

**HAZEL GREEN REGULAR BOARD MEETING
APRIL 6, 2015**

President Dale Leifker called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Proof of publication: notices were posted at American Bank, Post Office, Village Hall, and all the Trustees were notified by delivering of the agenda.

Trustees present: Kevin Stienstra , Josh Kearney, Francis Temperly, Sarah Saylor, Bill Wiegman-6:34 p.m. and Eric McAuliffe.

Employees present: Sally Bauer and John Berning-6:36 p.m.

Citizens Present: Fr. Ken Frisch-6:36 p.m., Carolyn Creighton-6:36 p.m., Jake Riniker-6:36 p.m., and Crystal Riniker-6:38 p.m.

THE BOARD MAY MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH WISCONSIN STATE STATUTE 19.85(1)(G) CONFERRING WITH LEGAL COUNSEL FOR THE GOVERNMENTAL BODY WHO IS RENDERING ORAL OR WRITTEN ADVICE CONCERNING STRATEGY TO BE ADOPTED BY THE BODY WITH RESPECT TO LITIGATION IN WHICH IT IS OR IS LIKELY TO BECOME INVOLVED: President Dale Leifker made the motion to go into closed session at 6:01 p.m. for 20 minutes. Trustee Josh Kearney seconded the motion. Roll Call vote: Kevin Stienstra-yes, Josh Kearney-yes, Francis Temperly-yes, Sarah Saylor-yes, Eric McAuliffe-yes, and Dale Leifker-yes. Motion carried 6-0.

At 6:21 p.m., closed session was extended for five (5) minutes.

At 6:26 p.m., closed session was extended for ten (10) minutes.

At 6:34 p.m., Bill Wiegman joined the meeting.

Trustee Eric McAuliffe made the motion to return to open session at 6:36 p.m. Trustee Sarah Saylor seconded the motion. Roll Call vote: Kevin Stienstra-yes, Josh Kearney-yes, Francis Temperly-yes, Sarah Saylor-yes, Bill Wiegman-yes, Eric McAuliffe-yes, and Dale Leifker-yes. Motion carried 7-0.

THE BOARD WILL RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION AND MAY TAKE ACTION UPON THE MATTER DISCUSSED DURING THE CLOSED SESSION PORTION OF THE MEETING: No action was taken.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS: Trustee Josh Kearney made the motion to approve the minutes of the previous meetings as presented. Trustee Francis Temperly seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Kevin Stienstra-yes, Josh Kearney-yes, Francis Temperly-yes, Sarah Saylor-yes, Bill Wiegman-yes, Eric McAuliffe-yes, and Dale Leifker-yes. Motion carried 7-0.

PUBLIC INPUT: None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- ~ Clerk Sally Bauer informed the Board the Community Development Authority (CDA) approved to have all future interest payments be deposited to a savings account at Dupaco Community Credit Union.
- ~ Magnets are being looked into for the residents that would list office phone numbers, website, garbage day, appliance pick up phone number. These would cost around \$650.00.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICERS:

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

- ~ All LED lights have been installed at Rec Park.
- ~ Prices will be gathered for new garbage cans near the pavilions.
- ~ Quotes for an UTV/ATV will be presented at the next board meeting.
- ~ Maintenance work is being performed on the street sweeper.

MONTHLY BILLS: Trustee Sarah Saylor made the motion to accept the bills from March 18, 2015 – March 30, 2015. Trustee Eric McAuliffe seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Kevin Stienstra-yes, Josh Kearney-yes, Francis Temperly-yes, Sarah Saylor-yes, Bill Wiegman-yes, Eric McAuliffe-yes, and Dale Leifker-yes. Motion carried 7-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

ATTENDANCE AT BID OPENING ON APRIL 21, 2015: This will be posted as a bid opening.

NEW BUSINESS:

LIONS CLUB USING TIF LAND FOR A COMMUNITY GARDEN: Jake & Crystal Riniker inquired with the Board about utilizing some land in the TIF for a garden project with the Lions and Leos in the future.

Top soil would be needed on these lots. The Village would also inquire with insurance and to see if this is allowable in the TIF district.

2015 N MAIN STREET PROJECT:

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES DRIVEWAY ABUTTING HWY 11/MAIN ST: The DOT has informed the Village that the driveway for St. Francis de Sales that comes out onto Hwy 11/80 will not be allowed when North Main Street is reconstructed. The distance from the driveway to the N Main St/Hwy 11/80 intersection is deemed unsafe because it is not 250 feet from an intersection, and there are two (2) driveways for the church on 26th Street for access to the church parking lot.

The Village is discussing with the DOT to see if other options are available.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS FOR MAIN STREET: Discussion was held on Christmas decorations for the new 15 foot light poles on Main Street. Trustee Sarah Saylor made the motion to purchase garland with lights and bows for the new poles. Trustee Josh Kearney seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Kevin Stienstra-yes, Josh Kearney-yes, Francis Temperly-yes, Sarah Saylor-yes, Bill Wiegman-yes, Eric McAuliffe-yes, and Dale Leifker-yes. Motion carried 7-0.

