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VILLAGE OF BRISTOL

Village Board Minutes

November 11, 2024

The notice for the regular semi-monthly meeting of the Bristol Village Board had been posted at the Municipal Building, Bristol BP, Benson's Corners and the Village Website on November 8, 2024.

1. The meeting of the Village Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Trustee McCabe. In attendance at the meeting were Trustee Leker, Trustee Kordecki, Administrator Randy Kerkman, Clerk Renee Brickner and twenty constituents. President Farrell and Trustee Atwood were excused from the meeting.
2. Trustee McCabe led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Approval of Agenda:
A motion was made by Trustee Kordecki and was seconded by Trustee Leker to approve the agenda. The motion was carried unanimously.
4. Approval of Minutes:
A motion was made by Trustee Kordecki and was seconded by Trustee Leker to approve the minutes of the Regular Village Board meeting held on October 28, 2024. The motion was carried unanimously.
5. Treasurer's Report:
A motion was made by Trustee Leker and was seconded by Trustee Kordecki to receive and file the Treasurer's report showing \$5,537,566.55 as the cash and investment balance. The motion was carried unanimously.
6. Approval of Bills:
A motion was made by Trustee Kordecki and was seconded by Trustee Leker to approve payment of the bills. The motion was carried unanimously.
7. Citizen's Comments:
Mary Ring stated that she wanted to share the problems she encountered at the Village Hall while working as a poll worker for the general election. She indicated the first issue was an out of state voter who handed her a Colorado driver's license and had no Wisconsin driver's license and no Wisconsin ID, he had a registration form that stated he had an address of United Postal Service with an envelope showing a name and a PO Box and no one opened the envelope. She stated that this person told her he has voted the last two years in Bristol with that Colorado driver's license. She indicated that after going back and forth with him, she asked the Village Clerk to call the Wisconsin Election Commission who indicated that he could vote because he had a Federal VA ID stating it was news to her as no one gave her that information. She stated that she asked the poll worker that registered the voter to open the envelope to verify that he had a legal residence address and was told that it was none of her business. She stated that the poll

worker would not let her see it indicating it was verified to the Wisconsin Election Commission that it was a pay stub and told her that it was okay that she did not need to see it and she should take her word for it. She indicated that during the phone call with the Wisconsin Election Commission, the Chief Inspector approached her with arms flailing asking her what she was doing, he was very angry. She stated that she disagreed with the decision made by the Wisconsin Election Commission to not allow her to see proof of a valid residence address and told them so. She stated that she did give the voter a ballot. She stated that second issue was reconciliation indicating that the Chief Inspector did not properly reconcile the vote count during the day after her repeated requests of offering her assistance to do so stating he told her he was math genius, and he had his own method. She stated that during the day he was off 30, then 50 and then 7, and at 8:00 p.m. he was off by 3 so we worked several hours after 8:00 p.m. to reconcile the vote the proper way. She stated that she and her counterpart had to process where to place absentee ballot labels that were printed that day because there was no specific page labeled "Absentee Ballot Labels". She stated that a different poll worker told her she was placing labels in the wrong place. She stated that she explained her method to the poll worker showing her there was no specific place in the book. She stated that shortly after, that poll worker came to her table with the Chief Inspector and stated that we were doing it all wrong in front of a line of voters while the Chief Inspector repeated the same thing. She indicated that she politely said "We have it all taken care of" to avoid confrontation and continued processing ballots. She stated that was very disrespectful. She indicated that another issue was a Poll Observer issue stating that we had an observer who was helping the Chief Inspector collate ballots and helping him reconcile at the end of the evening. She stated that it was a mess, and she felt all day that there was no one in charge. She indicated that this Board in the past had rejected a request for a second polling place which has finally been approved for the General Election but still denied us a set of poll books to be used specifically for absentee ballots. She indicated that she does not understand why the Board is so uncooperative, stating that in her opinion the problems that were encountered were from incompetence, lack of training, lack of communication and disrespect for others. She stated that she has worked in the city, and she will continue to work with people who are trained properly and are professional and will not work in Bristol ever again.

