

The Village Board met at the Merrilan Village Hall September 12, 2023 at 7:00p.m. in person and via Google meet. In person were President Chris Wruck, Jane Fehrman, Sally Madsen, Heather Sprinkle, Jordan Powell, Deputy-Clerk Chrystal Fitzmaurice, Deputy Scott Thorson, Attorney Mark Radcliff, Tom Waughtal, Brian Pearson, and MSA Mike Voss.

1. President Wruck Called to Order @ 7 p.m.
2. President Wruck Certified the open meeting law requirements were met
3. Roll Call was taken by President Wruck
4. Public Comment- none
5. Attorney Radcliff-
  - a. MSA Sewer Lateral Mill St- updates-moved by Fehrman, seconded by Madsen to approve the starting the Income Survey for CDBG in the amount of \$6,500.00 to be paid after the beginning of the year. Carried.
  - b. Pole Line ROW & Easements-Mark will be sending letters this week.
  - c. Storage Containers-discussed.
  - d. Cemetery Well Pump- Mark will mail a letter to Lavonne this week.
6. Police Report, Deputy Thorson submitted his monthly report.
7. Street Closure-moved by Sprinkle, seconded by Fehrman to approve street closure from Green St. to the alley way September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 Countryside Church event on Grand St. Carried.
8. Fire/EMS report-no reports submitted.
9. Fire District Updates-Next meeting is September 25, 2023 in Alma Center.
10. Maintenance Report- Chris submitted a report for Maintenance
11. Approval of Vouchers were reviewed and signed.
12. Approval of Delinquent List moved by Madsen seconded by Fehrman to approve. Carried
13. Approval of Minutes- moved by Madsen, seconded by Powell to approve. Carried
14. Approval of Financial Report- moved by Madsen seconded by Fehrman to approve. Carried

August 2023 Financial Statement								
	2023	Jul-23	2022		2023	Jul-23	2022	
<b>COMBINED CHECKING:</b>								
Balance 7/31/2023	\$10,868.46	\$9,521.02	\$14,327.76	<b>FIRE POP FUND CHECKING:</b>				
Deposits	\$78,089.49	\$96,988.30	\$168,854.87	Balance 7/31/2023	\$2,115.62	\$2,006.21	2282.38	
Orders Written	\$79,524.89	\$95,640.86	\$173,306.62	Deposits	\$0.18	\$109.41	\$314.96	
Balance 8/31/2023	\$9,433.06	\$10,868.46	\$9,876.01	Orders Written	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$216.00	
<b>CEMETERY CHECKING - JCB:</b>				Balance 8/31/2023	\$2,115.80	\$2,115.62	\$2,381.54	
Balance 7/31/2023	\$24,602.00	\$26,220.75	\$30,790.49	<b>SAVINGS ACCTS - JCB:</b>				
Deposits/Interest	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	F D Savings - Equip Fund	\$10,559.06	\$10,126.88	\$8,491.89	
Orders Written	\$0.00	\$1,618.75	\$435.00	P D Savings Equip Fund	\$3,770.14	\$3,769.34	\$3,762.86	
Balance 8/31/2023	\$24,602.00	\$24,602.00	\$30,355.49	EMS Donated Saving	\$92,985.87	\$87,126.77	\$95,093.88	
<b>CEMETERY SAVINGS - JC BANK</b>				EMS New Acct	\$43,149.12	\$43,140.12	\$40,177.88	
Memorial Fund 0001	\$34,026.45	\$34,019.23	\$24,637.44	Utility Fund Savings	\$40,323.87	\$14,061.83	\$53,082.76	
<b>MONEY MARKET CHK - JCB:</b>				<b>F D DONATED CHECKING:</b>				
Tax Account	\$531.40	\$531.35	\$976.14	Balance 7/31/2023	\$2,595.24	\$2,595.03	\$395.67	
SI Tax Sharing	\$18,221.71	\$26,386.28	\$54,191.78	Deposits	\$0.17	\$0.21	\$100.03	
Road Fund	\$31,342.38	\$32,510.70	\$31,438.83	Orders Written	\$651.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Water Reserve	\$12,793.58	\$12,783.81	\$30,262.83	Balance 8/31/2023	\$1,944.41	\$2,595.24	\$495.70	
Sewer Spec. Redemption	\$24,281.68	\$24,263.14	\$53,299.15	<b>GENERAL RECEIPTS:</b>				
<b>GENERAL FUND CHK - CCU :</b>				Hall Rent	\$700.00	\$700.00	\$200.00	
General Working Fund	\$81,713.92	\$81,600.40	\$94,579.45	Mobile Home Park Taxes	\$86.14	\$86.14	\$68.86	
<b>GENERAL TRUST CD - CCU :</b>				Town of Alma Fire Contract	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Dam Fund - maturity 8/11/24	\$24,438.41	\$24,402.94	\$24,124.66	Halffield Fire Contract	\$9,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
<b>UTILITY TRUST CD'S - CCU:</b>				Operators License	\$165.00	\$200.00	\$245.00	
Sewer Equip.- matur. 8/16/24	\$49,280.10	\$49,199.87	\$48,647.41	Ordinance Violation	\$136.51	\$0.00	\$376.06	
Diesel Insure - matur. 8/08/24	\$53,195.55	\$53,137.68	\$52,642.66	Park Revenue	\$730.00	\$642.14	\$505.00	
CCU Member Share	\$6.23	\$6.23	\$6.23	Cemetery Revenue	\$0.00	\$700.00	\$0.00	
<b>UTILITY</b>				Building Permits	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$138.00	
Electric Revenues	\$31,901.70	\$30,330.15	\$35,318.76	Zoning Permits	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$65.00	
Water Revenues	\$11,135.00	\$10,508.93	\$10,770.98	Dog/Cat License	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$60.00	
Sewer Revenues	\$14,468.16	\$15,489.49	\$14,245.62	GMC Pickup Sale	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Public Fire Protection (PFP)	\$2,775.69	\$3,197.79	\$3,063.20					
Downer Memorial Fund	\$100.39	\$100.37	\$100.20					
2% Fire dues	\$269.70	\$269.64	\$269.17					
Park Fund	\$14,107.84	\$14,019.85	\$5,656.18					