REC PARK ITEMS:

NEW SCOREBOARD: John Berning informed the Board that we could not get the scoreboard to work. Parts to fix the scoreboard, that was purchased in 2006, are \$2,350.00. A new scoreboard is \$4,000.00. Trustee Sarah Saylor made the motion to purchase the new scoreboard. Trustee Eric McAuliffe seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Kevin Stienstra-yes, Josh Kearney-yes, Francis Temperly-yes, Sarah Saylor-yes, Bill Wiegman-yes, Eric McAuliffe-yes, and Dale Leifker-yes. Motion carried 7-0.

PRETZEL MACHINE: The pretzel machine is also not working properly, this was purchased in 2000. We have a call into Myers Cox, our vendor for Rec Park. There is the possibility of receiving the machine for free as long as we buy the pretzels from them. The vendor is checking into this and will let us know. President Dale Leifker made the motion to wait to see if we can receive the pretzel machine for free, otherwise to purchase a pretzel machine. Trustee Sarah Saylor seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Kevin Stienstra-yes, Josh Kearney-yes, Francis Temperly-yes, Sarah Saylor-yes, Bill Wiegman-yes, Eric McAuliffe-yes, and Dale Leifker-yes. Motion carried 7-0.

GRILL: The heating element in the grill has gone out, the original grill was purchased in 2000. Trustee Eric McAuliffe made the motion to purchase a new grill. Trustee Sarah Saylor seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Kevin Stienstra-yes,

Josh Kearney-yes, Francis Temperly-yes, Sarah Saylor-yes, Bill Wiegman-yes, Eric McAuliffe-yes, and Dale Leifker-yes. Motion carried 7-0.

COMELEC INTERNET TO BE EXCLUSIVE ON WATER TOWER FOR SIMILAR TECHNOLOGY ONLY: President Dale Leifker made the motion for ComElec Internet to not be exclusive on the water tower. Trustee Josh Kearney seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Kevin Stienstra-yes, Josh Kearney-yes, Francis Temperly-yes, Sarah Saylor-yes, Bill Wiegman-yes, Eric McAuliffe-yes, and Dale Leifker-yes. Motion carried 7-0.

MINIMUM FEE TO SHOVEL SIDEWALKS/CUT GRASS: President Dale Leifker made the motion to have the minimum fee to charge property owners that do not maintaining their property, (cutting grass/weeds, shoveling sidewalks) and have been given warnings by the police department, to \$50.00. Trustee Sarah Saylor seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Kevin Stienstra-yes, Josh Kearney-yes, Francis Temperly-yes, Sarah Saylor-yes, Bill Wiegman-yes, Eric McAuliffe-yes, and Dale Leifker-yes. Motion carried 7-0.

RESOLUTION OPPOSING PHASING OUT PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES:

Trustee Sarah Saylor made the motion to approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-01

Resolution Opposing Elimination of Personal Property Taxes

Whereas, Representative Bob Kulp (R-Stratford) and Senator Tom Tiffany (R-Hazelhurst) plan to introduce legislation that would eliminate both the personal property tax and the computer aid payments made to local governments; and

Whereas, the total statewide personal property tax levy in 2013 (collected in 2014) was \$290 million; and

Whereas, the State has been making computer aid payments to local governments since 2001 to offset the personal property tax exemption for computer equipment that was created that year, with the total payment for 2015 set at \$83.8 million; and

Whereas, elimination of the personal property tax on businesses will result in even more of the property tax burden shifting to residential homeowners, who, on average already pay 70% of the statewide property tax levy; and

Whereas, the impact of eliminating the personal property tax will be greatest in the cities and villages where most of the personal property tax base is located, and

Whereas, fully exempting all personal property from the property tax will likely result in a reduction in the incremental levy for many tax incremental finance districts;

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WHEREAS, in the Village of Hazel Green, the loss of computer aid payment for exempt computers would mean \$29.00 less for the Village's General Fund and \$312.00 less for the Village's TIDs, for a total decrease in state aid payments of \$341.00; and

WHEREAS, in the Village of Hazel Green, the shift to residential homeowners would be \$20,093.21 of tax levy for just the Village/City portion of property taxes and the resulting equalized tax rate increase will be \$20.09 per \$1,000 valuation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Hazel Green opposes any attempt by the State Legislature to eliminate the personal property tax and the computer aid payments local governments receive for tax-exempt computer and related equipment; and at a minimum, the loss in local tax base and resulting tax shift must be addressed before moving forward with the legislation.

Adopted this 6th day of April, 2015.

Dale Leifker
Village President

Sally Bauer
Clerk/Treasurer

President Dale Leifker seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Kevin Stienstra-yes, Josh Kearney-yes, Francis Temperly-yes, Sarah Saylor-yes, Bill Wiegman-yes, Eric McAuliffe-yes, and Dale Leifker-yes. Motion carried 7-0.

Trustee Sarah Saylor thanked Eric McAuliffe for his years of service on the Village Board.

Trustee Sarah Saylor made the motion to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. Trustee Eric McAuliffe seconded the motion. All agreed.

Sally Bauer
Clerk/Treasurer