Mary Magdeline Moser stated that she has been a poll worker in the City of Kenosha for 24 years and Chief Inspector in charge of a polling location for 14 years. She indicated that she has devoted a significant part of her life to the administration of elections in Kenosha County as a volunteer poll worker. She indicated that she spent 3 and a half hours at the Bristol Town Hall helping a Chief Inspector of one of Bristol's polling locations reconcile the voter count from the poll books to the voter count from the DS-200 scanner tabulator. She stated that she was stunned that the Town of Bristol Municipal Clerk made the volunteer Chief Inspector responsible for organizing unpaid poll workers to reconcile the count at 2:00 p.m. on a Thursday which is the reason she had to show up. She stated that she knew something was radically wrong when she saw sensitive election materials on a cafeteria table in an insecure area along with the DS-200 completely unlocked including the flash drive in the receptacle with the device keys resting on the machine. She stated that she had to ask the Municipal Clerk for additional election materials needed to complete the reconciliation indicating that the Clerk did not

help them reconcile and did not even watch what they were doing so she could learn what to do. She stated that she now knows that the Municipal Clerk has no idea how elections in Wisconsin work indicating she witness the Municipal Clerk flat out lie repeatedly and blame the Chief Inspector and poll workers for failures that were 100% her responsibility and of every Municipal Clerk in the State of Wisconsin. She indicated that two days after the complete fiasco of election day 2024 in both Bristol locations, the Municipal Clerk refused to even acknowledge a shred of personal responsibility for her failure to perform any of her statutory duties and she continued to blame the Chief Inspector and poll workers to their faces for her failures. She stated it was an absolutely mind-blowing scene to witness indicating she has never seen anything like it in her life. She stated that the Bristol Municipal Clerk is grotesquely incompetent and should never be allowed near an election again indicating that her catastrophic failure to administer the November 5th election is not limited to Bristol's failure because Bristol's failure cascades to Kenosha County which cascades to the State of Wisconsin. She stated that she has no ax to grind here indicating that she just met this lady last week and this is about competent and legal election administration and Bristol's election was a complete disaster, and this Board must fire its Municipal Clerk immediately because we have another election in a few short months. She stated that this cannot continue because there will be lawsuits, and Bristol will lose and lose big. She stated that 3 minutes is not enough time to explain all the Municipal Clerk did wrong and this is why you must fire her immediately.

Amanda Kretchmer stated that she has a copy of a prior complaint from August and asked that it be put on the record. She indicated that she was tasked with working the polls at the Village Hall location for the General Election stating that when she came in the poll machine had already been set up and she continued to ask why it was set up when everyone was not here, and she was told they do not have the time. She stated that prior to opening the polls the Chief Inspector was not empowered to open the machine properly or display items for the voters. She indicated that she was tasked with registering voters without the ineligibility form or sample ballots for the explanation of the referendum. She stated that she received the ineligibility voter list by 9:00 a.m. indicating that if she had not registered voters for those two hours, they would have been waiting for over two hours to vote. She stated that she believes that voters were disenfranchised by not removing poll workers that stopped lines indicating that she made the Chief Inspector aware, and he did nothing to solve the problem of lines out the door. She stated that the absentee ballots were an issue from the beginning indicating that one line would not stop and they could not go in between. She stating she waited in line behind registered voters and the Clerk would just smirk and made her feel like "Haha I did this to you" and she does not understand why they did not have another set of poll books and she does not understand why they were made to stay extra hours after the polls closed just to finish something that they could not do in 8 hours or the 12 hours that they were here. She stated that she does not understand why people had already brought this to the Board and why it was not approved. She indicated that they needed more poll workers stating she had no freedom. She indicated that at one time she was working 3 different jobs being a greeter, registering people to vote and she was helping with absentee ballots. She stated that there were unsecured ballots all over the place with people having them in their hands, they were over here and they were over there.

She indicated that she feels if people are bringing you problems you need to listen to all sides and make better decisions for the people that are on the ground because she suffered from decisions that were made.

