

VILLAGE OF FOX CROSSING
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
Municipal Complex – Arden Tews Assembly Room
Monday, March 28, 2022

Minutes

1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, and Roll Call

Meeting called to order by President Youngquist at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Village Clerk Darla Fink took roll call and noted those present: President Dale Youngquist, Trustees Michael Van Dyke, Kris Koeppe, Gregory Ziegler, Mark Englebert, and Dale McNamee. Excused: Trustee Barbara Hanson.

Also Present: Village Manager Jeffrey Sturgell, Director of Finance Myra Piergrossi, Director of Community Development George Dearborn, Fire Chief Brian Harbison, Chief of Police Scott Glasel, Street Superintendent Randy Gallow, Utility Superintendent David Tracey, Director of Parks & Recreation Amanda Geiser, Attorney Andrew Rossmessl, and Engineer Lee Reibold. Excused: Engineer Bradley Werner. There were 14 attendees.

2. Awards / Presentations

3. Public Hearings

4. Minutes to Approve / Minutes and Correspondence to Receive

Minutes to Approve

a) Regular Village Board Meeting – March 14, 2022

Minutes and Correspondence to Receive

b) Planning Commission Meeting Minutes – February 16, 2022

c) Neenah-Menasha Sewerage Commission Meeting Minutes – February 22, 2022

MOTION: Trustee Van Dyke, seconded by Trustee Ziegler to approve the minutes and accept other departmental minutes and correspondence into record. Motion carried.

5. Public Comments Addressed to the Village Board

Jane Louvar - 1348 Fieldstone Court

Ms. Louvar stated she has been a resident of this community for 20 years and stated we have so many residents in this municipality that would benefit from having a grocery store in the area. She stated she feels we also don't have enough restaurants to have a sit down meal. She has asked Village staff previously and was told to write grocery stores and request that they move their business to Fox Crossing, but feels that someone working for the Village should be responsible for recruiting these types of businesses to our area.

Karen Page – 1654 Oak Hollow Lane

Ms. Page stated she lives in the Cottagewood Commons Condo Development. She stated that nearly seven years have passed since the building permit for this development was issued, even though the department was aware this area was not suitable for homes with basements at that time. She has had neighbors whose homes have flooded dozens of times and her own finished basement flooded three days after moving in. Last week, they had another water breach in their basement and stated the volume of water seems to have increased in recent years and recedes more slowly. Many homes in this area have lost significant value and have incurred tens of thousands of dollars in expenses due to this problem. She stated the residents in this area have

reached out to the Village multiple times, but there has been little to no progress. She stated the waterway in this area needs to be cleared out for the clear flow of water, and a regional retention pond is long overdue. She asked the Village to take action immediately and prioritize construction of a retention pond to cease sending additional stormwater in this direction.

Bonnie Samaritoni - 1655 Oak Hollow Lane

Ms. Samaritoni stated she wanted to follow up on Ms. Page's comments. She stated she had to have her basement filled last fall, and went through a lawsuit which didn't end well for them. This ended up being an \$80,000 project that they had to pay a quarter of. She stated she witnessed the Village's attempt at cleaning out the waterway, and noted all the team did was clean out debris and cut the tops of the trees. There was no removal of trees or dredging of the area. She stated per the Wisconsin DNR, it is Village's responsibility to keep that waterway clear and asked the Village to put this project in the budget as the residents have been asking for more than six years.

Nick Gebert – 1920 Bridgeview Drive

Mr. Gebert began by asking for a moment of silence for the people of Ukraine. He stated his intention was to read a response he received to his opponent's letter that was sent for the upcoming Spring Election. President Youngquist asked Attorney Rossmeissl if this topic was appropriate as discussions on candidacy are not permitted during this public comment period. Attorney Rossmeissl confirmed this appears to be related to an upcoming local election which is not permitted per Village ordinance.

Dean Kaufert – 1360 Alpine Lane

Mr. Kaufert stated he is the current Mayor of Neenah and wanted to thank the Village for their work and cooperation with him over the last eight years. He stated he has worked with the Village to accomplish many projects and apologized for any past conflict between our municipalities.

