

**VILLAGE OF FOOTVILLE**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Thursday, April 4, 2013**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Village of Footville was called to order by the President, Gary Selck. The board members present were: Ron Klusmeyer, John Harnack, Nate Beal, Bill Case, and Rich Woodstock. Chuck Hagmann arrived late to the meeting. Representatives of Wisconsin Power & Light Company, several members of the Planning Commission, and other interested residents were in attendance at the meeting.

Motion by Harnack, seconded by Klusmeyer to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Klusmeyer, seconded by Woodstock to approve the vouchers. Motion carried.

Woodstock left the meeting for a fire call. He returned at the beginning of the closed session.

Motion by Harnack, seconded by Beal to approve the treasurer, water and sheriff reports as presented. Motion carried.

No operator's licenses were applied for.

A resident expressed concern regarding two cars belonging to tenants on the 200 block of Depot Street that are continually parked just north of the Post Office. Discussion included the Village ordinances requiring off-street parking, and allowing for vehicles to be parked along the street for 24 consecutive hours. The property owner and tenants are in compliance with the ordinances because off-street parking is provided behind the building, and the cars are driven daily. Discussion continued about having a limited-time parking zone spanning a few parking spots in front of the Post Office. Board members want to pursue creating an ordinance to create a 10- or 15-minute parking zone there. The Clerk brought up a resident's desire to start warning people and then enforcing the yellow-curb no parking zone.

Copies of a letter from a resident at 242 Depot Street were presented to the Board in order to bring the written concern to the Board's attention as requested by the resident. Discussion followed regarding the lack of year-round off-street parking, which resulted in a parking ticket for the resident during a snow emergency. The Board members recognized the difficulty of the particular situation, yet the ordinances are in place and residents might have to seek out help if they are having a problem complying.

The Board considered an application by Wisconsin Power & Light Company for a Conditional Use Permit for their substation located at 403 S. Gilbert Street, to replace the aging existing switchgear enclosure with a new switchgear enclosure and replace the 75' wood communication pole with a 100' steel monopole. The recommendation from the Planning Commission at their public hearing prior to the Village Board meeting was to grant the Conditional Use Permit. Some discussion followed regarding the height of the pole and the lot line. Beal asked if the monopole could be set on the other side of Hwy. 11. Dave Herzog of Alliant Energy/Wisconsin Power & Light Co. explained that there is a cable running from the building to the tower, so it needs to be close to the building. Hagmann talked about the height restrictions on wind turbines, not being able to be taller than to the edge of the property. Steve Betz of Alliant Energy explained that wind turbines have different issues such as shadowing and vibration. Herzog commented that the pole that has been there is 75 feet tall. Beale requested that Alliant be sure of the lot line with the bordering home to the south. Motion by Klusmeyer, second by Case to approve the Conditional Use Permit. Harnack also voted in favor. Hagmann and Beale opposed. Motion carried.

The Board considered two more Conditional Use Permits for businesses in the C-2 Highway Commercial District. The CUP application by Gardner Sales, Inc., to move Copper Creek Resale & Discount Store into the building at 422 W. Hwy. 11 passed unanimously after a motion by Hagmann and second by Harnack. The CUP application by William and Lisa Nyman of Kids Club Learning Centers, Inc., to re-open the child care center in the building at 420 W. Hwy. 11 also passed unanimously with a motion by Klusmeyer and second by Beale. Lisa Nyman asked the Board to consider waiving or reducing the \$200 application fee that both businesses paid, because of the small changes that were taking place (re-opening child care and moving the store next door).

Building Inspector Bob Fahey asked the Board to consider allowing the building permit fee schedule to be streamlined, by collecting all fees up front instead of billing later for each inspection. At the Board's request he will come up with a fee schedule to present at next month's meeting for the Board's consideration.

Clerk Julie Gerke asked for the Board's direction in promoting the Footville Rummage Sale Days online. She will continue to seek someone else to promote the event on facebook to prevent complications for the Village and a tying up of her time. Haggmann made a motion to allow her to post the sales on craigslist. Seconded by Klusmeyer, motion carried. It should also be posted on the website. Related topics included the requests to change the date to a later weekend, and whether the event could be promoted on the local cable channel.

The Clerk then reported on her conversation with the insurance agent Michael Zagrodnik regarding the issue of passengers in the Village vehicles. Zagrodnik had stated that having passengers does not negate any coverage. While the Village is allowed to set a policy on the issue, he knows of many cases where family members have ridden in plow trucks, and he did not seem at all concerned about occasional, unusual, or emergency incidents.

Information was presented on a process for paying for some of the well construction equipment using a direct purchase through Gilbank Construction. President Selck stated that it is saving the Village \$10-12,000 by not paying sales tax on the equipment. A resident asked if we could be sure we were getting all the items we paid for. Harnack suggested that this item be tabled and return to it later.

A motion was made by Harnack and seconded by Beale to go into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute 19.85 (1)(c)(e) to discuss union negotiations in regard to the wage negotiation committee meeting on March 11. Voting in favor: Harnack, Haggmann, Klusmeyer, Beale, and Case. Motion carried unanimously. Woodstock then returned from the fire call.

Closed session.

A motion carried to reconvene into open session.

A motion by Woodstock was seconded by Klusmeyer and passed unanimously with all Board members in favor, to approve the wage contract with the Public Works employees to grant a 2% wage increase for this fiscal year.

In other discussions, Woodstock asked whether there are some roads we could seal coat. Jeramie Mielke, also now back from the fire call, listed the streets they are hoping to work on, and explained about a product called slurry seal, which is about the same price as seal coating and it holds together well. He also reported that most of the work needed on the water tower is maintenance, so it doesn't qualify for Safe Water funding. The monthly fee paid by a T6 provider to have an antenna on a water tower is not a significant amount of money. Mielke explained how the Gilbank direct purchase process works, and stated that it was on the agenda just for informational purposes. He also explained about the situation with the Badger water meters being discontinued, and what our options are for buying new ones – which will need to be done relatively soon. There are auto-read meters which are expensive but save a lot of man hours. Rebuilt meters would be more reasonably priced, but the reliability would have to be looked at. Woodstock asked how the infiltration is on the sewer lines. Mielke reported that it has been better now because of the drought.

Klusmeyer requested that the Board pursue creation of an ordinance limiting parking in front of the Post Office to 10 minutes during open hours.

Motion to adjourn was made by Harnack and seconded by Case. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:

Julie Gerke  
Village Clerk