David Patterson stated that he worked at the polling location at First Christian Church and is taking a lesson learned approach from the issues from the election. He stated that the issue of not opening on time was because the keys/fob were not in the box and a church member let us in indicating everything went downhill from there. He stated there was a setback in starting the machine as the keys were not with the machine which caused a long line of voters which took several hours to get rid of the line. He indicated that there were not enough workers indicating they had the bare minimum number of workers. He stated that he and another poll worker were assigned to absentee ballots indicating they could not start on them for several hours. He stated that the envelopes were not alphabetized indicating that had to start with that and the space was at a premium and they had no idea how many ballots there were. He stated that the sign outside for curbside voting had the wrong number on it which took a long time to do besides it was the two poll workers that were doing the absentee ballots that were doing curbside voting. He stated that there were several more lessons learned but he was out of time.

Trustee McCabe indicated that if there is anyone who did not have time to finish, they could email their issues to him stating the Board could review them as a group.

Quentin Jackson indicated that he is not surprised, there are rules and regulations, and there are laws and then there is the Bristol way stating it is what it is. He stated that he attended the last meeting when information was being told and everybody was talking about setting up for the election and only one Board member, Mr. Leker, had concerns about what was going on. He indicated that the main thing he kept hearing was this is the way it has been done since 2000 why change it now. He stated that this is why it needs to be changed because of all the things happening right now is the reason. He stated that you invented the wheel, and you can reinvent the wheel and make some moves towards it. He indicated that sometimes you don't have to reinvent it, but you have to tweak it to make it better. He stated as to the lady who said Bristol and lawsuits, indicating that there are already suits if you go to the Kenosha County website there is Jackson vs. Bristol. He stated that unfortunately anytime this place is packed in here it is something negative, besides the last time when awards were being passed out which was amazing. He suggested we try to have something good happen and stated it would be great to see this place packed. He asked the Board if they run Bristol or if there is somebody behind the curtain that runs Bristol indicating that a lot of times, he keeps up by reading the minutes that are circulated on the website indicating he is shocked. He stated he likes to come to these meeting to see what is going on in Bristol and Bristol does not like that.

8. President's Comments:

Trustee McCabe thanked everyone for coming and thanked them for their comments and suggestions.

9. Trustee's Comments:

Trustee Leker thanked everyone for coming. He stated that he wants everyone to know that he does take elections seriously and indicated he regrets not taking Poll Worker Training so he could have helped himself. He stated that he did not feel it was his spot to help without training, but he was there to support the people that were there working and thanked them for working late and diligently trying to do a good job for our elections. He stated that he is committed to making it better.

Trustee Kordecki stated it is good to see a lot of people here. She said, "Happy Veteran's Day" and thanked all the members of the community who are serving helplessly and bravely. She thanked the Historical Society for the great fundraiser they put on and stated that she is happy to be here.

10. Administrator's Report: None.

11. Public Works: None.

12. Fire Department: None.

13. Plan Commission Recommendations:

a. Discuss and consider for approval the request of OneEnergy Development, LLC 10 N Livingston Street, Suite 201, Madison, WI 53703 (Applicant/ Developer) and Benjamin Pringle, 107 Apple Street, Turtle Lake, WI, Trustee of the Robert D. Jr and Julia A. Pringle Trust (Owner) for a Conditional Use Permit for the Bristol Woods Solar Project on 28 acres of vacant land on tax parcel # 37-4-121-224-0101 Part of SE 1/4 SEC 22 T1 R21 Village of Bristol, Kenosha County Wisconsin. For informational purposes this property is located north of 104th Street (County Highway Q) and east of County Highway MB.

