

Village of Fall Creek
Minutes of Special Village Board Meeting
March 20, 2017

1. **Call to Order:** 6:30 p.m., Village Hall Meeting Room, 122 E. Lincoln Ave., Fall Creek
2. **Pledge to Flag**
3. **Roll Call:** Members Present: Village President Chester Goodman, Trustees Tina Jacobson, Matt Mattoon, Karen Strasburg, Dane Zook. Members Absent: Bob Jenkins, Wayne Steinke. Staff Present: Public Works Director Bryan Kaatz, Clerk-Treasurer Renee Roemhild. Also Present: Village Engineer Mike Davy (via phone), Brian Austin, Aaron & Jody Wilhelm.
4. **Certify Open Meeting Law Requirements Have Been Met:** A notice of the meeting and an agenda was posted in the three public places and newspapers were notified.
5. **Adopt Agenda:**
 - MOTION (Mattoon/Jacobson) to adopt the agenda as printed. PASSED, without negative vote.
6. **Introduction of Representatives from New Business Owner Schuman Cheese/Imperia Foods:** Tabled.
7. **Consider Rental Agreement and Crop Plan for Re-Rental of Land the Village Rents from Doug Raether (Near Well #2):** Village Engineer Mike Davy began by giving an overview as to why the matter is an important one. Well #2 has been removed from service due to nitrate contamination. The Village is actively seeking a location for a third well, but has been running into some difficulties. If a successful location can be determined, it is likely that abandoning well #2 from regular service and digging a third well will be the most financially prudent decision. Until that can be determined, protecting the water supply near Well #2 is extremely important.

Greg Leonard (Land Conservation Manager for Eau Claire County), Brian Austin (Representative of Bureau of Drinking Water and Groundwater, WI Dept of Natural Resources), and Jody Wilhelm (agronomist from A&J Agronomy) presented to the Board information as to how nitrogen gets in the soil, different crop options, and a proposed crop plan that would manage the nitrate levels. Discussion took place that the proposed plan would still be adding risk to the Village. Additional options were discussed.

 - MOTION (Mattoon/Jacobson) to re-rent the Raether property (near Well #2, the land the Village is renting from Doug Raether) to Brian Steinke with the following stipulations: farmer is to put no nitrogen and no chemicals on the ground for the areas closest to the well (Section 1A, 1B, & 1D of presented crop plan map). The intent is not to prohibit farming, but the primary focus is to protect the Village water supply. Motion allows for less restrictive guidelines on the eastern part (Section 1C, from the farmhouse going east). Motion encourages the Board to check into the Butterfly grant mentioned by Greg Leonard. No roll call taken yet as discussion followed.
 - MOTION (Mattoon/Jacobson) to amend the above motion to allow application of sulfur for soybeans and a sprayed herbicide on Sections 1A, 1B, & 1D. PASSED, roll call vote for original motion with this amendment: Jacobson-yes, Mattoon-yes, Strasburg-yes, Zook-yes, Goodman-yes.
8. **Adjourn:**
 - MOTION (Jacobson/Strasburg) @ 8:05 p.m. PASSED, without negative vote.

Renee Roemhild, Clerk-Treasurer