

**Village of Iola Board of Trustees Meeting  
February 13, 2024, held at 5:30 PM at the  
Iola Village Hall in the Community Room**

Meeting called to order at 5:30 PM by President Pro-Temp David Harper. The opening statement was read by D. Harper, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

Roll Call. Members present: Jim Rasmussen, Dave Harper, Rick Meyers, Shannon Dane, Mark McCoy and Pamela Parks. Others present: Laura J. Krogwold, Village Clerk/Treasurer; Missy Fenn, Village of Iola Deputy Clerk/Treasurer; Paul Zierler, Village of Iola Police Chief; Rick Ertl, Holly Neuman, Beth Mortenson, Emily Conroy, Lee Halverson, Robyn Grove, Brian Dures and Larry Flowers.

Absent: Jennifer Schustek

J. Rasmussen made a motion to amend the agenda to add 8-H to new business. Motion seconded by R. Meyers. Motion passed.

Lee Halverson made a public comment regarding the bright light at 410 N Main St. in the Village of Iola. The light shines toward State Highway 49 and when you are driving into town on Highway 49 it is so bright it is blinding to drivers. Mr. Halverson also commented that that is a major deer crossing and the light makes it hard to see them as you are driving into the village.

Motion made by R. Meyers to accept amended minutes from the January 9, 2024, Caucus; January 9, 2024, Board of Trustees and February 12, 2024, Park Committee. Motion seconded by S. Dane. Motion passed.

Motion made by J. Rasmussen to take legal action against property owners of 119 S. Main St. Village of Iola for recovery of property, damages, removal of signs and legal cost. Seconded by P. Parks. 5-Yes, 0-No, 1-Abstain. Motion passed.

Motion made by P. Parks to donate \$200 the American Legion Sheveland-Taylor Post 14 for their Memorial Day ceremonies. Motion seconded by R. Meyers. Motion passed.

Motion made by J. Rasmussen to turn the inquiry about purchasing parcel 26 34 44 5 by an adjacent property owner to the Public Property, Streets, Water & Sewer Committee. Seconded by P. Parks. Motion carried.

Motion made by S. Dane to approve US Cellular to operate a temporary tower for the Iola Old Car Show from June 24<sup>th</sup> to July 26<sup>th</sup>. Motion seconded by M. McCoy. Motion passed.

Motion was made by J. Rasmussen issue a new address of 420 West Iola St., Iola, WI 54945 (new construction) to Cindy Schamber. Motion seconded by S. Dane. Motion carried.

A motion was made by R. Meyers to thank the Rotary Club of Waupaca for their \$2,000 donation to the Rosie Paw Dog Park. Motion seconded by P. Parks. Motion carried.

P. Parks wanted to take the time to thank R. Meyers for his work with Rosie Paw Dog Park. It is a park that is being used a lot. Thank you, Rick.

A motion was made by J. Rasmussen to Thank the anonymous donor that gave a total of \$402,151.50 toward the expansion of the Iola Village Library since 2017. Motion seconded by S. Dane. Motion passed.

The Village of Iola's Library Director Robyn Grove wants to thank every single person that gave to the Expansion. It is a beautiful space that is enjoyed by the community. The programs that are available because of the expansion are creating friendship and memories that are priceless. Thanks, again to everyone who has been involved in donating to pay for the expansion. J. Rasmussen pointed out that the expansion to the library was paid for entirely by donations.

A motion was made to add item 8-H on revised agenda by J. Rasmussen to hold a special meeting of the Iola Village Board of Trustees on Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 5:30 PM to determine whether the Class B liquor license for Sagpol LLC, DBA as Tee Time Lounge agent Bob Sager has been legally surrendered to the Village of Iola. Motion seconded by P. Parks. Motion passed.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Personnel:** Officer Avigal Mata has completed her new hire probation period. Congratulations to her.

**Library:** Circulation reports for January 2024 were shared with the village board: CIRCULATION: Circulation 1,935, Renewals 562, Total Circulation 2,497; INTERLIBRARY LOAN: Total Loaned 1,102, Total Borrowed 1,072, Net 30; WISCAT ILL – Requested 42, Sent 22; OVERDRIVE: E-Book 101, Audio Books 132, Magazines 201, Hoopla 132; MY PC: Total Minutes 11,829, Total Sessions 135, Wireless Unique Devices 230, Avg Devices Connected Per Day 26; Items Checked in: 3,887; Monthly Patron Count: 1,595; PROGRAMMING: Total Programs 10 with a total attendance of 114, 1 Adult Program with Attendance of 12, 4 Children's Programs Story Hour with Attendance of 46 Children and 32 Adults, 4 Family Programs/STEAM with Attendance of 12 Children and 8 Adults; 1 Passive/Drop In with attendance of 4 Adults and 0 Children; Make & Take Bags 62; Curbside 4; New Patrons 6.

**Protection of Persons and Property:** Motion made by P. Parks, seconded by R. Meyers to accept the January 2024 Iola Police Department call for service summary submitted by Chief Zierler. There were 123 Total calls handled by the department: 1-911 Misdiags; 3-Animal Problem; 1-Alarm, 1-

Alcohol Offense, 13-Assist other Agency (8 EMS); 14-Building Checks; 4-Citizens/Motorist Assist; 41-Designated Patrol; 1-Disorderly Conduct; 2-Domestic Disturbances; 2-Harassment; 1-Intoxicated Person; 1-Juvenile Problem; 2-Lockouts; 3-Motor Vehicle Crashes; 1-Ordinance Violations; 2-Property Damage; 3-Suspicious Circumstances; 2-Theft (1-Vehicale); 1-Traffic Hazard; 19-Traffic Enforcement; 1-Trespassing; 1-Warent Pick-up; 3-Welfare Check. No discussion. Motion passed.

**Public Works (Public Property, Streets, Sewer, Water):**

M. McCoy stated that the Public Works department is looking for a new snowplow for the 2002 loader to replace the current plow with funds available. A new Wastewater treatment permit was granted effective April 1, 2024-more testing will be required. The brine didn't work to deice the streets like it should have.

**Ordinance:**

The new ordinance book process is at the legal department of CivicPlus.

**Park & Garden:**

Nothing to report at the time of the meeting.

**Finance:**

The members of the Finance Committee found the bills to be in order. Motion made by J. Rasmussen, seconded by S. Dane to approve the bills. No discussion. Motion passed.

**Revitalization:**

Next meeting will be March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

**BOARD CORRESPONDENCE**

Two complaint letters regarding snow plowing and regarding 145 S. Main were noted by the board. Matters for these items will be followed up by J. Rasmussen.

Motion by R. Meyers to adjourn. Second by S. Dane. Motion Carried. The meeting adjourned by Pro-Temp Dave Harper at 5:58 PM.

Laura J. Krogwold, Clerk/Treasurer, Village of Iola