

**DENMARK VILLAGE BOARD
MONDAY, JULY 2, 2018
4:30 P.M., DENMARK VILLAGE HALL**

CALL TO ORDER

President Mleziva called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Vince Wertel, Mary Jo Bielinski, Leah Goral, Alan Schilke, Paul Hargarten, Gregory Mleziva

Excused: Susan Selner

REMARKS/COMMENTS FROM THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT

President Mleziva welcomed all present. He recapped the rules of an open meeting, and explained the only opportunity for the public to speak at the meeting is if they are a pre-registered citizen to discuss an agenda topic. Unless the rules of the meeting get suspended, the public cannot speak during the meeting.

BOARD RECOGNITION OF YEARS OF SERVICE ON THE VILLAGE BOARD FOR MILTON BIELINSKI

President Mleziva stated the board would like to present Milton Bielinski a plaque in recognition of his years of service on the Village Board. Bielinski accepted the plaque, and offered some tearful farewell words. Bielinski stated with President Mleziva's leadership the Village got out of debt, and past administrators could not hold a candle to what Mleziva has done in the last five years and stated Mleziva is here for the betterment of the Village.

President Mleziva

Stated the village is indebted for many, many years for what Bielinski brought to the Village Board. The Village was in a difficult situation when you and I started on the Board and it was a rough couple years, but look where we are now.

Hargarten

Stated Bielinski was a pleasure to have on the Board and if Bielinski had not been on the Board during his first term it would have been miserable. We were both able to support President Mleziva and take the first steps to get the Village back on the right track.

Wertel

Re-iterated what Hargarten and Mleziva said. Wertel stated when he first got on the Board he was asking what himself what he got into, but over the years it's been good, and you know a lot about this Village and what is going on. It has been a pleasure working with you.

President Mleziva then introduced Leah Goral, Village Trustee appointed at the special meeting on June 25, 2018 and Nick Olmsted of the Brown County Sheriff's Office. Olmsted will be replacing Johathon Dzekute as the Village Directed Enforcement Officer at the end of July. Dzekute was hired as full time School Resource Officer for the Denmark School District.

PREREGISTERED CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

None

BOARD APPROVAL OF MONTHLY DISBURSEMENTS

**Schilke/Bielinski moved to approve the monthly disbursements as presented.
Motion carried.**

REPORT OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS

Delebreau

- With June being the kick-off to summer, we have already had the Rockin' the Hill concert and Devilfest with minimal problems.
- Juvenile issues in the park.
- Gave a reminder that anyone needing to report something to the police to call the non-emergency number for reporting purposes, it is much easier to track the report once it is in the Brown County Sheriff's Office.

Witte

- The bus on Pine Street is gone.
- Did a drive around the Village with a landlord, he will be taking down 2 buildings on one of his properties.
- Working on bond schedule for the new code.
- Doing inspections.
- Working on the temporary sign code.
- Website message should be changed. Will work with Konkol on doing so.

Sisel

- Working with Engineers and Brown County on KB reconstruction.
- Utility issues on North Wall Street. There is a void under the road; traffic is being shifted to the west side of the road. A schedule for culvert replacement was not provided by the County.
- Culvert work is being contracted out by Brown County.
- Got an estimate on tuck pointing the Village Hall for \$785.00 the deterioration is caused by salt.

Sisel was asked about sealing the building, and Sisel stated Historical Societies are very anti-sealing on old buildings.

Sisel was asked about road repair where the water break was on Woodrow. Sisel stated it takes 1-2 months to settle, and there are 3 areas to repair on Hansen, so they are going to do them all at the same time to save on mobilization costs. All areas where there were water main breaks should be repaired within a month.

Sisel was asked if the crack filling company we used this year is new. Sisel stated it is the same company we have always used.

Konkol

- Informed Board members that the garage that is at the end of the driveway at 641 DePere Road will be moved at 4:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 5, 2018.
- Parade for Lions Club was permitted by Brown County to close highways KB and T for the Lions Weekend parade.

President Mleziva

Mleziva shared the front page article of the latest edition of The Denmark News with the Board in the event some have not seen it. Mleziva is encouraging Board members, business owners and residents to go to the school district's annual meeting on July 23 to hear about the proposed 15 acre land acquisition, as approval is up to the tax payers. Mleziva stated there is a developer interested in that same 15 acres for a residential sub-division. The Village is in need of more residential land, and was looking at possibly putting a street in through the Kramer land to accommodate the residential area. The school district is looking at possibly putting 2 softball fields on the proposed land acquisition. Mleziva feels if the land is acquired and softball fields are put in, it will have quite an impact on the businesses in downtown Denmark if softball games are played at a school site. Also, how do we know the community leagues will not go there and take all that traffic away from the businesses downtown.

