

**VILLAGE OF TURTLE LAKE**  
**Regular Board MEETING MINUTES**  
**January 20, 2020**

**PRESENT:** Village President Koenig, Trustees McCready, Tarman, Morton, Glaubitz, Clary. Trustee Strenke arrived late at 5:50 p.m.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Administrator Hildebrand, Clerk-Treasurer Story, Chief Gabe, PWD Davis, Representatives from the Turtle Lake School District: Kent Kindschy, Tadd Peterson, Linda Flottum, Shad Torgerson, Abbie Thill, CBS Engineer: Jon Strand, Sheriff Fitzgerald, and five citizens

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting called to order at 5:31 pm

**ROLL CALL:** As noted above.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Disclosure of conflict of interest by members regarding any item on the agenda:** None

**JOINT ITEMS**

- A. Presentation by Sheriff Fitzgerald presenting/discussing active shooter training, ATV / snowmobile safety course for 7<sup>th</sup> graders; meth discussions for 5<sup>th</sup> graders; drug activities in Turtle Lake and surrounding the Turtle Lake Casino and the 2020 goal and plans of action.
- B. Housing Incentive Programs – Administrator Hildebrand discussed the housing tax rebate surrounding new construction and remodeling projects. Citizen inquiries should be directed to Scott Hildebrand at the Village office.
- C. MLS Grant Application – Discussion of the DOT program: this program funds municipal projects and county projects, 1,000 applications have been submitted so there is a lot of competition for the funds. The Pine Street, Swede Ave, and Oak Street projects in the village would be approximately two million dollars. If the application is approved the cost would be covered by a 90% max with a 10% local contribution.
- D. Administrator Hildebrand discussed Highway 8 project and the finance advisor will be present at the next meeting to discuss the TIF district to review options to possibly close TID #3 early or open a second TID within the TIF district. President Koenig commented that the M&T International lot that was sold in the TIF district has not been split yet. Administrator Hildebrand indicated that the TIF area is running out of property. The TIF district changes are that Green Whey has new ownership and Kwik Trip possibly building. DPW Davis commented that Highway 8 road construction including overlay in the round-a-bouts is needed and a possibility of LRIP funding for Pine Street and the WWTP expansion in 2021. President Koenig and Administrator Hildebrand commented on Heron's landing and the possibility of building spec homes on the empty lots. Administrator Hildebrand is going to bring an update on Pillar to the board at a future meeting.

The Turtle Lake School District was present. Superintendent Kent Kindschy commented on the school district had an increase of twelve students, the mill rate dropped 0.64 cents with enrollment making a difference, projects are completed through referendum, grants, or energy exemption with the current referendum expiring in 2022. Shad Torgerson commented on the employment opportunities. Continued discussion of employment, housing, and community involvement. Superintendent Kindschy ended with Fab Lab noting that is open one day a week. The School Board and Village Board both

agreed to continue communications in an effort to work collaboratively together for a combined effort. JOINT SESSION ENDED AT 6:10 PM.

**REVIEW OF CONSENT AGENDA:** Motion to approve consent agenda Trustee McCready / Tarman. Motion carried. All aye. None opposed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Terry Hauer, Polk County Economic Director presented to introduce himself to the Village Board and Administration. He is completing a housing study in February which will be available at Polk County's website. He is available if his assistance is needed for industrial development in Polk County. The Board and Administration thanked him for attending.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Tabled. Discussion regarding the installation of gates or fence and location of said item(s) and the costs incurred. A bid of \$2,891.00 was obtained for two gates. The possibility of a split of the cost between the village and tourism was discussed. The snowmobile trail has funds available, which was not learned until after the agenda was set. This item was tabled. No action.
- B. Motion to approve and update the April 2017 Personnel Manual - Holiday Pay as presented was reviewed and a motion to approve and update by Trustee Tarman / McCready. Motion carried. All aye. None opposed.
- C. Motion to approve the support of the letter from Barron County Bicycle and Pedestrian TAP Application by President Koenig / Trustee Clary. Motion carried. All aye. None opposed.
- D. Motion to approve Ordinance 2020-01 Vaping by Trustee Glaubitz / Morton. Motion carried. All aye. None opposed.
- E. Motion to Closed Session at 6:29 p.m. by Trustee McCready/Tarman. All aye by roll call. Return to Open at 6:50 p.m. Motion to Open by Trustee McCready/Tarman. All aye by roll call. No motions made. Tabled.
- F. Tabled. Discussion of a proposal to purchase real estate with the village limits was tabled. No action.

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

- A. Administrator Hildebrand updated the board in regards to the parks and a splash pad as well as fundraising; currently working with David Armstrong and incentive packages for the Heron Landing lots; and the finance advisor will be present at the February 3<sup>rd</sup> regular board meeting to discuss long-term investments for reserve monies.
- B. Public Safety: Chief Gabe updated the board with the monthly arrest report and drug updates; discussion of the possibility of a tribal officer at the casino; and alternate plans that are in the works or being discussed. There have been minor accidents due to lack of knowledge of usage with the round-a-bouts.
- C. Public Works: Davis presented the board with monthly report. Report is in the board packet.
- D. Library: Director Lutz was not present; however, the library report was included in the board packet.

**ADJOURN:** Adjourn at 7:15 p.m. Motion to adjourn by Trustee Clary/President Koenig

Minutes Prepared by: Ardith Story, Clerk-Treasurer  
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