8	58 – 62	\$ 1,819.60

be forwarded to the Treasurer for payment. **Motion** passed.

Trustee Linda Nortz offered the following Resolution, seconded by Trustee Matt Nortz and carried by a vote of YES 3 – NO 0. Resolve the Village Treasurer be authorized to transfer:

\$ 72.00 from A-1440.4 to A-1620.42
\$ 530.00 from A-7140.41 to A-1640.12
\$ 209.00 from A-5142.4 to A-1640.41
\$ 39.00 from A-7140.41 to A-7140.42
\$ 655.00 from F-8320.4 to F-8330.12

Clerk Report:

- The Pratt Northam grant application has been mailed with a request for \$1,700. Trustee Richardson asked if we participated in the Youth Employment Program for funding for summer help. He and Trustee Linda Nortz volunteered to check into this, and possibly the village could take advantage of this program.
- Stacy from Frontier advised us to make a payment of \$188.52. Within in the next few months the bill should be completely corrected and in line with our contract.
- Reminded the board that it is time for Chris, Public Maintenance Worker to have his review. After discussion it was agreed to wait a few months for the new board to get to know Chris better. Trustee Richardson asked if Chris could get a 2 -3% wage increase. This will be discussed when the Mayor is present and after Chris's review is complete.

The minutes for December 13, 2017 and January 3, 2018 meetings were approved on **motion** by Trustee Matt Nortz, seconded by Trustee Widrick. All were in favor.

Employee Civil Service was notified that Chris Nortz has completed a year employment as full time employee as of 1-11-17.

Chris Nortz report:

- Chris needed to leave the meeting because of an emergency. Deputy Mayor Widrick reported that there had been a water pipe freeze at the bridge on Bridge Street. Scott Sauter was called and it was taken care of in 3 – 4 hours. A **motion** was made by Trustee Widrick and seconded by Trustee Linda Nortz to hire Scott Sauter as a part-time laborer. All were in favor.

Deputy Mayor Widrick report:

- Since the recent blower break and repair, he suggested that we look into pricing to upgrade blower and skid steer.
- Phone call from Bee Hive resident complaining about snow between the Bee Hive and the house next door. The Deputy Mayor asked Chris to move the snow.
- Trustees were each assigned responsibilities to help with village tasks and issues. Trustee Matt Nortz agreed to take care of Assessments and to work with Trustee Widrick on wastewater and water. Trustee Linda Nortz will be the Recreation Director for the park. All reservations will be directed to her. Trustee Richardson will be in charge of buildings, grounds and streets.

Trustee's Report:

Trustee Richardson asked the board for ideas for projects for BRCS school kids to be involved in. This is something he was working on at school to help children get involved in the community. Anyone with ideas could contact him.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m. on a **motion** by Trustee Richardson, seconded by Trustee Linda Nortz and carried.

Respectfully submitted
Kay Sabo
Village Clerk