

Village Board Meeting

Wednesday, February 1, 2023

6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Tom Davies, Steve Fritz, Adam Raabe, Al Tessmann, Steve Fritz, Ross Ballard (arrived at 6:17 p.m.)

Members Excused: Orv Damrau

Others Present: Dan Ault, Steve Kunst, Julia Mann, Karen Swanson, Al Haga, Greg Flack

1. Mr. Davies called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance.

2. PUBLIC HEARING – TAXI SERVICE HOUR INCREASE FOR SHARED RIDE SERVICE

The Clerk read the public hearing notice regarding the Taxi Service hour increase for the Village of Plover Shared Ride Service, copy attached. Mr. Davies declared the public hearing open at 6:02 p.m.

There was no one from the public to speak for or against the proposed Taxi Service Hour increase for the Village of Plover Shared Ride Service.

Greg Flack, Freedom Vans LLC and the Village of Plover Shared Ride Service contractor was present to discuss his request to add a fourth vehicle from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. He explained that demand is such that his drivers are feeling the pressure. They do not want to have to turn riders down. The fourth vehicle will make it safer and more desirable for the passengers.

✓ **Mr. Wolf moved to close the public hearing. Mr. Fritz seconded and the motion carried.**

Mr. Davies moved Item 7 on the agenda.

3. RESOLUTION 2-4-23 – RESOLUTION TO INCREASE SHARED RIDE TAXI SERVICE HOURS

✓ **Mr. Fritz moved to adopt Resolution 2-4-23, approving an increase to the Village of Plover Shared Ride Taxi Service hours by adding a fourth vehicle from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Mr. Tessmann seconded the motion.**

Mr. Wolf questioned the implementation of a bus service in the Village of Plover as the village continues to grow. Ms. Swanson discussed the Village of Plover's service as an on-demand door-to door service whereby passengers share rides. She stated that as the Village of Plover grows in population along with the demand for ridership, the hours of the service and number of vehicles could potentially increase.

Mr. Haga encouraged future expansion of service hours and vehicles over a bus service with a fixed route.

✓ **Motion carried unanimously by Roll Call vote.**

4. MINUTES

✓ **Mr. Raabe moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of January 18, 2023 as printed. Mr. Wolf seconded and the motion carried.**

5. PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Mr. Haga, Village of Plover District 15 Portage County Representative, updated the board on the Portage County meeting at which a new Justice Center was discussed. He also discussed the Portage County nursing home situation of the need for more money to build a new facility and the prospect of a referendum.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

7. VOUCHERS

- ✓ **Mr. Wolf moved to approve the vouchers as listed. Mr. Raabe seconded and the motion carried.**

8. APPOINTMENT OF WARD 2 TRUSTEE

Mr. Davies read Mr. Damrau's resignation letter as Village of Plover Ward 2 Trustee, copy attached.

Mr. Davies is recommending that Tim Durigan be appointed to serve out Mr. Damrau's term as Village of Plover Ward 2 Trustee until April 2024. He stated that Mr. Durigan served two 5-year terms as Police and Fire Commission Chairperson and currently is a member of the Water/Wastewater Utility Committee.

- ✓ **Mr. Wolf moved to appoint Tim Durigan as Village of Plover Ward 2 Trustee to serve out Mr. Damrau's term expiring April 2024. Mr. Raabe seconded and the motion carried.**

9. VILLAGE PROJECT CHANGE ORDERS, SUBSTITUTIONS, OR CONSTRUCTION APPROVALS

None.

10. ENGINEER'S REPORT

None.

11. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Ault mentioned that the phone system is fully implemented and discussed the Village wide paging system, i.e. to Public Works, WWTF, etc.

Mr. Kunst stated that the Community Development Manager and the Plover Area CVB Executive positions have been posted. Interviews are being conducted to fill two new Public Works laborer positions. Staff will be working with the Portage County Hwy Dept. officials on the proposed CTH B improvements.

12. Mr. Tessmann moved to adjourn at 6:25 p.m. Mr. Raabe seconded and the motion carried.

Karen Swanson, Village Clerk