

**VILLAGE OF WYOCENA
VILLAGE BOARD MINUTES
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2024**

Call to order: Village President Kim Bauer called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll call: President Kim Bauer, Trustees: Paul Crary, Owen Landsverk, Rebecca Sersch, Jeremy Crary, and Doug Rose. Also present: Administrator Lori Kratky, Public Works Foreman Ramsey Bobzin, and others: Cyndi Heller, Ken Bond, and Mike Haynes.

Absent Village Board Trustee: Rusty Schiradelly.

Proof of Posting: The Village Clerk posted the agenda for the September 9, 2024 Village Board meeting on the bulletin board at the Wyocena Community Center, Wyocena Post Office, entrance to the Wyocena Library, and the Village website on Thursday, September 5, 2024.

Recognition of Visitors: Nothing to report.

Minutes: Motion by P. Crary, second by Landsverk, to approve the August 12, 2024 Village Board minutes. M.C.

Reports:

Library Director Report: Nothing to report.

Police Chief's Report: A written report was provided. Pardeeville Village Board President Mike Haynes offered to share Pardeeville's contract with the Columbia County Sheriff's Office for police coverage with the Village of Wyocena. Local ordinance enforcement was questioned. Haynes said that would be between the county and the village to decide.

Public Works Foreman's Report: A written report was provided. No questions were asked.

Administrator Report: Kratky informed the board of the following items: 1) A citizen on West Monroe Street asked that the board be made aware of thefts of property from her yard which is happening on a continuing basis. The citizen is working with the police department. 2) The majority of the Polk Street road project is complete. 3) Heavy refuse removal will be October 15, 2024. 4) Kratky reminded the board she will not be available for the October 14th Village Board meeting as she will be unavailable October 7 – 18, 2024. Kratky further reminded the board that a second board meeting is usually held around the final full week in October to finish budgets.

Treasurer Report: Kratky presented the following vouchers for approval. Motion by J. Crary, second by Rose, to approve the following vouchers: Roll Call: Sersch – yes, P. Crary – yes, J. Crary – yes, Landsverk – yes, Bauer – yes, Rose – yes. M.C.

ABT Mailcom	\$200.00	MARC	\$663.48
Advantage Lock & Key	\$65.00	Martelle Water	\$211.50
Associated Appraisal	\$257.81	Midwest Testing	\$1,045.00
Auto Value Parts	\$76.71	Oshkosh Fire & Police	\$100.02
Baer Insurance	\$5,308.25	Portage Auto	\$146.22
Bliffert Limber	\$44.01	PSC of Wisconsin	\$129.09
CemturyLink	\$2.43	Rhyme Business	\$148.00
Cintas	\$71.88	Schultz Small Engine	\$39.99
Col Cty Solid Waste	\$3,245.34	SCLS	\$2,033.00
Connie Webster	\$10.00	Securian Financial	\$15.78
CT Labs	\$1,186.00	Securian Financial	\$77.68
Delta Dental	\$32.00	Spee Dee Delivery	\$106.86
Delta Dental	\$109.42	US Cellular	\$140.01
Delta Dental	\$287.49	WMCA	\$40.00
Frontier	\$802.89		
General Engineering	\$511.00		
Gordon Flesch	\$80.50	General Fund	\$13,850.09
Jay Wegner	\$10.00	Library	\$2,265.34

Kristopher Kirk	\$10.00	Water Fund	\$1,067.28
Lexipol	\$1,942.34	Sewer Fund	\$1,966.99

Unfinished Business:

Pardeeville Ambulance Service Proposal: Kim Manley provided a letter for the board which explained why the Pardeeville District Ambulance Service is not able to give a firm proposal for services at this time. Motion by P. Cray, second by J. Cray, to table discussion until further information is available. M.C.

New Business:

Temporary Operator License: Motion by P. Cray, second by Landsverk, to approve a temporary operator license for Martin Griepentrog on September 26, 2024 for the Ducks Unlimited Banquet. M.C.

Temporary Alcohol License: Motion by P. Cray, second by Sersch, to approve a Temporary Alcohol License for Duckcreek Ducks Unlimited for their banquet on September 26, 2024. M.C.

Request To Divide Parcel 228.03: Motion by P. Cray, second by Rose, to accept the Plan Commission recommendation to approve Kevin Hamm’s request to divide Parcel 228.03 into three (3) C-1 zoned parcels. M.C.

