

**VILLAGE OF ST. CLOUD BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**  
**APRIL 14, 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 WITH THE EXCEPTION OF CHUCK PIERQUET. JIM SIPPEL, NEWLY ELECTED DISTRICT 12 SUPERVISOR, WAS ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

ERIC AND TRUSTEES THANKED MELISSA BINK FOR HER SERVICE AS VILLAGE TRUSTEE. MELISSA HAS GRACIOUSLY OFFERED TO HELP WITH BUDGET PLANNING IN FALL.

FOLLOWING CONGRATULATING THE NEWLY ELECTED TRUSTEES: LAURIE SIPPEL, DAVE SCHRY, AND ADAM PUETZ, THE OATH OF OFFICE WAS ADMINISTERED BY CLERK RHONDA WEBER.

FOLLOWING THE READING OF THE MARCH MEETING MINUTES, ERIC CALLED FOR A MOTION TO HAVE THE MINUTES APPROVED. DAVE SCHRY MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES; AS READ, SECONDED BY JARED BERENZ. ALL MEMBERS WERE IN FAVOR AND THE MINUTES WERE APPROVED.

**UTILITY:**

TONY STEFFEN REPORTED THAT THE WET TESTING AT THE LAGOONS HAS BEEN COMPLETED, AND DISCHARGING HAS BEGUN. MIDWEST METER IS CHECKING INTO THE METER ISSUES AT WELL #3. THE METER WILL NEED TO BE REPLACED FOR A COST OF \$4,300. A \$1,000 CREDIT WILL BE GIVEN FOR THE COMPUTER BOARD WHICH WAS INSTALLED INITIALLY.

SABEL MECHANICAL CHECKED THE PUMP RUNS AT THE LAGOONS AND FOUND A CHECK VALVE HAD FAILED. NEW VALVES WILL NEED TO BE INSTALLED.  
DNR REQUIRED COPPER SAMPLING HAS DELAYED THE WPDES PERMIT APPLICATION.

VALVES WILL BE TURNED THIS SUMMER BY AN MCO CONTRACTOR.

THE WELL #2 REHAB PROJECT WILL BEGIN ON APRIL 20 BY MUNICIPAL WELL & PUMP.

WORK IS IN PROGRESS ON COMPLETING THE PERMIT PROCESS FOR WPDES PERMIT, WHICH IS DUE SEPT. 30, 2026.

TONY WILL BEGIN REPORTING MONTHLY ON WATER & WASTEWATER PUMPED. IN MARCH: LIFT STATION WW PUMPED: 519,535 GALLONS / WATER PUMPED: 743,000 GALLONS. HE ALSO NOTED THAT THE VILLAGE'S SYSTEMS ARE RUNNING WELL COMPARED TO MANY IN THE AREA, WITH THE EXCESSIVE RAIN WE HAVE BEEN GETTING.

## **VILLAGE:**

TRUSTEE COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS WILL REMAIN THE SAME AS PREVIOUSLY. LAURIE SIPPEL HAS OFFERED TO HEAD FINANCE IN PLACE OF MELISSA BINK. CHUCK PIERQUET: STREETS & SIDEWALKS; DAVE SCHRY: UTILITIES & RECYCLING; JARED BERENZ: BUILDINGS & GROUNDS; TOM OETJEN: CAUCUS & LICENSING, AND ADAM PUETZ: PARKS.

SNOW REMOVAL COSTS WERE REVIEWED. IT WAS DECIDED THAT NORTHVIEW SERVICES WILL AGAIN BE CONTRACTED FOR VILLAGE SNOW REMOVAL IN 2026-27. FOR BETTER PREPARATION THIS WINTER, STAKES WILL BE PURCHASED AND MADE AVAILABLE TO VILLAGE RESIDENTS WHO WISH TO INSTALL FOR PLOW GUIDANCE ON THEIR PROPERTY.

THE BOARD WAS ASKED TO INVESTIGATE A CELLULAR PLAN FOR A SECURITY SYSTEM.

MUNICIPAL PROPERTY INSURANCE HAS NOTIFIED THAT THERE WILL BE A 3% INFLATION INCREASE ON ALL COVERAGES OTHER THAN CONTACTORS EQUIPMENT, WHICH WILL BE INCREASED 5%.

