

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING – MARCH 25, 2024

The Village of Raymond held their regular monthly Village Board meeting on Monday, March 25 at 7:30 pm.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Roll call was taken as follows: Present were President Kari Morgan, Trustees Doug Schwartz, Mike Thelen, Bill Wilson and Keith Kastenson. Also present were, Village Clerk/Administrator Barbara Hill; Village Treasurer Jeni Schroepfer, Zoning Administrator Jeff Muenkel.

TREASURER’S REPORT

**Village of Raymond
Treasurer's Report
February 1-29, 2024**

Community State Bank - General Checking		
Beginning Balance		\$173,755.73
Deposits:	2,121,296.86	
Disbursements:	2,100,486.45	
ENDING BALANCE:		\$194,566.14

OTHER ACCOUNTS:

UNRESTRICTED

Community State Bank - Money Market	114,476.95	
State LGIP Fund - Tax Investment	1,640,851.17	
TOTAL UNRESTRICTED SAVINGS		1,755,328.12

TOTAL UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

1,949,894.26

RESTRICTED

Community State Bank - Bond Escrow	139,536.37
Community State Bank Storm Water Utility	9,970.44
Community State Bank Cemetery Fund	14,427.17
Community State Bank Perpetual Care Fund	9,899.95
State LGIP Funds - Bond Escrow	65,066.39
State LGIP Funds - Cemetery	65,047.37
State LGIP Funds - Equipment Reserve	122,871.40
State LGIP Funds - Land Reserve	26,241.39
State LGIP Funds - Raymond SWUD	278,182.11
State LGIP Funds - Fireworks Bonds	11,455.28
State LGIP Funds - Fire & Rescue Equip Reserve	353.20

State LGIP Funds - ARPA
TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS

4,622.15

747,673.22

ALL VILLAGE BANK ACCOUNTS

\$ 2,697,567.48

APPROVED AS PRESENTED ON A SCHWARTZ/WILSON MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

BILLS PAID FROM: February 26 – March 24, 2024; Village = \$220,570.16; Storm Water Utility District = \$56,199.18.

APPROVED ON A THELEN/KASTENSON MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING OF: February 26, 2024.

APPROVED ON A KASTENSON SCHWARTZ MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

SET AGENDA - No changes

SHERIFF'S REPORT - Written report was provided.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Seamus Fitzgerald from One Energy Development stated that he was present representing the company and would be answering any questions.

Bob Wittke provided an update about recent legislation and talked about the newly drawn districts.

Dorrae Moonen stated that she is running for school board and that if anyone has questions about the school board they can ask her.

Bob Mausing asked for an update on the right-of-way at 60th St and 8 Mile Rd.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT Written report provided, and an Agenda item to follow.

STORMWATER UPDATES Finished three areas, and working on Root River north of 7 Mile Rd.

PLAN COMMISSION BUSINESS:

1. Hoppe Tree Service, LLC, 1813 S. 73rd Street, West Allis, WI, 53124: Consideration and possible action on a request for an amendment to the conditional use permit for Hoppe Tree Service and the Urban Wood Lab to allow architectural changes to Building No. 1 and the rental of Building No. 3 for commercial indoor storage at 195 27th Street (Property owner: Christensen Revocable Trust) and approval of the associated site plan, and plan of operation. Tax Parcel No. 168-04-21-01-004-000.

Plan Commission held over until next month, and so it will be brought to the Board next month.

2. Bujar Kurti (Brian's Express, LLC), 6201 S. Ace Industrial Drive, Suite 100, Cudahy, WI, 53110: Consideration and possible action on a request to rezone the vacant property on West 7 Mile Road bearing Tax Parcel No. 168-04-21-12-009-000 from A-2 General Farming and Residential District II to B-5 Highway Business District (Property owner:

Kurti Properties, LLC).

Motion to hold over until next month on a SCHWARTZ/THELEN MOTION. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

3. Bujar Kurti (Brian's Express, LLC), 6201 S. Ace Industrial Drive, Suite 100, Cudahy, WI, 53110: Consideration and possible action on a request for a conditional use permit for a truck terminal with office, storage, truck parking and minor repair (Property owner: Kurti Properties, LLC) and approval of the associated site plan, plan of operation, grading plan, and soil disturbance permit. Tax Parcel No. 168-04-21-12-009-000.

Motion to hold over until next month on a WILSON/KASTENON MOTION. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

4. OneEnergy Renewables Inc. 10 N Livingston Street, Ste. 201, Madison WI, 53703 (Property owner: Dustin Warntjes): Consideration and possible action on a request for approval of a Certified Survey Map to create one (1) parcel on property located on 108th Street bearing Tax Parcel No. 168-04-21-31-007-000.

