

## **VILLAGE OF CEDAR GROVE**

### **Village Board Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, April 20, 2020 6:00pm**

*Meeting was held virtually – via Zoom*

Village President Mike DeHaai called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Meeting agenda was posted: Village website, Cedar Grove Post Office, Cedar Grove Public Library and Village Office

Village Board Members Present: Ken Hoopman, Ron Hinze, Benjie Meerdink, David Otte, Tom Getschman

There were other individuals present on the Zoom call that did not identify themselves.

Also Present: Jan Hoitink, David Huenink, Kyle Voskuil

#### **Review of Minutes**

Benjie Meerdink made a motion to approve the following minutes:

March 9, 2020 Village Board meeting

March 16, 2020 Special Village Board meeting

March 16, 2020 Planning Commission meeting

March 24, 2020 Special Village Board meeting

April 9, 2020 Special Village Board meeting as presented, seconded by Ken Hoopman.  
Roll call vote YES 5 NO 0

#### **Public Input**

None

#### **Review the Claims**

Ron Hinze made a motion to approve and pay all claims as presented, seconded by David Otte. Roll call vote YES 5 NO 0

#### **Committee Reports**

- Planning Commission
  1. Conditional Use Permit – Cedar Grove Belgium School – The Cedar Grove Belgium School requested a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to utilize the property (athletic field) located at 224 N 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Cedar Grove for recreational uses (softball, green space, playground, soccer). The property is currently zoned R-2 Single Family Residential and allows for various conditional uses. The Planning Commission approved the CUP for the Cedar Grove Belgium School District and included the rest of the school's property zoned R-2 to fall under this CUP at their meeting on March 16, 2020.

Ken Hoopman approved the CUP application from the Cedar Grove Belgium School to utilize the 224 N 2<sup>nd</sup> Street property for recreational uses and also include the rest

of the school's property zoned R-2 to fall under this CUP, seconded by Benjie Meerdink. Roll call vote YES 5 NO 0

- Fire, Law & Safety

1. I-43 calls – David Huenink – David discussed a proposal to waive the billing for Town of Holland and Village of Cedar Grove residents for any accidents they would be involved in on I43 where fire department personnel would be utilized. The question was raised to the Village Board members if they were in favor of continuing to bill TOH and VOEG residents for I43 calls and all members voted yes.

Additional discussion included the need for a form for the Fire Department personnel to complete and provide to the Town of Holland clerk for the I43 calls.

A billing policy for I43 calls also needs to be prepared. David Huenink will work on this with assistance from Tom Getschman.

- Public Works Manager

1. Lee Recreation & Beacon Athletics quotes – Jan briefly discussed some of the information he received from both Lee Recreation and Beacon Athletics regarding the items needed for the complex. It was decided to meet later at the park to get a better perspective on the items that are needed at the complex. In addition, quotes should be compared. It was suggested to consider requesting another quote since the items will not be needed this summer. Jan reported that Joel Daane would move the light on the wall where the donation tree will be installed.

2. Independence Park – basketball hoops – Jan questioned if the Board was interested in replacing the basketball hoops and poles at Independence Park. If there is interest in replacing, it would need to be done prior to the planned resurface of the park area. It was suggested for Board members to look at the basketball hoops at the park prior to the next Board meeting in May.

3. Northern Pipe – manhole rehab – currently there are a few manholes experiencing flow problems. One is at the corner of RR and S Main St; the other is on W Union Ave. Jan would like to rehab both manholes in an effort to prevent any sewer backups. In addition, this work can only be done during the summer months. All board members agreed to go forward.

- Public Buildings – Office renovation is still in progress.

- Street, Sewer & Water

1. Keeping of Domesticated Chickens Applications (2) – Two applications were reviewed by the Street, Sewer and Water Committee prior to this meeting. James Gerend (330 E Union Ave) resubmitted his application requesting to keep 24 chickens. The committee members reviewed the application and made a recommendation to approve the application for James Gerend.

Tom Getschman made a motion to approve James Gerend's application for Keeping of Domesticated Chickens with a variance allowing the Gerend's to keep 24 chickens instead of six (6) chickens (per ordinance), seconded by Ron Hinze. Roll call vote YES 4 NO 1 (Otte)

Amanda Narus (211 N Main St) submitted an application requesting to keep six (6) chickens. Per ordinance, six (6) chickens are allowed. The committee members reviewed the application. There was a question on the setbacks and outdoor run. The committee made a recommendation to approve the application from Amanda Narus.

Tom Getschman made a motion to approve Amanda Narus' application for Keeping of Domesticated Chickens for keeping six (6) chickens – if the outdoor coop is 30 feet from 215 N Main St, seconded by Ron Hinze. Roll call vote YES 5 NO 0

Julie will contact Amanda Narus to confirm the outdoor coop distance.

- Finance – Nothing to report
  - Park & Recreation
    1. CG at Play – Mike reported receiving an email regarding the total raised for CG at Play's playground project. There was discussion if the venue could possibly be changed for the playground. This item will be discussed at the May meeting after additional information is gathered.
  - Amsterdam Park – next meeting is scheduled for May, which was rescheduled from April.
  - Museum – Nothing to report
  - Library Board – The Library will begin to offer curbside pickup of library materials.
  - Health – Nothing to report
  - Personnel – Nothing to report
  - Economic Development – Nothing to report
  - Clerk
    1. Election – Julie reviewed the April 7 election with the Board. There were 709 voters: 511 absentee ballots and 198 in person voters.
    2. Notification System – Village – Brief discussion held regarding having a notification system for the Village. Julie will look into the options available.
- Ken - 3, Ron - 4, Benjie - 4, David - 2, Tom – 3, Mike – 4
- Legal – Nothing to report
  - President – Nothing to report

- Benjie Meerdink made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Tom Getschman. Roll call vote YES 5 NO 0 Meeting adjourned at 8:26pm.

Submitted by:

Julie Brey ~ Village Clerk/Treasurer

\*Please note: some topics for discussion / action were not presented in the same order as presented on the agenda.