Lot Line Adjustment: Motion by J. Cray, second by Sersch, to accept the Certified Survey Map (CSM) as presented and approve the Swiggum Family Trust request to shift the lot line between their parcels 123.01 and 123.02 to create a buildable lot that is not in a flood plain. M.C.

Helping Hands Request To Use The Community Room: Motion by Sersch, second by J. Cray, to approve Helping Hands’ request to use the Community Room on October 16, 2024, at no charge, for a volunteer luncheon. M.C.

Pardeeville Boys and Girls Club Requests To Use The Gym: Motion by Sersch, second by J. Cray, to approve the Pardeeville Boys and Girls Club requests to rent the gym at the cost of \$200 plus security deposit. The Boys Club practices will be on Monday and Wednesday evenings, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., beginning November 1, 2024 and ending no later than February 28, 2025. The Girls Club practices will be on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., beginning October 1, 2024 and ending no later than January 31, 2025. Rental is to be used only for the Pardeeville Boys and Girls Club basketball practice during the stated time. If Pardeeville Schools or the Wyocena Community Center is closed for a holiday or inclement weather the Community Center will be closed to rental. M.C.

Trick-or-Treat Hours: Motion by J. Cray, second by Rose, to establish Trick-or-Treat hours in the village as October 31, 2024 from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. with the Wyocena Fire Department present the entire time for safe crossing. M.C.

Resolution 2024-02: Motion by P. Cray, second by Bauer, to approve Resolution 2024-02 Exemption From Columbia County Library Tax. Roll Call: P. Cray – yes, J. Cray – yes, Landsverk – yes, Bauer – yes, Rose – yes, Sersch – yes. M.C.

Lawn Mower Repair or Replacement: Bobzin reported the lawn mower, which was scheduled to be replaced in two more years, stopped functioning and was taken in for repair. Bobzin reported the cost of repairs as well as the cost for a new mower. Discussion followed. Motion by J. Cray, second by Bauer, to purchase a new replacement mower from Schultz/Capital Equipment for \$11,800 as presented unless a less expensive quote is received for a similar model. Roll Call: J. Cray – yes, Landsverk – yes, Bauer – yes, Rose – yes, Sersch – yes, P. Cray - yes. M.C.

Assessment Services Proposals: Assessment proposals from Associated Appraisal Consultants and Accurate Appraisal LLC were reviewed. Motion by P. Cray, second by Landsverk, to accept the proposal from Associated Appraisal Consultants as long as the cost, with a Market Update included, remains the less expensive option. M.C.

Contract For Garbage and Recycling Services: Motion by J. Cray, second by Sersch, to accept the Addendum to extend the existing contract with Columbia County Solid Waste and Recycling for an additional five (5) years, as presented. M.C.

Detachment of Parcel 147 From The Village: Kratky gave the board information regarding the process to detach a parcel from the village. Paul Crary stated he and his wife are considering detaching their A-1 zoned parcel from the village so they may keep livestock, and place a well on the parcel. Kratky reminded the board that wells in the village, where municipal water service is available to the property, were required to be abandoned a few years ago. Discussion followed regarding if livestock could be kept on property within the village without a Conditional Use Permit. The board directed Kratky to obtain more information regarding the WI DNR opinion for wellhead protection as well as the keeping of livestock on property within the village. Landsverk suggested a conference call between the village attorney, Kratky, Bauer, and P. Crary be set up to discuss how a well exception could be granted. No further action was taken.

Employee Vacation Carry-Over Request: Motion by J. Crary, second by Rose, to approve up to 80 hours of unused vacation time to be carried into 2025 for Lori Kratky. M.C.

CLOSED SESSION: The Board invited Lori Kratky to attend closed session. Motion by J. Crary, second by Sersch, to enter into closed session at 6:59 p.m. under state statute 19.85(1)(c) considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. Roll Call: Landsverk – yes, Bauer – yes, Rose – yes, Sersch – yes, P. Crary – yes, J. Crary – yes. M.C. The board returned to open session at 7:12 p.m.

Trustee Landsverk left the meeting as the board was returning to open session.

Budgets 2025 – Wages: The board instructed Kratky to prepare spread sheets calculating a 3%, 4%, and 6% wage increase, and associated costs, for the next board meeting. No further action was taken.

Board Comments: Items for the next board meeting include discussion regarding 2025 village employee wages, 2025 budgets, and the possibility of a well on the Crary property, parcel 147.

Adjournment: Motion by Rose, second by J. Crary, to adjourn at 7:13 p.m. M.C.

Lori Kratky, Village Administrator/Clerk