

VILLAGE OF ST. CLOUD BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
AUGUST 4, 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 JULY MEETING MINUTES, ERIC CALLED FOR A MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES. DAVE SCHRY NOTED A CORRECTION ON THE ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROJECT ON CHURCH STREET IS FROM THE WATERTOWER TO MARSH STREET. AFTER CORRECTIONS WERE NOTED, TOM OETJEN MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES; JARED BERENZ SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL MEMBERS WERE IN FAVOR AND THE MINUTES WERE APPROVED.

TONY STEFFEN FROM MCO REPORTED THAT AFTER CAMERA INSPECTION, NO UTILITIES WERE AFFECTED WITH THE W. RAILROAD AVENUE SINKHOLE. DAVE WILL CONTACT HALBACH EXCAVATING TO FILL IT IN, A REVIEW OF THE WELL 2 BACTI TEST WAS CORRECTED; AN EMERGENCY CHLORINATION PLAN WILL BE PUT IN PLACE; CROSS CONNECTIONS AND METER CHANGE OUTS ARE IN PROGRESS; VALVE TURNING HAS BEEN COMPLETED IN THE VILLAGE.

TONY REVIEWED THE DNR SANITARY SURVEY ITEMS. THERE WERE NO MAJOR ISSUES. SOME ITEMS THAT NEEDED TO BE ADDRESSED WERE: METER TESTING: (20) METERS ARE TO BE TESTED PER YEAR INSTEAD OF (10) METERS. MORE VENTILATION IS NEEDED AT THE WELL #3 RESERVOIR TO AVOID CHLORINATION GAS FUMES.

HE ALSO NOTED THAT IF WATER LOSS CONTINUES TO SHOW UNDER 25%. CROSS CONNECTION PAMPHLETS CAN BE POSTED AS A PDF ON THE WEBSITE TO BE DNR COMPLIANT INSTEAD OF DISTRIBUTING TO EACH RESIDENT.

RECENT CYBERSECURITY CONCERNS AT WATER PLANTS SHOULD NOT AFFECT OUR SYSTEMS. TONY WILL VERIFY THIS WITH MISSION COMMUNICATIONS, THE PROVIDER OF OUR WATER PLANT COMMUNICATIONS.

TONY MADE A SUGGESTION TO THE BOARD TO THINK ABOUT DOING UPGRADES TO THE LIFT STATION AND LAGOONS CONTROLS, THE PRESENT CONROLS ARE VERY OLD.

ERIC REQUESTED THAT TONY COME UP WITH AN EQUIPMENT SCHEDULE FOR THE WATER PLANTS SO A "DESIGNATED WATER FUND" CAN BE CREATED FOR UNEXPECTED WATER PLANT REPAIRS AND REPLACEMENTS.

THERE WAS DISCUSSION ON A PSC RECOMMENDED 3% WATER RATE INCREASE WITH UTILITY FINANCIAL LOSSES SHOWING IN THE PAST YEAR. RHONDA FIGURED THE COST INCREASE TO THE RESIDENTS WILL AVERAGE AROUND \$2.50-\$3.00 PER QUARTER. DAVE SCHRY MADE A MOTION TO INCREASE WATER RATES 3%; LAURIE SIPPEL SECONDED THE MOTION. A 3% WATER RATE INCREASE WILL BE IN EFFECT BEGINNING JAN. 1,/2027.

TYLER BERENZ REPORTED ON THE FIRE DEPARTMENT RADIO FUNDING THEY ARE REQUESTING FROM FOND DU LAC COUNTY. THE COUNTY FINANCE COMMITTEE IS REVIEWING FUNDING OPTIONS BEFORE BUDGET PLANNING IN SEPTEMBER.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM WASTE MANAGEMENT AND HARTERS DISPOSAL WERE PRESENT AT THE MEETING TO GIVE THEIR FINAL CONTRACT PROPOSALS. AFTER COMPARING THE COSTS OF THE TWO COMPANIES, THE HARTER DISPOSAL PROPOSAL SHOWED A \$12,000 SAVINGS A YEAR. CHUCK PIERQUET MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT A 5-YEAR PROPOSAL WITH HARTER DISPOSAL, WHICH INCLUDES THE BULKY PICKUP COST. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY ADAM PUETZ. ALL MEMBERS WERE IN FAVOR AND THE MOTION CARRIED. HARTER DISPOSAL WILL BEGIN WASTE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION IN THE VILLAGE BEGINNING THE FIRST MONDAY IN JANUARY, 2027.

RESOLUTION 2024-4 "REPAIRS AND REPLACEMENT OF HAZARDOUS SIDEWALKS" WAS REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY THE BOARD. DAVE SCHRY MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE; SECONDED BY ADAM PUETZ. THE MOTION CARRIED.

FOUR (4) NEW SECURITY CAMERAS WILL BE INSTALLED WITHIN NEXT WEEK. TWO (2) CAMERAS WILL BE LOCATED AT RIVERSIDE PARK, ONE (1) AT THE VILLAGE PARK, AND ONE (1) AT THE RECYCLE CENTER.

