Village of Bagley

UNAPPROVED MINUTES 4/8/2025 7pm

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Call to order, Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call. – all in attendance Prior Meeting Minutes Approval. – Mike motioned, Jerry seconded, all approved.

AGENDA ITEMS:

- 1) President's Report
- 2) Treasurer/Clerk Report
 - a. Unpaid Bills & Bank Balances
 - i. Greg motioned to approved unpaid bills, Jerry seconded, all approved. One bill the Village was charged twice, refund already requested. Larger bill from Delta3 for Sewer Infrastructure project. Invoice for turnout gear received and will come out of Fire Fee fund then if grant received will go back to that fund.
 - ii. Mike motioned to approve bank balances, Louise seconded, all approved.
 - b. Shared information from the League of Municipalities regarding state budgets and their affect on local municipalities. Received a reject on a \$20K grant applied for, we were too far down the list.
 - c. Bill Reminders: notices for unpaid Annual Fire Charge will go out this month.
 - d. Election/Transition Updates Oath of offices taken including Louise's renewal, Donna and Randy's terms start on April 15th, no formal transition scheduled for that night.
 - e. Ordinance, Resolutions:
 - i. Ordinances or Resolutions Publicly Provided: Request for what area to work on for May meeting. Nothing discussed.
 - ii. Ordinances or Resolutions to Discuss/Vote: NONE
- 3) Public Works Report:
 - a. Updates and items from Director of Public Works
 - i. Contacted Priceless about sidewalk, will contact Roy and will see about a 3rd. Need quote on Basketball court as well.
 - ii. Generac will be down Monday April 14th to look at storm shelter generator. May have them look at portable generator that is not working. Portable generator is a late 1970s or early 80s.
 - iii. Budweiser worst road on the list, need to review water issues on that road. Will get bids for May meeting.
 - b. Status update on Water Quality Trading Project (next due date Jun 2025) No updates
- 4) Priority Items:
 - a. Resolution of excessive force and non-violent demonstration. Needed for CDBG grant, received template from another clerk applying for the same CDBG grant. Confirmed this mirrors Grant County's policy. Jerry motioned to approve, Greg seconded, all approve.
 - b. Implement new Water Rates immediately or after May 1st Billing. Either needed to do split billing or implement new rates after May billing. Mike motioned to implement after May billing, Louise seconded, all approved.
 - i. Question from public, if campgrounds are being billed year round. Campgrounds are billed year round, if there is no usage they are only charged a base fee. Boulder Creek is not on Bagley's water system and is not charged water. Boulder Creek is charged a full year of base fees plus a usage charge for sewer.
 - ii. Question from public, why are water rates increasing? Why increasing in one year? Public Service Commission performed a water rate study and determined the rates needed to cover water utility expenses. This is the first water rate study since 1987, normally rate studies are performed every 5-10 years. Public Service Commission requires increases to be once in a year but rates can be revisited in as little as two years.
- 5) Old Business:
 - a. Status update on Village Hall (old bank building)
 - i. TDS is getting scheduled to start internet and to move the Village Office phone number.

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- ii. Both storm shelters have TDS phone contracts, one ends in Dec 2025, the other in Jun 2025, could cancel if wanted. Save about \$1,200 annually
- iii. Question from the Public, why do we have the new Village Hall? The amount of traffic at the Community Building poses a security risk for Village operations. Having the Village Hall opens up opportunities to grow the town and the Village purchase the building at a good price.
- iv. Printer lease is due in a few months, Village keeps the printer but no longer receive support or supplies. Board reviewed comparison of purchasing printer and supplies ourselves, new lease contract with Gordon Flesch or new lease contract with Ricoh. Louise motioned for a new lease contract with Ricoh for the IM370F printer as long as it can duplex scan and copy. Mike seconded, all approved.
- 6) New Business (May be taken in any order.)
 - a. Approval of Operators License App received Greg motioned, Louise seconded, all approved.
 - b. Social Media keep or remove, posting frequency, ongoing issues.
 - Discussed opinions and potential solutions. Previously reviewed a template from the League of Municipalities that was customized to Bagley, will have it updated to reflect suggestions from this meeting and review rules. Mike motioned to table to May meeting, Louise seconded, all approved.
 - c. Board Member requests to discuss Clerk's posts on social media. Specifically scheduled posts that went up on April 1st, 2025. Timeline regarding situation provided. No further discussion.

Informal Comments.

Any Informal Comments

CLOSED SESSION: Consideration of moving into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. sec. 19.85(1)(c) to consider employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the Board has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, specifically related to the Village Clerk-Treasurer.

- Jerry motioned to move into closed session, Greg seconded, roll call vote, all approved.

OPEN SESSION: The Board may act on any matter properly discussed in closed session.

- No decision or discussion during closed session was required to be disclosed to the public.

Motion to Adjourn... Mike motioned, Louise seconded, all approved.

Next Meeting: 5/6/2025