A motion was made by Trustee Leker and seconded by Commissioner Bolton based on the submitted materials, memorandum of GRAEF dated October 15, 2024 and the review of Stand dated October 2, 2024 for **CONDITIONAL APPROVAL** of the request from OneEnergy Development LLC, (Applicant) for a Conditional Use Permit on tax parcel #37-4-121-224-0101, Village of Bristol, Kenosha County and State of Wisconsin, to include a Decommission Agreement with the Village and subject to the following:

- a. Outdoor storage is not permitted;
- b. The Applicant shall apply and receive approval for any proposed signs before installing signs on the Subject Property;
- c. Any and all technical deficiencies shall be corrected;
- d. All applicable Village of Bristol application and review fees shall be paid by the applicant; and
- e. The Applicant shall address any other issues which are raised by an

approving or objecting authority, which the Village Plan Commission and/or Village Board deem necessary for the applicant to address in the application materials, and which have been made, or may be made, by the Village Administrator, Village Attorney, Village Engineer, and Village Planner.

The motion was carried by 5 Ayes and 2 Nays (Sharp & Atwood).

Nolan Stumpf working in Project Development Management and **Sarah Glover** working as Manager, Land Stewardship and Community Engagement for Energy Development LLC were present to discuss the Bristol Woods Solar Project. Nolan indicated that Energy is an independent developer of community scale energy projects throughout the Midwest. He indicated that they are a registered public entity corporation and pursue public benefit. He indicated that they have constructed 42 projects over the last 5 years with 16 projects being constructed last year in Wisconsin including areas in Kenosha, Washington, Walworth and Shauwno Counties. He stated that one of the most common questions they get asked is how a site is picked for a project like this indicating an analysis is done of the site for restraints as to environmental, typography, wetlands, depths of bedrock as well as looking for an existing electrical infrastructure that can accommodate power without major upgrades and costs associated with it. He stated that the most important piece is an interested landowner in which the Pringle Trust and family are interested in leasing the land. They provided information regarding the size of the land that will be used and the components of the project. Nolan stated that one of the reasons they both love doing this type of work is there are a lot of educational opportunities or students indicating that they have reached out to the Bristol School District to offer a panel donation and monetary donation to provide a small solar array for the school. He stated that the solar industry creates lots of jobs indicating that they partner with local contractors and are proud to support Wisconsin jobs.

Trustee Kordecki asked that when talking about the final arrangements, if there has been consideration of how the school funding will be affected by the tax and requested that there be discussion with the school regarding that.

Ken Wolfe stated that his understanding with solar farms is that there has to be storage availability on site if the grid is not requiring energy at the time.

Nolan Stumpf stated that there is no battery storage and there will not be any lithium batteries on site.

Trustee Leker stated that this was discussed at the Plan Commission meeting indicating that the transformers are solely designed to put it back into the grid indicating there would have to be a completely different set of transformers and a different engineered system to be able to store power.

Nolan Stumpf agreed stating that the battery energy storage system is different.

Trustee Leker stated that one of the questions at the Plan Commission lever was if they could come back and ask to put battery storage in this system and the answer was no.

Nolan Stumpf stated that would be another type of system indicating this system is a continuous generation.

Trustee Leker stated that as he indicated at the Plan Commission meeting, he does not care for solar energy but feels we are obligated to grant approval of this project.

A motion was made by Trustee Leker and seconded by Trustee Kordecki to approve of the request from OneEnergy Development LLC, (Applicant) for a Conditional Use Permit on tax parcel #37-4-121-224-0101, Village of Bristol, Kenosha County and State of Wisconsin, to include a Decommission Agreement based on the review of Strand dated October 2, 2024 and subject to five conditions listed on the Graef memo dated October 15, 2024. The motion carried unanimously.

b. Discuss and consider for approval the request of OneEnergy Development, LLC 10 N Livingston Street, Suite 201, Madison, WI 53703 (Applicant/ Developer) and Benjamin Pringle, 107 Apple Street, Turtle Lake, WI, Trustee of the Robert D. Jr and Julia A. Pringle Trust (Owner) for a Site Plan Review for the Bristol Woods Solar Project on 28 acres of vacant land on tax parcel # 37-4-121-224-0101 Part of SE 1/4 SEC 22 T1 R21 Village of Bristol, Kenosha County Wisconsin. For informational purposes this property is located north of 104th Street (County Highway Q) and east of County Highway MB.

