

VILLAGE of READSTOWN

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Thursday, March 14, at 5:00 PM PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: Pursuant to S. 19.84 Wi Statutes that the Readstown Village Board will hold a **Regular Board Meeting** at the Village Office, 116 N. 4th. Street, Readstown, WI. 54652

Minutes

1. Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm.
2. Proof of proper notice posted at Farmers State Bank, Post Office, and the Community Board.
3. Roll call: Present: Arneson, Grisham, Howell, Brock, Gander, Nash, Goodwin. Also present were Kickapoo School board members Peggy McCormick and Rich Jaynes, Sam Goodwin, Annette Mueller, Mike Lepke, Mike Callaway, Scott Wilson, Library Director Monica Matos, Kristine Gillingham, Derek Dregne, and James Weber.
4. No visitor comments.
5. Rich Jaynes spoke on behalf of the referendum for Kickapoo School District. There has been no increase in state funding since 2009. Public school funds are also being used for funding children in private schools. Enrollment has decreased. Asking for a reoccurring referendum. \$400,000 maximum amount yearly. There has not been a referendum since 2005. Kickapoo has accomplished numerous construction/projects on their own financially. There will be another meeting on 3/19/24 at 9:00 AM in the school's auditorium.
6. Kristine Gillingham spoke with a proposal topic regarding fundraising. She has a 26-year-old nonverbal son that loves popcorn and will be returning home full time soon. Kristine would like to start a popcorn concession stand that would run during games where the proceeds would be given to the Village. This would help keep her son active along with other children in the Village with special needs.
7. Sam Goodwin spoke on her proposal topic of a dog park to be located within the current horse arena. Utilizing the space that the Village already has with only a few needed changes that she was willing to take responsibility for. Board discussed that the horse arena has recently shown interest again and things were starting to be fixed up for horse riding purposes. It was discussed that the dog park could have signage that would specify if arena was being utilized, then the horses would take priority. The hours of the dog park would be normal park hours. The clerk will investigate insurance coverage.
8. Annette Mueller present on behalf of Duaine Dregne. A letter was read on behalf of Duaine, asking to obtain a Class B License to open a new business in Readstown. The clerk will investigate Class B license quotas. Howell made the motion to approve the new business, contingent on obtaining a Class B license. Nash seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.
9. Deb Grisham spoke for Rooster's Bar. Would like to see wayfinding signage on Hwy 14 to help promote downtown businesses.
10. EMS REPORT: Scott present and spoke that they will be depositing soon into their LGIP account. The ambulance alternator was bad and cost \$800.00. All three batteries in the ambulance had bad cells and were covered under warranty with replacements.
FIRE DEPT: Scott spoke regarding providing the department with a tour/training at Valley View Apartments and fireworks warehouse. They will have a controlled

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burn at Three Witches Stable this weekend where ambulance will be on standby. Austin Abbey and Scott Wilson attended a training on extinguishing fires in electric vehicles and will be creating a training for other members.

LIBRARY: Monica Matos, the library director present and spoke. Introduced herself with a marketing and event planning background. Monica can see the potential the library has but would like to coordinate with Village members to create events tailored to the Village's needs. She created new hours at the library on Monday and Wednesday's until 7 PM. Monica has purchased yard games which have brought in children from the Village already where she had reported at least a dozen kids came over to play earlier this week.

PUBLIC WORKS: No Report

CLERK: Asked permission from the board to attend 13th Annual League Conference in WI Dells April 22-23. No cost to the Village. Asked permission to pay \$50 fee to attend mandatory DOT webinar training. Read two complaint forms that were submitted to the board. Charlie R. will be attending his jail schooling from 3/18/2024-4/22/2024. The clerk reported closing on the Buchanan property was 2/27/2024. Elections are coming up soon-April 2.

11. Arneson made the motion to approve Clerk's attendance to the League Conference and the DOT training fee. Nash seconded. Roll call, all in favor, motion carried.
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13. Village annual spring clean up will be held Wednesday, May 1, 2024. Town and Country will provide pick up and Village employees will pick up TV's, tires, batteries, and appliances for an extra fee where residents can purchase a tag for these items at the Village office. Arneson made the motion to approve, Nash seconded.
14. Arneson made the motion to approve the Village's Annual Picnic for August 15, 2024, from 4 PM-7 PM at Tourist Park.
15. Howell made the motion to approve the Township Fire Protection Agreement Contract, Goodwin seconded this. Roll call, all in favor, motion carried.
16. Mike Callaway presented his permits and payments for Class C Fireworks License. Howell made the motion to approve the annual permits, Grisham seconded.
17. Goodwin made the motion to approve Rachel Gordinier's, Elizabeth Dornacker's, and Kaylee Fawcett's operator's licenses for Joe Blow's, as well as Krystal Howell's operator license for Rooster's Bar. Arneson seconded the motion.
18. Nash made a motion to approve PSC Full Case Rate Review and engagement letter with Johnson Block and Company to assist clerk with Form C, PSC Annual Review, and cleanup of financial records. Grisham seconded the motion. Roll call, all in favor, motion carried.
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20. Arneson spoke on behalf of Friends of Readstown as they were donated an advertising sign location on HWY 14 headed to Viroqua. Arneson presented a

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- rough draft of what she would like to see on the billboard to promote tourism in Readstown. Arneson requested a donation from Village in the amount of \$500.00. Tabled until the next meeting so it will be on the agenda.
21. Howell made the motion to approve the February meeting minutes. Grisham seconded.
 22. Howell made the motion to approve payment of bills. Goodwin seconded. Roll call, all in favor, Brock is absent. Motion carried.
 23. Howell made a motion to approve the next meeting date of April 11 at 6 PM. Goodwin seconded.
 24. Howell made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 PM. Grisham seconded.