

**Village of Iola Board of Trustees Meeting
March 12, 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 Jennifer Schustek. The opening statement was read by J. Schustek, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

Roll Call. Members present: Jennifer Schustek, Jim Rasmussen, Dave Harper, Rick Meyers, Mark McCoy and Pamela Parks. Others present: Laura J. Krogwold, Village Clerk/Treasurer; Missy Fenn, Village of Iola Deputy Clerk/Treasurer; Rick Ertl, Morgan Moore, Mason McDermith, Rusty Grimm, Tracey Ambacher Jr., Sandy Bostwick and Chris Nelson.

Absent: Shannon Dane

A motion made by R. Meyers to open the public hearing to consider the application for a combination Class “B” Beer and Class “B” Liquor License to sell from the date of March 13, 2024 until June 30, 2024, intoxicating liquor as defined by sub-section 176.01 of the Wisconsin Statutes, at retail, subject to the limitations imposed by chapter 176 of the Wisconsin Statutes and all acts amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto at the described premises in the Village of Iola has been made by the following: Rustic Golf Properties Inc., Agent: Elver Grimm III, “Rustic Grill at Glacier Wood”, 604 Water Street, Village of Iola, Waupaca County, Wisconsin. Motion seconded by P. Parks. Motion passed.

No public comments

Motion made by D. Harper to adjourn the public hearing and resume the regular meeting of the board of trustees. Seconded by R. Rasmussen. Motion passed.

Superintendent Chris Nelson of the Iola-Scandinavia School District addressed the board and members of the audience regarding the upcoming referendum for the school district.

No other public comments.

Motion made by D. Harper to accept amended minutes from the February 13, 2024, Board of Trustees Regular Meeting; February 26, 2024, Special Board Meeting; March 11, 2024, Ordinance Committee Meeting and March 11, 2024, Personnel Meeting. Motion seconded by R. Meyers. Motion passed.

The motion was made by J. Rasmussen to grant a “Class B”/Class “B” Alcohol Beverage License for “Rustic Golf Properties Inc. d.b.a Rustic Grill at Glacier Wood agent Elver G. Grimm III”. Motion seconded by P. Parks. Motion carried.

Motion made by R. Meyers to grant an Operator's license to Evan James Wilson and Jessica Jillian Dietel. Motion seconded by D. Harper. Motion passed.

Motion made by D. Harper to send the updated rental agreement with Town of Iola. Motion seconded by P. Parks. Motion passed.

Motion made by R. Meyers to gladly approve Robyn Grove as Election Inspector for the 2024-2025 term. Motion seconded by D. Harper. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Personnel: At the Personnel Committee Meeting a motion was accepted to bring before the board to hire Melissa Fenn as full-time Deputy Clerk with current wage rate as her salary and benefits. Motion made by J. Rasmussen to approve the recommendation of the Personnel Committee to hire Melissa Fenn as full-time Deputy Clerk with current wage rate as her salary and benefits. Motion seconded by D. Harper. Motion passed.

Library: Circulation reports for February 2024 were shared with the village board: CIRCULATION: Circulation 1623, Renewals 429, Total Circulation 2,052; INTERLIBRARY LOAN: Total Loaned 1,045, Total Borrowed 916, Net 129; WISCAT ILL – Requested 23, Sent 18; OVERDRIVE: E-Book 87, Audio Books 113, Magazines 170, Hoopla 124; MY PC: Total Minutes 8,676, Total Sessions 125, Wireless Unique Devices 233, Avg Devices Connected Per Day 28; Items Checked in: 3,461; Monthly Patron Count: 1,149; PROGRAMMING: Total Programs 15 with a total attendance of 172, 1 Adult Program with Attendance of 9, 6 Children's Programs Story Hour with Attendance of 134, 4 Family Programs/STEAM with Attendance of 14; 4 Passive/Drop In with attendance of 15; Make & Take Bags 73; Curbside/Living Oaks/Cap Services 2; New Patrons 8. Motion was made by D. Harper to accept the 2024 February Library report as presented. Motion seconded by R. Meyers. Motion carried.

J. Rasmussen noted that the loan for the library expansion was paid off. D. Harper noted that no tax payer dollars were used to pay for the addition, it was all donations.

Protection of Persons and Property: Motion made by P. Parks, seconded by D. Harper to accept the February 2024 Iola Police Department call for service summary submitted by Chief Zierler. There were 114 Total calls handled by the department: 6-911 Misdials; 4-Animal Problem; 1-Alarm, 8-Assist other Agency (6 EMS); 8-Building Checks; 5-Citizens/Motorist Assist; 1-Death Investigation; 38-Designated Patrol; 2-Disorderly Conduct; 2-Domestic Disturbances; 1-Juvenile Problem; 2-Mental Health; 1-Missing Person; 2-Motor Vehicle Crashes; 1-noise Complaint; 1-OWI; 1-Parking Complaint; 1-Property Damage; 1-Sex Offense; 1-Suspicious Circumstances; 2-Theft; 5-Traffic Complaints; 19-Traffic Enforcement; 1-Traffic Control; 1-Welfare Check. No discussion. Motion carried.

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

Nothing to report at the time of the meeting.

Ordinance:

The committee will be meeting twice a month to review and update ordinances. Missy will be sending them off to CivicPlus for legal advice before the board votes on the changes.

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 D. Harper seconded by J. Rasmussen, to approve the bills. No discussion. Motion passed.

Revitalization:

S. Dane's letter of resignation as a village trustee was read. With regret D. Harper approved the resignation of Shannon Dane from the Iola Village Board of Trustees. Motion seconded by R. Meyers. Motion passed.

The appointment of Alan Bauer was presented by President J. Schustek. Motion made by D. Harper to confirmed the appointment of Alan Bauer to fill the unexpired term of Shannon Dane and assume all her committee positions. Motion seconded by P. Parks. Motion passed.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

No board correspondence.

Tracy Ambacher Jr. asked if there were any plans to fix the River Walk. A CDA meeting has been scheduled to talk about the repairs. Tracy also said there are a lot of buckthorn around the River Walk. He noted that John Bertelson should be contacted because he has contact with the DNR invasive species person.

Motion by J. Rasmussen to adjourn. Second by D. Harper. Motion Carried. The meeting was adjourned by President J. Schustek at 6:04 PM.

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