

Junction City Village Board Meeting

Junction City Village Hall, 972 Main Street, Junction City, WI 54443

Monday, April 14, 2025 --- 7:00 p.m.

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Members

Present: President Peter Mallek, Trustees Alex Peden, John Spreda and Brad Wiernik

Excused: Craig Vitort

Also

Present: Michelle Klepps, Tamara Peden, Mike and Tiffany Lepinski, Nancy Steuck, Judy Moscinski, Fred Metzler, Cole Allar, Eric Schyvinck, Nick Silloway, John Pariseau and Steve Martens.

CALL TO ORDER/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE /ROLL CALL

President Peter Mallek called the meeting to order, and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE VILLAGE BOARD

Michelle Klepps was present and asked if anything could be done about speeding up and down Chapley Avenue during the early morning hours, mostly loud trucks and mostly on weekends along with loud music.

Residents stated that the speeding is on Brock Avenue too. Residents are calling in their complaints to the Sheriff's Department.

The Village agreed to place speed bumps on Chapley Avenue and Brock Avenue to see if this will slow traffic down.

Nick Silloway was present too to inform the Board that there was another incident with Roxy on the loose and attacking his chickens. The three sisters from Brock Avenue created quite the scene with threats about shooting residents in the area associated with the chickens. They are feeling unsafe in their homes.

Eric Schyvinck from Chapley Avenue stated that one of the three sisters was trying to kick in his front door shouting abusive language scaring his family. He wasn't home but arrived when the Sheriff's Department was on scene and he stated he was upset and caused a scene with the Sheriff's Department about Roxy and the three girls. His family also feels unsafe with the situation of Roxy and the girls from Brock Avenue.

President Mallek stated that he has been in contact with the Ruesch Company who owns the duplexes on Brock Avenue. Ruesch Company had issued a 5-day notice to remove the dog after the last incident and with a follow-up after the 5-day notice was

issued came and inspected their residence not finding any dog. Today the Ruesch Company filed a 30-day eviction notice to Jayme Mueller on Brock Avenue to vacate the premises with her family and dog.

Residents present were not happy with the way this last dog incident was handled by the Sheriff's Department. There was destruction of property and trespassing issues, and the citation issued was for disorderly conduct. This was the second time Roxy attacked and killed chickens. The Sheriff's Department questions why the Village of Junction City is not under contract with the Humane Society of Portage County who can issue citations.

President Mallek asked all residents with documentation regarding this family and their dog to forward it to him and/or the Ruesch Company as documentation of the issues with this dog and family on Brock Avenue.

The Portage County Sheriff's Department issued a citation for a "dog/animal running at large" last fall to a resident whose dog attacked and killed chickens at the Silloway property but not in this incidence with Roxy. Lots of confusion and questions about citations not being issued.

Consideration and Possible Action on the Following:

CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS VILLAGE BOARD MEETINGS

Regular Village Board meeting of March 10, 2025

Special Village Board meeting of March 31, 2025

Brad Wiernik **moved** seconded by Alex Peden to approve the minutes from the regular board meeting of March 10, 2025, and the special meeting of March 31, 2025.

Ayes all, nays none; motion carried.

ENGINEER UPDATE

President Peter Mallek informed the Board that our Engineer, CBS Squared, is working on funding applications with the DNR and CBDG for water and wastewater projects.

APPROVAL OF LICENSE APPLICATIONS

John Spreda **moved**, seconded by Alex Peden to approve the operator applications of Sarah Meyer and Molly Brown for Dollar General.

Ayes all, nays none; motion carried.

REPORT OF THE PARK BOARD COMMITTEE

President Mallek reported that the Halloween Fun Fest held last fall raised money and they are purchasing playground equipment for the park. Faith Rutzen has purchased on behalf the Fun Fest donors 3 pieces of equipment that have just been received and will be installed in the park. More playground equipment is on order by this group.

The Peden's and the Lepinski's are doing a major overhaul of the merry-go-round in the park which is a huge undertaking and will be a great showpiece when completed.

John Spreda reported that park benches and the cement garbage receptacle were tipped over and broken.

Midstate INDEPENDENT Living Choices-- Accessibility Assessment of the Park

The report is included in the board packets.

PARK LAND HAY QUOTES

The board agreed to obtain quotes again for the removal of hay in the village park and the quote will be awarded at the May 12th meeting.

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE

No recent meeting.

BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATIONS

A building permit application was received from Mike Skreczkoski for a 50'x32' addition to the Sportsman's Bar for gatherings and parties. There was no site plan attached to the application but a payment of \$46.00 was included.

Brad Wiernik **moved**, seconded by Alex Peden to conditionally approve the application upon receiving the site plan and upon reviewing the building ordinance setbacks and easements for the water and sewer lines.

Ayes all, nays none; motion carried.

PETITION TO RESCIND ROOSTER ORDINANCE

Nick Silloway turned in a petition which was circulated asking that the rooster ban ordinance be rescinded at this time to allow roosters.

Alex Peden **moved**, seconded by Brad Wiernik, to rescind the ordinance banning roosters at this time.

Ayes all, nays none; motion carried.

REPORT OF THE WATER/SEWER UTILITIES

Fred Metzler informed the Board that a company will be coming into the Village to inspect and give a proposal on rehabbing manholes in the Village.

A letter in the board packet from McCrea Baker, DNR, is informing the Village that well #6 plans and specifications are being "returned with no action taken" since the application has been on hold since June 2024. The request to proceed with plans and

specifications for the installation of a UV disinfection system and chemical feed modifications is on hold and withdrawn at this time until the Village can obtain funds to bring the well back online.

President Mallek reported that there is another letter in the Board packet regarding the service line inventory for the water utility. The DNR conducted a review of our inventory, public accessibility and methods and completeness verification materials, to determine compliance with the federal service line inventory requirements and their review has determined that our inventory is consistent with federal requirements.

REPORT OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION—re: Village Comprehensive Plan

No update at this time.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Nancy Steuck reviewed her report with the Village at this time. Work is still being done to retrieve the funds to our accounts that were hacked and money withdrawn electronically from US Bank.

Brad Wiernik **moved**, seconded by John Spreda, to approve and place the report on file.

Ayes all, nays none; motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Wisconsin Towns Association meeting March 24, 2025, in the Town of Stockton

Board members attended this meeting in the Town of Stockton regarding mainly issues of regulations and work safety and training for municipal employees.

CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk Betty Bruski Mallek reported that the April 1st election went smoothly. All the incumbent officials were re-elected with 147 residents voting. A big thank you to the election officials for a job well done and a thank you to John and Fred for the set-up of election equipment. We also need to thank Quality Kitchens for placing edging on rough/exposed portions on the tables used for the election "Express Vote" and Badger Books. It's "top notch" work and is appreciated. Next elections will be in 2026.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

John Spreda **moved**, seconded by Alex Peden, to pay the bills presented at tonight's meeting.

Ayes all, nays none; motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Alex Peden **moved**, seconded by John Spreda, to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes all, nays none; motion carried. 9:40 p.m.