6. Discussion Items

7. Unfinished Business

8. New Business-Resolutions/Ordinances/Policies

- a) 220328-1 Award Bid – 2022 Concrete Work Program to Include Municipal Complex, Community Center, and Palisades Park Concrete Work
MOTION: Trustee Van Dyke, seconded by Trustee McNamee to approve as submitted. Motion carried.
- b) 220328-2 Award Bid – 2022 Crack Sealing Program
MOTION: Trustee Van Dyke, seconded by Trustee Ziegler to approve as submitted. Motion carried.
- c) 220328-3 A Resolution to Designate the Month of May, 2022, as No Mow May
MOTION: Trustee McNamee, seconded by Trustee Koeppe to approve as submitted. Trustee Koeppe stated this is the same Resolution that was passed last year and noted there were no problems with this program last year that he is aware of. Motion carried.
- d) 220328-4 Operator License Applicants
MOTION: Trustee Ziegler, seconded by Trustee Koeppe to approve as submitted. Motion carried.
- e) 220328-5 Expenditures
MOTION: Trustee Ziegler, seconded by Trustee Van Dyke to approve the expenditures submitted without exception. Motion carried.

9. Reports

- a) President Dale Youngquist – Open Book will be held on Thursday, April 28 from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.; additionally, Property Owners may contact Accurate Appraisal at 1-800-770-3927 to Schedule an Appointment with an Assessor; the 2022 Board of Review will be held on Monday, June 6, 2022 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

President Youngquist reminded the public of the Open Book and Board of Review dates. He stated this information is available on the Village website and the Board of Review will meet for a minimum of two hours.

- b) Community Development Director George Dearborn – Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System Report (MS-4) Report

Director Dearborn stated this is an annual report providing an overview of the previous year and includes reports on public education and outreach, illicit discharge from discharge systems throughout the community, construction site pollution control, a stormwater management survey to look at existing commercial ponds, leaf and yard waste management, and the program to minimize the amount of salt the Village utilizes. He stated this report was already presented to the Planning Commission and will be available on the Village website. This report will be submitted to the state by the end of March.

Trustee Englebert asked if we plan on doing research as to the reductions we will receive after the three large stormwater ponds are constructed so we can report this progress to the DNR. He stated we should use also those ponds to see where we can solve some of the stormwater problems throughout the Village. Trustee McNamee reminded the public that we will be spending a significant amount of federal funds to build these ponds, and that the Village is making significant investments into trying to reduce our particulate and phosphates and ease water drainage problems. Director Dearborn stated this time of the year is the most difficult and confirmed the Village is working hard to resolve these problems.

Trustee Koeppel asked Director Dearborn about the comments he made in previous budget meetings on his low staffing level in trying to complete the required reports and meet requirements to avoid the Village being assessed large fines. Director Dearborn stated most communities our size have a staff dedicated solely to stormwater issues, so this is something to consider in the future.

Superintendent Gallow stated they are currently out to bid on the West American stormwater pond which should be completed by September which will improve things in that area. He is also working with the School District to get the agreement for that pond put together but it is now running on schedule.

- c) Street Superintendent Randy Gallow – Winnebago County Agriculture & Household Material Clean Sweep Event – Friday, April 1, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Winneconne Public Works Garage, and 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Fox Crossing Municipal Complex

Superintendent Gallow stated there is still time to register for this event and reminded residents that they must register before bringing items. He stated the County website lists the types of items which will and will not be accepted and they can help in making appointments as well. There is another event in Winneconne earlier that day which also requires registration.

- d) Clerk Darla Fink – Early Voting for the April 5 Spring Election will continue through Friday, April 1, 2022; Voting will be Open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, with the Exception of Friday, April 1, in which Voting will be Open Until 5:00 p.m.

Clerk Fink reminded the public of the upcoming Spring Election, polling places, and voting hours. She stated the early in-person absentee voting is still taking place in the lobby at the Municipal Complex through this Friday and reminded the public of the dates/times.

10. **Closed Session**

11. **Adjourn**

At 6:48 p.m., **MOTION:** Trustee Ziegler, seconded by Trustee Koeppe to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Darla M. Fink, Village Clerk

Note: These minutes are not considered official until acted upon at an upcoming meeting; therefore, are subject to revision.