Plan Commission recommended to approve as presented with staff recommendations. Jeff Muenkel stated that the developer's agreement would follow. There was discussion with neighboring property owners about the necessity for the road which essentially serves no purpose. Seamus Fitzgerald from OneEnergy stated they were never in favor of an asphalt road on the property, and preferred a private aggregate drive. The Board asked whether future development would have problems if the road was not put in place now and Jeff Muenkel stated it would be able to be added later if needed. Jeff Muenkel stated that the road was part of the court settlement and the Conditional Use Permit and those would need to be redone, which would incur costs. President Morgan stated that the Village does not want to pay any more for the OneEnergy project and asked that OneEnergy pay for the costs of altering the agreement, stating that their costs would be reduced by not having to pay for an asphalt road. Seamus Fitzgerald stated that if the overall costs would be less, he was able to agree to that, but that OneEnergy did not want to pay any additional for the change. The Board directed Jeff Muenkel to discuss the change with the Village Attorney and provide a cost estimate ON A SCHWARTZ/WILSON MOTION. Motion carried 5-0.

5. Miscellaneous Zoning Administrator Updates: None.

VILLAGE BOARD BUSINESS:

1. Discussion and presentation regarding the WE Energy gas pipeline project and public safety concerns;
James Wallace updated the Board on a safety concern for the upcoming WE Energies Pipeline project involving a service station close to the Corner Bar. He explained that this was a dangerous location, citing the curve of the road and the frequency of vehicle accidents and the high pressure of the pipeline. He has communicated with WE Energies who have made initial agreement to move the installation. James said he would keep the Board updated. No action was taken.

2. Discussion/Decision regarding proposed purchase of a used grader for the DPW; Bill Wilson presented that Todd wanted to buy a used grader for the DPW and that the **County had one they would sell to the Village for \$35K, and that he had seen similar ones on auction for more without the included blades. It was discussed that there were potentially issues with the proposed grade and it had a high number of hours, and that Todd could be given permission to buy a used grader up to a certain value.**
Motion to approve \$50K for the DPW to buy a used grader on a SCHWARTZ/WILSON motion. Motion failed 2/3.
3. Discussion/Decision regarding Land Use Corridor Proposal to review and update future land uses specifically along the Village's Highway 45 and 76th Street corridors (held over from previous meeting);
Motion to remove the item from the table on a SCHWARTZ/WILSON MOTION. Motion carried 5-0.
It was discussed that there is not money in the budget for this year for this expense.
Motion to budget money for next year for the proposal on a THELEN/SCHWARTZ MOTION. Motion carried 5-0.
4. Discussion/Decision regarding signing the MOU between Raymond Fire & Rescue and Norway Fire Department.
Motion to adopt on a KASTENSON/THELEN MOTION. Motion carried 5-0.
5. Discussion/Decision regarding adopting Ordinance 2024-3-25 relating to public construction performed by Village DPW employees and/or Racine County.
Motion to adopt the ordinance as presented on a THELEN/SCHWARTZ MOTION. Motion carried 5-0.
6. Discussion/Decision regarding adopting Resolution 2024-3-25: A Resolution Amending the 2024 General Budget to Include an Expense for Upgrading the Village Accounting Software;
Motion to adopt the resolution as presented on a SCHWARTZ/KASTENSON MOTION. Motion carried 5-0.
7. Discussion/Decision regarding proposed updates to 2024 Paving Program related to the One Energy Development;
Jeff Muenkel stated that this was possibly no longer necessary if the asphalt road was not being built in the OneEnergy Development. It was also discussed that the DPW had expressed concerns about having seams in the road. The board took no action on the proposal.
8. Discussion/Decision regarding filling the vacant Stormwater Utility District Commission seat;
The Board received one application, from Jason Niemyjski.
Motion to approve on a KASTENSON/THELEN motion. Motion carried 5-0.
9. Discussion/Decision regarding moving the date of the May Village Board meeting so it does not coincide with the Memorial Day Holiday;
The Board agreed that the date should be Wednesday, May 22nd.
10. Move to Closed Session pursuant to State Statute 19.85(1)(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business: Contracted services with Foth;
Motion made on a SCHWARTZ/KASTENSON MOTION. Motion carried 5-0.

11. Return to Open Session with possible action on Closed Session items;
**Returned to Open Session on a SCHWARTZ/THELEN MOTION. Motion carried 5-0.
No action was taken on Closed Session item.**

ADJOURN

**Motion to adjourn on a WILSON/KASTENSON MOTION. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting
adjourned at 9:24 pm.**

**Respectfully submitted,
Barbara J Hill
Village Clerk/Administrator
Village of Raymond**