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

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

ALL BOARD MEMBERS WERE PRESENT.

FOLLOWING THE READING OF THE JUNE MEETING MINUTES, ERIC CALLED FOR A MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES. DAVE SCHRY MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS READ; TOM OETJEN SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL MEMBERS WERE IN FAVOR AND THE MINUTES WERE APPROVED.

IN THE ABSENCE OF TONY STEFFEN FROM MCO, DAVE SCHRY REPORTED WATER PUMPED = 862,000 / WASTEWATER TREATED = 652,210 (210,000 DIFFERENCE)
WELL #2 REHAB HAS BEEN COMPLETED AND PLACED BACK ONLINE BY MUNICIPAL WELL. THE DNR HAS BEEN NOTIFIED.
THE WPDES PERMIT RENEWAL FOR WASTEWATER IS BEING WORKED ON; THE PERMIT IS DUE SEPT. 30.
THE METER AT WELL #3 IS READY FOR INSTALL BY BADGER METER.
VALVES WILL BE TURNED THIS SUMMER.
CONTROL UPDATES ARE NEEDED AT THE LAGOONS AND LIFT STATION. TONY RECOMMENDS CONSIDERING UPDATES ON THESE IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

THE SINK HOLE ON W. RAILROAD AVE. IS BEING INVESTIGATED. TONY WILL TAKE PICS AND SCOPE TO MAKE SURE NO UTILITY CONNECTIONS ARE INVOLVED BEFORE PROCEEDING TO FILL IN AND REPAIR.

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HYDRANT FLUSHING WILL BE DONE WITHIN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS
LARRY SCHAEFER SUBMITTED A DRAINAGE MAP FOR THE VILLAGE PARK PARKING LOT.

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JOE VANHUIZEN FROM ENVISION FOND DU LAC WAS IN ATTENDANCE TO GIVE A BRIEF TALK ON THE UPCOMING PROJECTS AND GOALS. WITH THE POPULATION DECLINE IN THE CITY, THEY ARE DEVELOPING MARKETING STRATEGIES TO ATTRACT WORKING CLASS PEOPLE. RESIDENCY IN THE CITY OF FOND DU LAC FOR AT LEAST ONE YEAR IS REQUIRED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THESE CONTRIBUTIONS AND ACCESS STATE FUNDING.

AMANDA ACCARDI FROM WASTE MANAGEMENT PRESENTED A 10-YEAR CONTRACT PROPOSAL BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2027, (THE FIRST YEAR 2027, RATES WILL REMAIN SAME AS 2026). A MINIMUM OF 5% INCREASE WILL BE INCLUDED EACH YEAR FOLLOWING. A DECISION NEEDS TO BE MADE BY THE BOARD MEMBERS ON A WASTE CONTRACTOR NO LATER THAN THE AUGUST 4 MEETING.

THE ST. CLOUD FIRE CHIEF TYLER BERENZ EXPLAINED THE WORK BEING DONE BY THE COUNTY FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION TO GAIN FUNDING OUTSIDE OF MUNICIPALITIES FOR

NEW RADIOS. THE COUNTY IS BEING ASKED TO CONSIDER PICKING UP 2/3 OF THE COST, LEAVING THE REMAINING 1/3 FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS TO FUND. THE ST. CLOUD FIRE DEPARTMENT ALONE WOULD HAVE A COST OF $150,000 FOR THEIR SHARE FOR THE RADIOS.THE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE WILL MEET WITH THE COUNTY FINANCE COMMITTEE ON JULY 14, AT 3:00 P.M. WITH THEIR PROPOSAL. IF IT GETS FINANCE COMMITTEE APPROVAL, THEN IT WILL GO TO THE COUNTY BOARD FOR THEIR VOTE AT THE JULY 21 FOND DU LAC COUNTY BOARD MEETING. THE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION IS ASKING THAT ANYONE AVAILABLE TO ATTEND THE JULY 14 MEETING TO ATTEND AND SHOW SUPPORT FOR THE COUNTY FUNDING.