STATEMENT OF VALUES AND REPLACEMENT COSTS WERE REVIEWED AND IT WAS DECIDED TO HAVE A REPRESENTATIVE FROM MPIC GO THROUGH THE VILLAGE TO DETERMINE IF INSURANCE COVERAGE IS ADEQUATE.

VILLAGE PARKING LOT PROGRESS IS IN THE TILING PHASE. AS OF NOW, IT IS TOO WET FOR ANY TILING TO BE DONE.

ERIC READ OVER THE VILLAGE PARK LEASE AGREEMENTS FOR THE ATHLETIC CLUB AND THE ST. CLOUD FIRE DEPARTMENT. DAVE SCHRY MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE LEASE AGREEMENT FOR THE ATHLETIC CLUB AS READ; SECONDED BY TOM OETJEN; JARED BERENZ MOTIONED TO ACCEPT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT LEASE AGREEMENT AS READ; THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY ADAM PUETZ

THE REMAINDER OF THE GOVERNMENT ARPA (AMERICAN RESCUE) FUNDS WILL BE DESIGNATED FOR STREET EXPENSES.AS VOTED ON PREVIOUSLY..

A REMINDER FOR EVERYONE WAS GIVEN ON THE "NO PETS IN VILLAGE PARK" ORDINANCE. THERE HAS ALREADY BEEN VIOLATIONS THIS YEAR. IT WAS SUGGESTED FOR RESIDENTS TO TAKE PETS TO THE RIVERSIDE PARK WHERE PETS ARE ALLOWED AS LONG AS THEY ARE LEASHED AND CLEANED UP AFTER.

BIDS ARE BEING SOUGHT OUT FOR RECYCLING & WASTE PICK UP CONTRACTORS, SINCE THE WASTE MANAGEMENT CONTRACT IS EXPIRING AT THE END OF 2026. ERIC SUGGESTED GETTING AT LEAST THREE BIDS TO REVIEW.

TOM OETJEN IS CONSIDERING TAKING ON THE WEBSITE COORDINATING POSTION LEFT BY MELISSA.

JIM SIPPEL, OUR DISTRICT 12 COUNTY SUPERVISOR, COMMENTED THAT HE IS PLANNING ON ATTENDING AT LEAST THREE MEETINGS A YEAR FOR EACH VILLAGE AND TOWNSHIP HE REPRESENTS. CONCERNS AND QUESTIONS FOR THE COUNTY BOARD CAN BE BROUGHT TO HIS ATTENTION AT ANY TIME.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**FINANCE:** FOND DU LAC COUNTY TAX REIMBURSEMENT WILL BE DEPOSITED TO THE VILLAGE MONEY MARKET AT THIS TIME.

**BUILDINGS & GROUNDS:** JARED IS CHECKING INTO THE GUTTER REPAIRS AT THE FIREHOUSE

**RECYCLING:** BRUSH PILE IS MAXED OUT. AT THE RECYCLE CENTER. BARRELS MAY BE PLACED TO BARACADE UNTIL BURNING CAN BE DONE

**ORDINANCES:** NO REPORT

**PARKS:** ADAM COMMENTED ON THE PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 2 WEEKS AGO. JARED BERENZ NOTED THAT PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT IS IN NEED OF ATTENTION. ADAM WILL MAKE NOTE OF NEEDED REPAIRS ON CLEAN-UP DAY APRIL 18, AND REPORT BACK WITH REPAIRS THAT ARE NEEDED.

**LICENSING:** SALCHERTS MARKET IS LOOKING TO POSSIBLY APPLY FOR A CLASS A LICENSE TO SELL WINE, ALCOHOL AND BEER OVER THE COUNTER AT THE MARKET. RHONDA WILL CHECK WITH THE DEPT. OF REVENUE ON WINE SALE LICENSING.

**STREETS & SIDEWALKS:** A DRIVE AROUND STREET REVIEW WITH MIKE BORN WILL BE PLANNED FOR FALL TO PRIORITIZE STREETS MOST IN NEED OF MAINTENANCE WORK.

DAVE SCHRY MADE A MOTION TO PAY BILLS AND REVIEW TIMECARDS. JARED BERENZ SECONDED THE MOTION. BILLS WERE PAID AND TIMECARDS WERE REVIEWED.

TOM OETJEN MOTIONED TO ADJOURN THE MEEING; THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY ADAM PUETZ. THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:50 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

RHONDA WEBER  
VILLAGE CLERK