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The Public Works Committee meeting was held on
Monday, May 1st, 2023, at 5:30 pm Birchwood Village Hall
101 N Main St, Birchwood, WI 54817.

Committee Members: R. VanGilder, S. Milligan, P. Parkos, B. Beffa, and B. Hayes

MINUTES

Chairperson call meeting to order - Meeting will be recorded.

Pledge of Allegiance-Recited

Roll call- Present: R. VanGilder, S. Milligan, P. Parkos, B. Hayes - Absent: B. Beffa

Public Notice: Posted at the Birchwood Post Office, Village Hall, Gary's Grocery and Village Website.

Citizen Comments (Limit 3 minutes per person)-None

Correspondence-None

1. Fall Cleanup-R. Strand is not available on the date originally set.
 - a. Motion by B. Hayes, 2nd by P. Parkos to change Fall Clean Up Day to September 23rd, 2023. Carried 4-0
2. Diamond Map (Tabled until June- Meeting-Rural Waters unable to attend tonight)
 - a. Rural Waters to assist in Standard Operating Plan for Diamond Map
3. Banners-Hooked on Birchwood banners need to be replaced. Fee stated the Veteran's flags are getting crusty as well. Hayes stated the Legion, Lion's, and Chamber helped with the cost last time. VanGilder asked Strand and Tucker to obtain a quote to replace them all. Hayes will talk to the Legion regarding the Veteran's flag. VanGilder will check with the Lion's Club and Chamber. VanGilder mentioned a place in Rice Lake that makes banners. Fee will look on the internet for information.
4. Drainage Complaint-Discussion and map review of area in question.
 - a. Bob Robotka drainage yard to catch basin. Robotka was not present. Strand reported that there are a lot of people having problems with water this year due to the rough winter. Parkos recommended waiting until it dries and then check the property after a rain. Strand stated that the alley near this isn't maintained. VanGilder would like to take a look at it after it rains.
5. Sidewalks-VanGilder said the ordinance stayed the same at 50/50 expense for the property owners and Village. Nothing was put in the budget for repairs for this year. His suggestion is to put money into the budget next year for repairs. Fee doesn't think the large equipment should be used on the sidewalks for snow removal. He also thinks that excessive salting is a problem too. Parkos said he thinks the businesses need to be made aware of this. VanGilder agreed. Strand stated we have problems with people not keeping the sidewalks shoveled. Parkos thinks a letter needs to be sent out informing the residents of these issues. This fall- VanGilder will draft a letter stating no skid steers or heavy equipment on the sidewalks.
6. Snow removal concerns and enforcement-Strand had problems with people leaving their garbage cans out this year. This makes it hard to plow. He'd like to see the public notices sent out twice a year.

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- a. Parking-Extra vehicles are in the way of plowing. No problems with vehicles being left on Main Street this year.
 - b. Vehicles in driveway-Strand had problems with larger vehicles sticking out from driveways. VanGilder feels Strand should go talk to those residents. The Village can't tell residents they can't park in their driveway. Due to the extra snow this year, driveways were narrow.
 - c. Mailboxes-a few were hit due to the extra snow. These were repaired as needed.
 - d. Windrow-discussion
7. Signs-Strand wants signs to put up indicating winter parking times and dates. VanGilder asked about just putting them on Main Street. Strand would like to see them scattered throughout the Village. VanGilder asked Strand to get quotes.
 8. Vacate Street-Discussion on vacating road. The property line goes through Sweeney's trailer. The trailer has been there for years. If the Village vacates the street, Sweeney may be interested in buying the land. This was found during the water Standby audit that was done. Hayes informed the Committee that this used to be an old Railroad Right of Way. Motion by Parkos, 2nd by S. Milligan to vacate the property West of Sweeney's and East of Barry VanGilder's and have an auction to sell to Sweeney. Carried 4-0. Approved to send to Board of Trustees.
 9. Village Hall Furnace- We had problems with the furnace that heats the Village Hall and office last winter. VanGilder said the fire department will probably be moving out in June or July. He asked if there is more than one furnace. Fee stated there is a separate one for the office and the firehall. VanGilder will call Mike Lehnert, Don Tober, and a couple other contractors for quotes to replace the office furnace. He will contact them now in case there is a problem with getting parts.
 10. Adjournment-Motion by Parkos 2nd by S. Milligan to adjourn. Carried 4-0

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