## Village of Bagley

## **APPROVED MINUTES 2/4/2025 7pm**

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Call to order, Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call. All but Mike Mezera in attendance Prior Meeting Minutes Approval. Louise motioned, Jerry seconded, all approve **AGENDA ITEMS:** 

- 1) President's Report
- 2) Treasurer/Clerk Report
  - a. Unpaid Bills & Bank Balances
    - i. Greg motioned to approve bills, Louise seconded, all approved. Jerry motioned to approve bank balances, Louise seconded, all approved.
  - b. February Primary Election coming up with new machine
    - i. Scheduling less workers this election due to just one ballot item. Training Chief Inspectors on new machine and training in a new Chief Inspector because candidates cannot work elections they are on the ballot for. May need to train another Chief Inspector or two for Spring Election.
  - c. Reminders for Utility Bills, Dog licenses, etc.
    - i. Feb 1 bills went out and are due Feb 28th.
    - ii. Get dog licenses in if haven't already.
    - iii. Property Tax bills the grace period ends February 7<sup>th</sup>.
  - d. Public Service Commission (PSC) Rate Study Public Hearing with PSC and comment period
    - i. PSC is holding a Public Hearing via zoom Tuesday 2/25/2025 at 10am to present their proposed water rates for Bagley. The Public is welcome to join as well and can submit feedback during the Zoom meeting, online or by mail. If mailing, feedback must be received by 2/27 not mailed by 2/27.
    - ii. Goal of rate study is to set rates to cover regular expenses plus 6.1% of revenues. This additional acts as savings to cover infrequent costs like Well Pump rehabilitations that are needed every 10 years.
    - iii. Unknown and unbilled usage has been a problem, causing the PSC to propose higher rates to cover. Clerk/Treasurer and Director of Public Works have been working on the sources of this unknown usage and will present findings to PSC to see if rates could be set a bit lower than proposed.
    - iv. Copies of Public Notice from PSC about public hearing and copies of the draft rate file are available on the Village's website.
  - e. Common questions received: skipped
  - f. Ordinance, Resolutions:
    - i. Ordinances or Resolutions Publicly Provided: Golf Cart, Grass/Weed
      - 1. Board and Village President to review for next meeting. Handouts were highlighted with changes or specific items that feedback is being requested for.
    - ii. Ordinances or Resolutions to Discuss/Vote: Volunteer Fund/Procurement, Garbage/Recycling
      - 1. Motion to pass Volunteer Fund Ordinance made by Louise, Greg seconded all approve.
      - 2. Motion to table Procurement Policy to March 2025 made by Jerry, Greg seconded all approve. Additional changes requested.
      - 3. Motion to table Garbage/Recycling Resolution to September 2025 by Louise, Jerry seconded, all approve.
      - 4. Motion to allow for a temporary one year waiver of Garbage/Recycling fee for nonprofit and a few others made by Greg, Jerry seconded, all approve.
- 3) Public Works Report:
  - a. Updates and items from Director of Public Works
    - i. Ryne passed both DNR certifications recently
    - ii. 6 water leaks between January 18<sup>th</sup> and the 29<sup>th</sup>, estimated loss of 45,000 gallons a day. January 30<sup>th</sup> to February 4<sup>th</sup> estimated about 26,000 gallons a day. Total estimated loss between 700,000 and 800,000 gallons of water. Ryne will run pressure tests to locate issues.
- 4) Priority Items:

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- a. Approve resolution for Hydrant Fee per PSC
  - i. Motion to adopt by Greg, seconded by Jerry, all approve
- b. Alcohol/Tobacco Licenses: Updated information publicly provided. Motion to have public hearing during March meeting to discuss rates.
  - i. Motion made by Louise, Jerry seconded, all approve
- c. Meet with Chad Chappell new cop.
  - i. Greg motioned to take agenda item out of order after President's Report but before Treasurer/Clerk report. Jerry second, all approved.
  - ii. Chad Chappell will be taking over for Duane Jacobson, he's been with the department about 20 years, worked in this area
  - iii. Works with 7 Villages, does not have a set day but can schedule to meet if requested.
  - iv. Will look at banking some hours in the winter so there can be more in the summer and for Rodeo. Will just need to coordinate and communicate.
- d. Proposed payment plan for resident reimbursing the Village for a broken window.
  - i. Motion to approve with addition of resident being responsible for any potential court fees. Louise seconded, all approve.
- e. Garbage/Recycling waivers received.
  - i. Of requests received, all to be charged except one which is an empty parcel. Motion to accept decisions from list of exemption requests reviewed made by Louise, Jerry seconded, all approve.
- 5) Old Business:
  - a. Work is almost complete at new building. Discuss/vote next steps
    - i. March meeting will review lease for new printer as existing lease is up soon.
    - ii. Greg and Chris to provide bid on computer, networking items by March meeting.
- 6) New Business (May be taken in any order.)
  - a. Need to start discussing road work planned for 2025. Motion to table discussion to March meeting made by Jerry, Greg seconded. All approve.

Informal Comments.

Any Informal Comments

CLOSED SESSION: (NONE) Statute and if adjourning meeting at closed session

Motion to Adjourn... Jerry, Louise seconded, all approved.

Next Meeting: 3/4/2025