A motion was made by Commissioner Leker and seconded by Commissioner Bolton for **CONDITIONAL APPROVAL** of the Site Plan Review on tax parcel #37-4-121-224-0101, Village of Bristol, Kenosha County and State of Wisconsin based on the submitted materials, memorandum of GRAEF dated October 15, 2024 and the review of Stand dated October 2, 2024 and subject to the following:

- a. The Applicant shall apply and receive approval for any proposed signs before installing signs on the Subject Property;
- b. Any and all technical deficiencies shall be corrected;
- c. All applicable Village of Bristol application and review fees shall be paid by the applicant; and
- d. The Applicant shall address any other issues which are raised by an approving for objecting authority, which the Village Plan Commission and/or Village Board deem necessary for the applicant to address in the application materials, and which have been made, or may be made, by the Village Administrator, Village Attorney, Village Engineer, and Village Planner.

The motion was carried by 5 Ayes and 2 Nays (Sharp & Atwood).

Trustee Kordecki asked if the correct name is Julia or Julia in which the answer was Julia. She requested the name be corrected in both agenda items a. and b.

Ken Wofle asked what the difference was, are there two separate parcels here.

Trustee McCabe indicated that it is the same parcel stating that we approved one first the Conditional Use Permit and the second is for a Site Plan Review.

A motion was made by Trustee Leker and seconded by Trustee Kordecki to approve of the request from OneEnergy Development LLC, (Applicant) for a Site Plan Review on tax parcel #37-4-121-224-0101, Village of Bristol, Kenosha County and State of Wisconsin, based on the review of Strand dated October 2, 2024 and subject to four conditions listed on the GRAEF Memo dated October 15, 2024. The motion carried unanimously.

c. Discuss and consider for approval the request of Professional Consultants, Inc., Chad Kemnitz, President, 133 Hill Street, Hartland, WI 53029, (Applicant) and Boucher Real Estate, LLC, Dan Nienhuis 4141 South 108th Street, Greenfield, WI 53228 (Owner) for a Certified Survey Map for Public Road Dedication on tax parcel # 37-4-121-121-0404, located PT NE 1/4 SEC 12 T 1 R 21 Village of Bristol, Kenosha County and State of Wisconsin. For informational purposes this property is located on 120th Avenue south of 77th Street, Bristol, WI.

A motion was made by Commissioner Leker and seconded by Commissioner Klemko for **CONDITIONAL APPROVAL** of the request of Chad Kemnitz Boucher Real Estate, LLC (Applicant) and Dan Nienhuis (Owner) for a Certified Survey Map for Public Road Dedication on tax parcel # 37-4-121-121-0404, located PT NE 1/4 SEC 12 T 1 R 21 Village of Bristol, Kenosha County and State of Wisconsin based on the submitted materials, memorandum of GRAEF dated October 15, 2024 and the review of Stand dated October 2, 2024 waiving A, B and C and subject to the following:

- a. Any and all technical deficiencies shall be corrected;
- b. All applicable Village of Bristol application and review fees shall be paid by the applicant; and
- c. The applicant shall address any other issues which are raised by an approving or Objecting authority, which the Village Plan Commission and/or Village Board deem necessary for the applicant to address in the application materials, and which have been made, or may be made, by the Village Administrator, Village Attorney, Village Engineer, and Village Planner.

The motion was carried unanimously.

Administrator Kerkman indicated that this is basically housekeeping stating that the Site Plan was approved conditional of the Certified Survey Map to be completed so this is just follow up after completion.

A motion was made by Trustee Leker and seconded by Trustee Kordecki to approve the request for a Public Road Dedication on tax parcel # 37-4-121-121-0404 based on the review of Stand dated October 2, 2024 waiving A, B and C and subject to the three conditions listed on the GRAEF memo dated October 15, 2024. The motion was carried unanimously.

14.

New Business:

a. A motion was made by Trustee Leker and seconded by Trustee Kordecki to entertain the approval of setting up a Go Fund Me Page for horses that were removed from their owner's residence by the Sheriff's Department. The motion was carried unanimously.

