

As Village President, I have determined that due to the COVID-19 Pandemic in-person meetings as of this date is not prudent. I base that determination on the following metrics and information as provided by the Winnebago County Health Department and Center for Disease Control over the last 7 days is:

1. The number of COVID-19 cases in Winnebago County per 100,000 persons over the last 7 days as of Thursday, February 3, 2022 is 745;
  2. The number of new cases in Winnebago County is 2,105;
  3. The COVID positivity rate in Winnebago County for those being tested is 16.35%;
  4. The percentage of fully vaccinated persons over the age of 5 in Winnebago County is only 60.1%;
  5. The Omicron and Delta Variant of COVID-19 is extremely transmittable and contagious, especially for unvaccinated persons; and
  6. The Winnebago County Health Department and Center for Disease Control have determined that based on the current metrics regarding COVID-19 Winnebago County is currently at high risk of transmission of the virus.
1. Call to Order. Village President Bill Smull called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 3, 2022.
  2. Moment of Silence.
  3. Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was recited.
  4. Roll call taken. Trustees: Marilyn Wilke, Kathy Doty, Tom Gipe, Tom Heister and Gerald Howard were physically present. Trustee Bill Determan attended virtually.  
  
Others present: Village Clerk Gwenn Shirley, Treasurer Bernie Mrugala, Public Works Director Nick Berry, Fehr-Graham Engineer Mick Gronewold, Officers Jeff Stacy and Al Nylund were physically present. Attorney Doug Henry attended virtually.
  5. A Quorum was established.
  6. Approve December 2, 2021 Special Board Meeting Minutes –

A motion was made by Trustee Heister and seconded by Trustee Howard to approve the December 2, 2021 Special Board meeting minutes. Discussion. A roll call vote was taken. Trustees Determan, Doty, Gipe, Heister and Howard voted yes. Trustee Wilke abstained. Motion passed 5-0-1.

Call to the Public. No one signed in, no emails received, no letters were in the Village Hall drop box.

### Agenda Items

1. Approve German American State Bank Parking Lot Agreement –

Warren Laube, President/CEO German American State Bank introduced himself.

President Smull stated that he spoke to Mr. Laube early on and did not perceive this to be an issue. German American State Bank would like an agreement to protect their interest in parking. Even though I shared with Mr. Laube that when US Bank was in the building at 430 Main Street there was never an issue with parking. President Smull suggested that we don't impose the agreement until the time should arise and Mr. Laube stated that would be acceptable.

Mr. Laube further stated that the concern right now is sufficient parking for the employees as there will be about twenty employees at this site and would like an agreement on the books for this as there are only about five to six parking spots currently on the property. President Smull stated that perhaps three to five spots could be designated on the lot next to the Verizon building for employees to park, along with four spots in the middle of the lot and in front of the building the handicapped parking along with a fifteen minute spot between the hours of 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Trustees discussed the length of the contract and the Board would entertain a five year agreement with automatic renewals every five years not to exceed twenty years. Attorney Henry recommended that the contract be revised based on this discussion, bring it back to the Board with the revisions and then it can be adopted.

2. Approve Engineer's Pay Request No. 1 in the amount of \$98,158.86 to Fischer Excavating, Inc. on the project known as Pecatonica Commercial Development -

A motion was made by Trustee Wilke and seconded by Trustee Heister to approve Engineer's pay request No. 1 in the amount of \$98,158.86 to Fischer Excavating, Inc. on the project known as Pecatonica Commercial Development. Discussion. A roll call vote was taken. All Trustees voted yes. Motion passed 6-0-0.

3. 2022-02 Ordinance Vacating Part of Improved Alley Between East First Street and East Second Street Adjacent to 216 Main Street, PINs 09-28-103-003 and 09-28-103-004, to Anpec Properties, LLC Owners of 216 Main Street, Pecatonica, Illinois – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

Attorney Henry stated that this will be presented at the next Board meeting.

4. Police Department Monthly Report – No Report.

5. Public Works Monthly Report – Director Berry reviewed the January 2022 monthly report. Two water leaks were addressed and the most recent one was located within 10 feet of a high pressure gas line.

6. Engineer's Report – Engineer/Partner Mick Gronewold of Fehr Graham introduced himself and shared with the Board members updates on the current projects.
7. Approve Engineer's Pay Request No. 4 in the amount of \$20,115.00 to Fehr Graham on the project known as Pecatonica Water System Improvements –

A motion was made by Trustee Wilke and seconded by Trustee Gipe to approve Engineer's pay request No. 4 in the amount of \$20,115.00 to Fehr Graham on the project known as Pecatonica Water System Improvements. Discussion. A roll call vote was taken. All Trustees voted yes. Motion passed 6-0-0.

8. Warrant List #893 February 3, 2022 (attachment) \$769,085.70

A motion was made by Trustee Heister and seconded by Trustee Wilke to approve the total Warrant list for \$769,085.70. Discussion. A roll call vote was taken. Trustees Gipe, Heister, Howard, Determan and Wilke voted yes. Trustee Doty voted no. Motion passed 5-1-0.

Payroll for Period Ending January 16, 2022 \$ 28,606.17

A motion was made by Trustee Howard and seconded by Trustee Wilke to approve the payroll for period ending January 16, 2022. Discussion. A roll call vote was taken. All Trustees voted yes. Motion passed 6-0-0.

9. Executive Session – None
10. Action on Items Arising out of Executive Session – None.
11. Adjournment -A motion made by Trustee Howard and seconded Trustee Gipe to adjourn. All Trustees voted aye. Motion passed 6-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.