THREE PROPOSALS WERE REVIEWED FROM FOND DU LAC COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT FOR VILLAGE ROAD CONSTRUCTION:
REPAIRS AND REPAVING NORTH STREET, CHURCH STREET (FROM WATERTOWER TO MARSH STREET), AND THE ROAD TO THE LAGOON PONDS. WITH THE AMOUNT BUDGETED FOR STREETS FOR 2026 AND RESERVES FOR STREET PROJECTS IN THE MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT, IT WAS DISCUSSED AND DECIDED THAT THE BEST PROJECT TO DO AT THIS TIME WOULD BE CHURCH STREET (WATERTOWER TO MARSH STREET) FOR $62,250. ADAM PUETZ MOTIONED TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY DAVE SCHRY.
NORTH STREET AND LAGOON ROAD PROJECTS WILL BE POSTPONED AT THIS TIME.

ERIC WILL CONTACT FOND DU LAC HIGHWAY DEPT. ON ENGINEERING COSTS FOR AN EAST RAILROAD AVENUE PROJECT, POSSIBLY BEGINNING IN 2027.

THE MT. CALVARY AMBULANCE YEARLY CONTRACT AMOUNT OPTIONS WERE REVIEWED. THE NEXT AMBULANCE MEETING WILL BE JULY 22 AT 7:00. THE BOARD REVIEWED THE OPTIONS AND VOTED ON THREE OPTIONS TO BE CONSIDERED.
CHUCK PIERQUET, TOM OETJEN, OR JARED BERENZ MAY ATTEND THE MEETING.THE BOARD DECIDED TO GO WITH OPTION #1 (BASED ON EQUALIZATION), OPTION #3 (BASED ON POPULATION),OR OPTION #4 (BASED ON POPULATION AND CALL HISTORY)

THE UNLICENSED TRUCK AT 116 CLARK STREET HAS BEEN TOWED AWAY AT THE OWNER'S EXPENSE.

THE VILLAGE PARK EQUIPMENT WAS REVIEWED FOR INSURANCE COVERAGE BY ADAM PUETZ AND A REP FROM MCCLONE INSURANCE.
THERE WILL BE ADDITIONAL COVERAGE ADDED FOR PICNIC TABLES.

THERE WAS STORM DAMAGE DONE TO THE FENCE AT THE VILLAGE PARK NEAR THE TENNIS COURTS. ADAM WILL CALL MCCLONE TO FILE AN INSURANCE CLAIM. THE COST WOULD BE $1000 TO COVER THE DEDUCTIBLE, WHICH WILL BE PAID BY THE ATHLETIC CLUB.

LETTERS WILL BE SENT TO (13) RESIDENTS AS A FOLLOWUP ON SIDEWALKS NEEDING REPLACEMENT/REPAIRING.

THE BOARD REVIEWED A SIDEWALK RESOLUTION NECESSARY TO ADD RESIDENT SIDEWALK REPAIRS AND REPLACEMENT COSTS AS A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ON THE TAX ROLLS, AND TO ADVANCE THE RESOLUTION FOR PASSING AT THE AUGUST 4, 2026 MEETING. TOM OETJEN MOTIONED TO CONSIDER PASSING RESOLUTION AT THE NEXT MEETING, THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY DAVE SCHRY.

LAURIE SIPPEL ATTENDED A ZONING WEBINAR AT WAUSHARA. SHE FOUND IT INTERESTING, SAYING IT WAS MAINLY ON HAVING VARIANCE REGULATIONS. MOST MUNICIPALITES HAVE VARIANCE FORMS AND ISSUE SPECIAL PERMITS TO FOLLOW THEIR OWN ORDINANCES.

ANDY HORN ATTENDED THE MEETING REQUESTING THAT THE WEEDS AND GRASS BE TRIMMED AT THE RETENTION POND AT NORTH MAIN STREET. DAVE SCHRY WILL CALL FOND DU LAC COUNTY ABOUT TAKING CARE OF IT.

COMMITTEES:

NEW KEYPADS MAY BE IN NEED OF REPLACING ON SOME OF THE SERVICE DOORS AT THE FIRE HOUSE.
ALL OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS WERE COVERED IN THE COURSE OF THE MEETING.

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

CHUCK PIERQUET MOTIONED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING; LAURIE SIPPEL SECONDED THE MOTION.THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:35 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

RHONDA WEBER
VILLAGE CLERK