Administrator Kerkman indicated that the Sheriff's Department deemed it necessary for these horses to be removed from the owner's property due to a lack of food and water. He stated that the property owner was ticketed for the issues but the Village does not have any funds to help take care of these horses and it was not budgeted for. He suggested the Village set up a Go Fund Me Page in case there is someone who would like to help fund the caring of these horses until the Court makes a decision of whether the horses will go back to the owner or put up for adoption.

Trustee McCabe asked where the horses are now.

Administrator Kerkman stated that Carolyn Kakuska, a resident of Bristol, is taking care of the horses and we need to help pay for her costs in taking care of them. He indicated that there is already an \$800.00 bill for the vet to look at them and give them shots.

Trustee McCabe asked why the Village is paying for the horses.

Administrator Kerkman stated that the resident was not taking care of them, and somebody has to, so it falls on the community that they live in. He indicated that this is the first time in 35 years that he remembers this happening with large animals, stating that it happens all the time with small animals. He stated that he has contacted other communities that have had these same issues, and they have told him good luck and try to get it solved.

Trustee McCabe indicated that he is concerned that this will be an ongoing expense for longer than a month or two stating he is weary of setting up a Go Fund Me for horses asking if we are going to get calls from everybody. He asked if there were any questions from the Board.

Ken Wolfe stated that there has not been a motion and there has to be a motion for discussion according to Robert Rules.

A motion was made by Trustee Leker and seconded by Trustee Kordecki to entertain a Go Fund Me Page to pay for the horses.

Deputy Nicole Sorenson stated she has been a Deputy Sheriff for 16 years for the Kenosha County Sheriff's Department and has been a Humaine Officer for the last 10 years and is in charge of all cruelty complaints. She stated that the Village signed a contract with Sheriff's Department last year or two years ago that states Villages are in charge of feeding and caring for animals including any long-term care which is the reason Administrator Kerkman is bringing up the Go Fund Me page. She indicated she talked to Sergeant Coultrip who has agreed that if the Village gets a Go Fund Me together to raise funds to offset the care of the horses the Sheriff's Department is willing to assist in getting that set up so that all the money would come to the Village of Bristol and not to the Sheriff's Department. She stated that the owner was criminally charged with mistreatment of animals indicating that the horses are her evidence, and she has the right to prove that they were not cared for and were not fed indicating the horse will be

held until released by the Court which should be no longer than six months.

Trustee Kordecki stated that she loves horses but thinks that the Village getting involved in a Go Fund Me page is not a great idea indicating maybe we could find someone in the Village to spearhead it. She stated that she does not know that she agrees with our employees having to be managing that.

Trustee Leker stated that he understands the thinking on this indicating it is not just a cost in our Village, it is a cost to our Village and that is why the Go Fund Me page was suggested.

Trustee McCabe stated that he agrees with Trustee Kordecki but he stated he does not want to get involved in a Go Fund Me and have these calls coming into the Village but then we have to pay for it somehow if we don't find the money somehow.

Trustee Kordecki asked when dogs get picked up from a house and they go to the Humaine Society she stated that she guessing those are also issues with the dog being abused.

Deputy Sorenson stated that the Village has a contract with Wisconsin Humaine right now which offset the costs for those items as well, and the Village has a contract with the Sheriff's Department who bills the Village for picking up the animals that are taken to Wisconsin Humaine.

Trustee Kordecki asked if we could pay the Humaine Society for a large animal.

Deputy Sorenson stated that Wisconsin Humaine does not have the capabilities of handling a large animal so that is where this comes into place indicating the horses were placed in an area where they will be taken care of. She stated that she has to prove that the horses were malnourished. She stated that the horses are starting to gain weight, and they have been off the owner's property for a week and a half. She stated that eventually the horses would be adopted and the money from the adoption would go to the Village of Bristol. She indicated that they are just trying to set something up so that the Village of Bristol gets money from outside sources. She stated that is what her concern is in starting up the Go Fund Me page which would be on the Village of Bristol but the Sheriff's Department would funnel money into the Village of Bristol for it to offset costs that have to be paid.

