

The Village Board met at the Merrilan Village Hall November 14, 2024 at 6:39 p.m. in person and via Google meet.

Present: President Chris Wruck, Jane Fehrman, Jordan Powell, Heather Sprinkle, Clerk Penny Danielson, Deputy Clerk Mem-Gween Lunderville, PWO Griffin Abbott, Sally Madsen, and Attorney Radcliff. Absent: PWO Mike Garbers.

1. President Wruck called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. President Wruck certified open meeting law requirements were met.
3. Roll Call was taken by President Wruck.
4. Public Comment –. There was Public Comment on setbacks as well as the fence ordinance.
5. Attorney Radcliff-
 - a. MSA Project updates / discussion and/or action – No Updates
 - b. Abandoned/Dilapidated Buildings – Attorney Radcliff will send a letter to the landowner providing options for resolution.
 - c. 107 E Clark St- The Village will make reparations; associated costs will be added to the tax bill.
 - d. Resolution 18-2024 Amending Zoning Ordinance Regarding Surfacing Requirements Of Open Off-Street Parking Area 13-1-92 (d)- & SW's Corner Bar-parking lot- Motion to adopt the amended resolution as printed, made by Sprinkle and 2nd by Wruck. Motion Carried.
 - e. Resolution 17-2024 Regarding amending setbacks on Ordinance 13-1-142- Motion by Fehrman to amend to a maximum of 4' high in front and a setback distance of 40' from the center of the road 2nd by Wruck. Motion Carried.
 - f. Methodist Parsonage – Discussion. Motion to table by Sprinkle, 2nd by Fehrman. Motion Carried.
6. Fire District and Billing- No Updates
7. Police Report/Contract- Sgt Edington presented.
8. Maintenance Report-
 - a. Transformer at McBride St- Discussion. Motion by Powell to replace not to exceed \$1500, 2nd by Fehrman. Motion Carried.
9. Vouchers- review & sign- no action

- 10. Delinquent List-review no action
- 11. Approval of All Minutes- Moved Powell Seconded Wruck. Motion Carried.
- 12. Approval of Financial Report- Moved Wruck Seconded Sprinkle. Motion Carried.
- 13. Approval of Operator License- Moved Powell Seconded Fehrman. Motion Carried.
- 14. Cemetery Report and updates – Motion to accept by Sprinkle 2nd by Fehrman. Motion Carried.

i. Unfinished Business- Discussion and/ or action

- 15. Outdoor Rec Plan – No Updates
- 16. Waterfall-Historical Landmark – No Updates
- 17. Broadband updates – No Updates
- 18. Hydro Repair Quote – Tabled.
- 19. Black River Falls Ambulance Service Contract- Moved Powell Second Sprinkle. Motion Carried.

New Business- Discussion and/ or action

- 20. Resolution ELK 21-2024- Moved to adopt by Sprinkle Seconded Powell. Motion Carried.
- 21. CCU refinance- Sprinkle moved to accept the rate modification offer made by CCU changing the terms from an adjustable rate to a 6.75% fixed rate for the remainder of the loan and to allow Penny Danielson and Chris Wruck to sign on behalf of the Village of Merrilan. 2nd Madsen. Motion Carried.
- 22. 2025 Budget review – Board reviewed the budget. No questions were brought up.
- 23. ARPA Funds- Motion by Fehrman to allocate remaining ARPA funds to technology upgrades. Sprinkle 2nd. Motion Carried.
- 24. End of Year Gratuity- Motion by Powell to allot \$300 gratuity to each full-time employee and \$150 gratuity to the three Village intermittent workers. 2nd by Fehrman. Motion Carried.
- 25. Village President-Nice neighbor award – No Updates.
- 26. Meeting Adjournment – Motion by Powell to adjourn, 2nd by Fehrman. Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.