## September 12, 2023 Village Board Minutes Cont. 1173

15. Approval of Operator License moved by Powell seconded by Fehrman to approve the Operator Licenses for Angelique Matti, Cassandra Siebeck, and Stephanie Werre. Carried.

### 16. Unfinished Business- Discussion and/ or action

- Holiday lights- Chrystal is working on getting the lights ordered.
- Grant Writing-No updates
- Engineering Firms-No updates
- Multiparameter Portable Colorimeter-moved by Madsen, seconded by Fehrman to approve the purchase of the Colorimeter with the \$1,500.00 received from the Truck sale and the additional amount to come out of the budget. Carried.
- Flood Mitigation Plan-Tabled
- Outdoor Rec Plan-already approved, waiting to receive completed copy.

### 17. New Business- Discussion and/ or action

- Training Reimbursements-Tabled
- HWY 12 Flowerpots-watering options- moved by Fehrman, seconded by Madsen to get prices for watering tank and sprayer for the back of the maintenance truck. Unless the pricing exceeds \$1,500.00, purchase can be made. Carried.
- Rail Safety Week Proclamation- moved by Powell, seconded by Fehrman to approve. Carried.

- d. Public Power Proclamation-moved by Fehrman, seconded by Madsen to approve. Carried.
  - e. 107 E Clark St. driveway-moved by Madsen, seconded by Fehrman start the necessary steps to address the driveway issues. Carried.
18. Cemetery Report and updates- moved by Fehrman, seconded by Madsen to have both Penny and Sally walk at least two sections of the cemetery to ensure accurate plotting by October 15, 2023. Carried.
19. Village President-Nice Neighbor Award and updates-Nice Neighbor awards for this month will be given to Michael Benzmiller. President Wruck submitted his updates.

*Chrystal Fitzmaurice*  
Deputy Clerk  
09/13/2023

## **September 12, 2023 Village Board Minutes Cont. 1174**

Moved by Fehrman, seconded by Madsen to adjourn to closed session at 8:59 p.m. Carried

Pursuant to sec. 19.85 (1) (c) of the Wisconsin Statutes the Village Board may convene in closed session for the purpose of considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.

Roll call-President Chris Wruck, Jorden Powell, Sally Madsen, Jane Fehrman and Heather Sprinkle

Moved by Fehrman, seconded by Sprinkle to adjourn back into open session at 10:09p.m. Carried.

Roll call-President Chris Wruck, Jorden Powell, Sally Madsen, Jane Fehrman and Heather Sprinkle.

*"This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer"*

Moved by Fehrman, seconded by Sprinkle to approve full time and part time pay raises and benefits for 2024. Madsen abstains at 10:09 pm. Carried.

Meeting Adjournment: Moved by Powell, seconded by Fehrman to adjourn at 10:11 p.m. Carried.

*Chris Wruck, President 09/13/2023*