Trustee Leker asked how they decide where to take them.

Deputy Sorenson stated that she has contacts for large animals that are able to take them and Carolyn who has the capability and necessities to take care of them was willing to take them in her facility. She stated that she has been there pretty much every day assisting Carolyn in taking care of them, indicating she is not getting paid overtime from the Sheriff's Department to do so.

Trustee Kordecki stated she appreciates that.

Administrator Kerkman stated that to answer your question about the dogs, the Village does budget for the Humaine Society for the dogs which he believes is approximately \$270.00 per month that we pay them. He indicated that we do budget for that, but we do not budget for large animals. He stated that he does not believe the contract with the Humaine Society has anything to do with large animals.

Deputy Sorenson agreed that the Humaine Society has nothing to do with large animals.

Trustee Leker asked what happens if nobody wants to adopt the horses at the end.

Deputy Sorenson stated that she already has potential adopters.

Trustee Kordecki stated that she understands that the Village does not have the money budgeted for this and there are going to be adoption fees later on asking if the fees could just be reimbursed.

Administrator Kerkman stated he believes it can go toward it, but he is not sure the adoption money will offset all the costs for taking care of them for six months.

Trustee Kordecki stated that one of her concerns with the Go Fund Me page is what if \$20,000.00 is raised on the Go Fund Me and we only need \$5000.00 and we are left with \$15,000.00 people put toward care of the horses indicating she believes that is going down a slippery slope.

Trustee McCabe stated that it is just hard for the Village to find the money to pay for that.

Carolyn Kakuska stated that it is going to be approximately \$3000.00 per month to care for the horses.

Deputy Sorenson stated that the money has to go to the Village and as far as getting extra money she indicated she looks at it the way that if the Village makes this money to offset the costs the people of Bristol don't have to pay it. She stated that if there was extra money after paying all costs, the money could be put away for another situation like this in Bristol then you would have a nest egg.

Trustee Leker asked how it works if the Sheriff's Department seizes a car and it is held in storage, who pays the storage fees on the car.

Deputy Sorenson stated that is not something she gets involved with indicating it is a detective thing, and she is unsure.

Trustee Leker asked if the Village would be part of the court case and be made whole after it was finished.

Deputy Sorenson stated that the owner would be charged with restitution fees to offset the costs once the court case is completed. She indicated that it could take 2 to 3 years for restitution to reach the Village if the owner is even able to pay restitution.

Adnrea Burgess asked if the place the horses are at now is a non-profit location and if a resident opened the Go Fund Me page and then put it as non-profit because they don't get paid for the horses.

Deputy Sorenson stated that it would be up the Village of Bristol indicating that she has never done a Go Fund Me and she is not familiar with how it works or what that would do.

Andrea Burgess stated not that at the stable they are at now would not get wonderful care, just trying to think of another way to go.

Carolyn Kakuska stated that they are still going to run into trouble with that if there is an abundance of them at one place.

Andrea Burgess stated that at a non-profit location would probably have other animals there, the main funds from the fundraiser would go for the horses and the overage could go toward the other animals there.

Trustee Kordecki stated that she just thinks it is a slippery slope for the Village to get involved in that and have to run that indicating that she is all for a resident doing it and will promote it on Facebook, but she thinks the Village doing it is not a good idea.

Carolyn Kakuska stated that the Village is still on the hook for the bill and that is the bottom line, the Village by contract has to pay.

Trustee Kordecki asked if there is a record on what comes in on the Go Fund Me, she does not know how much percentage they take with that going first and whatever is over and above the Village would be taking care of and the adoption fees that comes in would go to the Village to cover that.

Margaret McCabe asked if the Village of Bristol is going to incur charges due to this resident and if she is found guilty is there any way Bristol could consider changing the rules for the tax process to say that we assess a special tax to the resident to cover this. She indicated that when residents don't mow their lawn we charge them on their tax bill for grass cutting. She asked if this resident is going to incur \$4300.00 in horse care and is found guilty, charge that resident on her tax bill.

