

**VILLAGE OF FONTANA ON GENEVA LAKE**  
**WALWORTH COUNTY, WISCONSIN**  
(Official Minutes)

EMERGENCY MEETING of the VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
**Monday, August 25, 2014**

Village President Arvid Petersen called the emergency meeting of the Village Board to order at 6:00 pm in the Village Hall, 175 Valley View Drive, Fontana, Wisconsin.

**Trustees Present:** Roll call vote President Arvid Petersen, Tom McGreevy, Pat Kenny, Rick Pappas, Dave Prudden, George Spadoni

**Trustee Absent:** Bill Gage

**Also Present:** Director of Utilities Dennis Barr, Jade Bolack, Suzy Brady, Russ Ceschi, Administrator Dennis Martin, Micki O'Connell, Todd Reschke, Dale Thorpe, Treasurer Scott Vilona

**General Business**

**Authorize Purchase of Replacement Pump for Main Lift Station**

The emergency meeting was called to consider the Public Works Committee recommendation to authorize the purchase of a replacement pump for one of the three pumps in the Main Lift Station in Reid Park. A new pump will take about 12 weeks to be constructed, delivered and installed, so the committee recommended that the Village Board hold an emergency meeting to authorize the purchase and expedite the process. Trustee Spadoni made a motion that was seconded by McGreevy to authorize the purchase of a replacement pump as recommended. The recommendation is to purchase a Fairbanks model pump for approximately \$56,000 to replace one of the three EMU pumps that sustained a burnt out motor and caused a power surge and also blew out a control panel Saturday, July 26, 2014. It will also cost about \$10,000 to \$15,000 to install the new pump. Vilona stated that the Sewer Fund includes an equipment replacement fund that can be used to cover the emergency expenses. Petersen stated that the EMU pumps were the best pumps available for the new lift station when it was constructed eight years ago and he is opposed to replacing one of them with a different model considering the EMU pumps were supposed to last at least 15 years. Petersen stated that the EMU pumps were selected for the Main Lift Station because they were the best pumps available at the time. McGreevy stated that the committee recommendation was based in part on the fact that one of the three EMU pumps has already failed. McGreevy stated that the pumps only had one-year warranties and it was reported at the committee meeting that it will cost about \$45,000 to have the EMU pump rebuilt. McGreevy stated that the EMU pumps were supposed to last 15 years and now there is no service available for the imported pumps. Spadoni stated that if one of the three pumps has failed, the other two may fail at any time; so the village should make plans now to have the other two replaced. Barr stated that the EMU pump service provider, Energetics is no longer located in the state and there are no other firms that work with or carry parts for the EMU pumps, which are made in Germany. LW Allen, Madison, provided the cost estimates for a new pump and for rebuilding the EMU pump. Barr stated that the village has worked with LW Allen for many years on the other pumps at the village wells and lift stations. Petersen stated that the Village should make sure the EMU pump can't be rebuilt since a new pump will end up costing about \$60,000 and the EMU pumps are supposed to last up to 15 years. Spadoni stated that the new pump should be ordered right away as recommended, and staff should investigate to determine if the EMU pump can be rebuilt and put in storage for a backup for the other two EMU pumps if cost effective. Thorpe stated that if authorized, the Village Board should adopt a resolution at its next monthly meeting to verify that the bid statutes were followed with regard to the emergency situation. Thorpe stated that he could draft the bid statute authorization paperwork for consideration at the September 8, 2014 Village Board meeting. The Village Board directed Thorpe to draft the bid statute paperwork, and for staff to further investigate the possibility of having the EMU pump rebuilt.

Trustee Spadoni/Trustee McGreevy 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to approve the emergency purchase of a Fairbanks pump to replace one of the three EMU pumps at the Main Lift Station, as recommended by the Public Works Committee, for a total cost including installation expenses not to exceed \$75,000, and subject to the approval of the emergency verification paperwork to be drafted by the

Village attorney. The MOTION carried without negative vote.

**Adjournment**

Trustee Spadoni/Trustee Pappas 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 6:07 pm, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Minutes prepared by: Dennis Martin, Administrator

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APPROVED: 09/08/14