FOND DU LAC COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPT. WILL BEGIN ROAD CONSTRUCTION AT CHURCH STREET, BEGINNING AT THE WATERTOWER TO MARSH STREET, SOMETIME IN LATE AUGUST, EARLY SEPTEMBER.

SEARL CONSTRUCTION IS WORKING ON QUOTES FOR ADAM PUETZ TO SUBMIT TO THE INSURANCE COMPANY TO REPAIR THE STORM-DAMAGED FENCE AT THE VILLAGE PARK. THE ATHLETIC CLUB HAS AGREED TO PAY THE \$1,000 DEDUCTIBLE COST.

MIKE MCCOY DID NOT ATTEND THE MEETING WITH CONCERNS ON VILLAGE SAFETY. HOWEVER, ANY VILLAGE RESIDENT HAVING ANY CONCERNS ON SAFETY HAZARDS WITHIN THE VILLAGE SHOULD CONTACT A VILLAGE BOARD MEMBER.

THE RIVERSIDE PARK BATHROOMS HAVE BEEN CLOSED DUE TO VANDALISM. CLEANING AND PAINTING NEEDS TO BE DONE BEFORE THEY CAN BE RE-OPENED. DAVE WILL CONTACT KELMANN RESTORATION AND BADGER RESTORATION TO GET ESTIMATES.

ADAM MEADE WAS AT THE MEETING WITH QUESTIONS ON A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT REQUIRED TO HAVE A LARGE STORAGE SHED PUT UP AT HIS RESIDENCE AT 1745 CEDARVIEW. HE WILL DISCUSS THE PROJECT WITH CONTRACTORS BEFORE BEGINNING THE PERMIT PROCESS.

MIKE KROENER AND ADAM MEADE INQUIRED ON HAVING A CAR SHOW EXHIBITION AT THE CIVIC CENTER / PARK PARKING LOT IN LATE SEPTEMBER, POSSIBLY INCLUDING A CAR PARADE THROUGH TOWN. ADAM PUETZ WILL CHECK WITH THE ATHLETIC CLUB. THE BOARD DISCUSSED AND AGREED THIS WILL BRING PEOPLE TO TOWN AND HELP WITH SOME FUNDRAISING FOR THE ATHLETIC CLUB IF THEY CHOOSE TO DO THE CONCESSIONS FOR THE EVENT.

THERE WAS DISCUSSION ON A POSITION OPENING FOR A UTILITY / MAINTENANCE PERSON TO DO MAINLY THE MAINTENANCE PORTION OF THE JOB. ERIC WILL POST THE POSITION ON FACEBOOK.

RHONDA WILL BEGIN TO RECORD HER TIME AT BOTH CLERK AND TREASURER JOBS TO COME UP WITH AN IDEA OF THE TIME FOR AN ESTIMATE OF HOURS REQUIRED FOR THE JOB.

THE BOARD VOTED TO AGAIN MAKE A \$250 DONATION TO ENVISION, FOND DU LAC. DAVE SCHRY MOTIONED TO APPROVED THE DONATION SECONDED BY ADAM PUETZ.

LETTERS WILL BE SENT TO (8) RESIDENTS AS A FOLLOW-UP ON SIDEWALKS NEEDING REPLACEMENT OR REPAIRING.

TO AVOID PROBLEMS IN THE FUTURE, IT WAS RECOMMENDED THAT THE VILLAGE HAVE A DATA CENTER PREVENTION RESOLUTION IN PLACE. ERIC WILL REACH OUT TO ALEX ACKERMAN THE VILLAGE ATTORNEY TO DRAFT A RESOLUTION FOR THE BOARD TO REVIEW.

THE BOARD REVIEWED THE MT. CALVARY AMBULANCE PROPOSAL FOR 2027. AFTER REVIEW AND DISCUSSION IT WAS DECIDED TO GO WITH OPTION #7, BASED ON 75% POPULATION & 25% CALLS.

ANDY HORN REQUESTED THAT RIVER LANE BE GRADED BEFORE WINTER. DAVE SCHRY WILL CONTACT FOND DU LAC COUNTY ON DOING THE JOB.

NEIGHBORS OF ADAM MEADE SHOWED CONCERNS REGARDING THE NUMBER OF CARS PARKED IN HIS DRIVEWAY AND TRAFFIC IN AND OUT OF HIS PROPERTY..ACCORDING TO ORDINANCE, THIS IS ALLOWED, AS LONG AS THE VEHICLES ARE ALL LICENSED AND KEPT ON HIS PROPERTY.

LAURIE SIPPEL MOTIONED TO PAY BILLS AND REVIEW TIMECARDS
TIMECARDS WERE REVIEWED AND BILLS WERE PAID;

CHUCK PIERQUET MOTIONED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING; LAURIE SIPPEL SECONDED THE MOTION.THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:05 P.M..

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

RHONDA WEBER
VILLAGE CLERK