

VILLAGE OF ST. CLOUD BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
FEBRUARY 3, 2026 – 7:00 P.M.

FOLLOWING THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE ST. CLOUD VILLAGE BOARD WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT ERIC HEIMERMANN AT 7:00 P.M.

ALL BOARD MEMBERS WERE PRESENT.

FOLLOWING THE READING OF THE JANUARY MEETING MINIUTES, ERIC CALLD FOR A MOTION TO HAVE THE MINUTES APPROVED. CORRECTIONS TO THE MINUTES WERE NOTED THAT EZRA PRATT WAS REPRESENTING MUNICIPAL WELL & PUMP, NOT SABEL MECHANICAL, AS STATED. FOLLOWING THE CORRECTIONS, TOM OETJEN MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES WITH CORRECTIONS; THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY DAVE SCHRY. ALL MEMBERS WERE IN FAVOR AND THE MINUTES WERE APPROVED.

UTILITY:

EZRA PRATT FROM MUNICIPAL WELL & PUMP PRESENTED A COST PROPOSAL FOR MAINTENANCE CHECK AND INSPECTION PHASES OF WELL #2. WITH THE MINIMAL MAINTENANCE COSTS INCLUDING PUMP REMOVAL AND REINSTALLATION, REPAIRS OF NORMAL WEAR & TEAR, AT \$26,190, PLUS ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDED VIDEO LOGGING AND OTHER MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS, A MINIMAL COST OF \$33,000 WAS FIGURED. ERIC ASKED FOR A MOTION FROM THE BOARD TO APPROVE THE \$33,000 COST FOR THE REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE OF WELL #2.

CHUCK PIERQUET MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE \$33,000 COST; THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY TOM OETJEN. ALL WERE IN FAVOR; THE MOTION WAS CARRIED. PROJECTED DOWN TIME OF WELL #3 FOR THIS PROJECT WOULD BE 3 TO 4 WEEKS, AND WILL BE SCHEDULED FOR SOME TIME IN APRIL, 2026.

TONY STEFFEN REPORTED THAT FOLLOWING THE LIFT STATION CLEANING, THE PUMPS WERE AIR BOUND, AND SABEL MECHANICAL ASSISTED TO HELP PRIME THEM. THE TRANSDUCER ALSO HAD TO BE REPLACED.

EIGHTEEN (18) COMMERCIAL CROSS CONNECTION INSPECTIONS NEED TO BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF THE YEAR, AS WELL AS LEAD AND COPPER TESTING ON EIGHT (8) VILLAGE RESIDENCES.

A NEW PUMP WAS INSTALLED AT THE LAGOONS, AND ADJUSTING NEEDED TO BE DONE TO MEET THE AVERAGE GALLONS PUMPED PER DAY.

THE 2026-2027 MCO CONTRACT AGREEMENT WAS REVIEWED AND DISCUSSED. A PROPOSED INCREASE OF 2.8 % WILL BEGIN MARCH 1, 2026. DAVE SCHRY MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT RENEWAL; THE MOTION AS SECONDED BY ADAM PUETZ. ALL MEMBERS WERE IN FAVOR AND THE CONTRACT WAS APPROVED.

VILLAGE:

JODY HEUS FROM BANK FIRST ATTENDED THE MEETING TO EXPLAIN A CYBERSECURITY "POSITIVE PAY" SERVICE THAT BANK FIRST HAS STARTED. CHECKS / PAYMENTS ARE SAVED TO A FILE AND EXPORTED AND COMPARED WITH THE BANK TO CHECK.

A REPRESENTATIVE FROM BANK FIRST WILL CONTACT RHONDA ON POSSIBLY ENACTING THE SERVICE.

JIM SIPPEL WAS IN ATTENDANCE AT THE MEETING, AND WILL BE ON THE APRIL SPRING ELECTION BALLOT FOR THE DISTRICT 12 COUNTY SUPERVISOR CONTEST. HE REVIEWED SOME OF HIS TAKES ON COUNTY MEETINGS HE HAS ATTENDED REGARDING THE PROPOSED COUNTY JAIL EXPANSION / NEW CONSTRUCTION.

MELISSA BINK ATTENDED THE EMERGENCY SERVICES MEETING HELD IN MT. CALVARY LAST WEEK AND CAME BACK WITH GOOD INFORMATION REGARDING EMS STATISTICS, RELIABILITY OF SERVICES, RETENTION OF EMPLOYEES. FUTURE EMS SERVICES MAY BECOME COUNTY-WIDE.

THE BOARD REVIEWED THE VILLAGE ANIMAL / PET ORDINANCE. RESIDENTS ARE REMINDED THAT A MAXIMUM OF FIVE (5) PETS PER RESIDENCE IS ALLOWED, AGE 5 MONTHS OR OLDER.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE: RHONDA REPORTED THAT THE FEBRUARY SETTLEMENT PROCESS FOR THE 2025 REAL ESTATE TAXES HAS BEEN COMPLETED AND FINAL SETTLEMENT PAYMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO FOND DU LAC COUNTY, THE NEW HOLSTEIN SCHOOL DISTRICT, AND MORAIN PARK TECHNICAL COLLEGE.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS: JARED BERENZ REPORTED GUTTER REPAIR WORK IS BEING CHECKED INTO FOR THE FIREHOUSE.

RECYCLE & WASTE: HARTER DISPOSAL WOULD LIKE TO BE CONSIDERED AS THE RECYCLE & WASTE CONTRACTOR FOR THE VILLAGE STARTING IN 2027. THE CONTRACT WITH WASTE MANAGEMENT EXPIRES AT THE END OF DECEMBER 2026. DAVE SCHRY WILL CONTACT A REPRESENTATIVE FROM HARTER DISPOSAL TO POSSIBLY ATTEND A BOARD MEETING IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

ORDINANCES, UTILITIES: WERE COVERED PREVIOUSLY IN THE MEETING.

STREETS & SIDEWALKS: VILLAGE TREE TRIMMING REMAINING TO BE DONE IN THE VILLAGE WILL BE COMPLETED AS WEATHER PERMITS.

MELISSA BINK MADE A MOTION TO PAY BILLS AND REVIEW TIMECARDS. JARED BERENZ SECONDED THE MOTION; BILLS WERE PAID AND TIMECARDS REVIEWED.

DAVE SCHRY MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY ADAM PUETZ.

MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 9:20 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

RHONDA WEBER
VILLAGE CLERK