One trustee asked why the village has not been contacted about this, as the school district is in the Village, and we should have been meeting with them all along regarding this.

BOARD DISCUSSION/ACTION ON FINANCING OPTIONS

President Mleziva shared this is an ongoing process, and staff is meeting with consultants regarding different options whether it be TIF, bonds, or general obligation borrowing. At this time there is not an option to present, as we still have financial institutions getting back to us with options. President Mleziva and staff met with the auditor for an opinion on financing options and debt limit.

BOARD DISCUSSION/ACTION ON BID APPROVAL FOR WELL #3 GENERATOR AND ELECTRICAL UPGRADE

Sisel explained the upgrade is to remove and replace the diesel engines and lines with natural gas at well #3. The low bid was from Northern Electric, and McMahon recommends awarding the project to Northern Electric.

Wertel/Schilke moved to approve and award the well #3 generator and electrical upgrade to Northern Electric. Motion carried.

BOARD DISCUSSION/ACTION ON THTLETOWN CHEESE REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

President Mleziva stated Titledown Cheese asked to be on the agenda, but no one showed up to represent them. Mleziva shared with the Board why they requested to be on the agenda:

- Titledown bought the property and told the Village they did not need any assistance.
- Titledown then came to the Village and asked for a bridge loan for \$500,000.
- The village declined giving them a bridge loan, and there had been minimal activity.
- Recently Titledown has asked for \$75,000 as a show of good faith.
- Titledown was told the Village does not have a program in place to provide any financial assistance as it relates to lending out money, and that we work closely with our local banks.
 - The local banks have told the Village many times before that they would be willing to provide the financing for businesses looking to locate or expand in the Village.
 - The banks are much better qualified (and they have the cash) to handle such a request.
- Titledown was told as part of the process the Village will need to do a deep dive into their books to insure financial strength of Title Cheese before we could consider lending out funds.
 - The Village would require collateral as well as a signed contract laying out the interest rate, repayment schedule etc.
 - Without the financials and necessary documents, the Village would not have sufficient information to provide to the Board for them to make an informed decision
 - Providing the information however does not guarantee anything, the board may decide it is not a good policy for the Village so we are not making any promises.

President Mleziva shared Titledown has not come forward with any of the requested documents, and stated he hopes it works out for Titledown. Mleziva explained the Village will support and try to help when we can, but we have to look out for the tax base. We will continue to work them, but need to have a two way street.

BOARD DISCUSSION/ACTION ON POTENTIAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Mleziva stated there is interest in the Norse Business Park and I-43 Business Park. The parties interested are inquiring about the entire area of each park.

BOARD DISCUSSION/ACTION ON APPROVAL OF PICNIC LICENSE FOR DENMARK LIONS CLUB FOR A TEMPORARY CLASS "B" LICENSE TO SELL FERMENTED MALT BEVERAGES AT THE DENMARK LIONS WEEKEND FOR THE PERIOD FROM 2:00 P.M. ON SATURDAY JUNE 21 TO 2:00 A.M. ON SUNDAY, JULY 22, 2018 AND FROM, 8:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M ON SUNDAY, JULY 22, 2018

Wertel/Bielinski moved to approve the picnic license for Denmark Lions Club for a Temporary Class "B" License to sell fermented malt beverages at the Denmark Lions weekend for the period from 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 21 to 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, July 22, 2018 and from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Sunday July 22, 2018. Motion carried.

BOARD DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION ON PROPOSED BOND SCHEDULE

DEO Delebreaux explained the judge has the final say on the bond schedule, and the attorney should be involved as well. No action taken.

BOARD DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION ON TEMPORARY SIGN PERMITTING

Witte explained to the Board that there are signs all over the Village on corners and banners hanging on businesses that are not allowed according to the sign ordinance, and is asking for guidance from the Board as to how they want him to proceed in enforcing the ordinance.

It was brought up that businesses and residents likely do not know it is not allowed to put these signs/banners up.

The board advised Witte to send letters with the ordinance to the businesses and residents that are putting up the signs and banners that are not allowed and in the letter ask for their input on the ordinance. It will be brought to committee for a recommendation to the board based on input. Witte stated he will start sending letters.

At this point President Mleziva stated Trustee Schilke talked to him before the meeting and told Mleziva he purchased a home outside of the Village of Denmark, and would need to resign as trustee from the Village Board. Schilke stated he didn't turn in his resignation yet, but will be doing so soon. He just wanted to let the Board know before they hear it from someone else. Schilke stated it was a pleasure being on the Board, and that he is really going to miss it. He will be leaving the Board as early as the end of July.

ADJOURN

Schilke/Wertel moved to adjourn at 5:50 p.m. Motion carried.

Minutes submitted by Sherri Konkol, Village Clerk