Administrator Kerkman stated he does not know the answer to that. He indicated that he did not want to spend attorney fees to find out until the Board decided on this tonight. He stated that if that is the direction the Board would like him to go, he indicated that he would do that.

Ken Wolfe stated that he did research on his phone and indicated that Go Fund Me is not unheard of for municipalities and is something you would have to talk to the Village Treasurer about on how to set that up or you may want to consider asking your attorney those very short questions maybe to keep the bills down. He stated it is not unheard of for municipalities in the State of Wisconsin to do Go Fund Me pages indicating he agrees with anything over and above the actual costs for the care of the horses could go into a separate fund and at the point the Village may say we are going to donate it to another nonprofit for taking care of large animals or something like that to make sure you are balancing the books appropriately at the end of the day.

Trustee Leker asked about the people that are interested in adopting them, if they are interested in helping with the bills.

Deputy Sorenson stated that she does not think so because they are not totally adopted yet and in all reality this all comes down to the fact that the I have them as evidence, so the Kenosha County Sheriff's Department is interested in helping the Village with the Go Fund Me and have all the money come to the Village, if that makes sense. She stated that as far as the adopters, they have not met the horses yet and the horses are terrified of the slightest movements, and she needs a couple weeks to get them calmed down before bringing people in to see them before they move forward in adopting them.

Trustee Leker stated that he is trying to grasp that the Village is so far removed yet we are the ones incurring the cost of the whole thing and asked who decides who gets to adopt them.

Deputy Sorenson stated she could work with the Village on who gets to adopt them.

Trustee Leker asked who decides the cost of the adoption fee.

Deputy Sorenson indicated that would be up to the Village of Bristol stating that she just wants them to go to good homes away from the situation they have been in. She stated that they are pashmina horses, and she has a couple of friends that are very familiar with this breed, and they are interested in possibly adopting one or two.

Mary Ring asked if someone has a lama farm, and they are unable to take care of the lamas or feed them would they have to part with their lamas, or buffalo. She stated that she does agree with Board Member Kordecki in that she does not think the Village should be responsible for a Go Fund Me indicating that there are plenty of wonderful people in the world who would volunteer to have a Go Fund Me.

Trustee Leker asked Mary Ring if she would be interested in doing a Go Fund Me page. **Mary Ring** stated that she is very busy with other duties otherwise she would be happy to.

Trustee Leker asked what the staff recommends.

Administrator Kerkman stated that he basically sees two options and it would be up to the Village Board to make that decision. He stated that if you do not do the Go Fund Me, an option would be to take out of a fund balance to offset those costs and hopefully return some of the costs if we can invoice or put the costs on the resident's tax roll. He does not know the answer to that, but we can try that route. He stated that this is not budgeted for, but we do have a fund balance that would cover the costs and would need it the minutes so our auditors why we are doing it.

Ken Wolfe asked if the Village could foreclose on the property.

Administrator Kerkman indicated that is a long process and you can't really foreclose unless there is a debt that they can't pay.

Quentin Jackson stated that he agrees with Administrator Kerkman indicating that the Go Fund Me might be the thing indicating he sees what the Bristol Board says because nobody wants the liability and his all-time saying is when it comes to money, people act funny. He stated that he thinks the Go Fund Me is a great idea, but nobody wants to get their hands in the liability part because people might say well there is .20 cents missing, where is it at. He indicated that he actually got some ordinance tickets and he was told that if he didn't pay within a certain amount of time that the Village of Bristol would put a lien on his property. He asked why they don't take the funds that are used for the costs for the horses and lien that person's property. He indicated that foreclosing is something totally different but if you say you owe the Village \$10,000.00 for fees for taking care of these horses stating that you put it on the taxes or put a lien on the property because you are contracted with the Sheriff's Department to pay them for this job and we are going to put a lien on your property until you pay us for this job. He stated that the case is not going to happen in six months indicating there are going to be adjournments and it could go up to 8 months so you put a lien on it and you are done.

Deputy Sorenson stated that she would be willing to assist the Village in a Go Fund Me page, and develop and write it up, and put pictures up, indicating she will be in charge of it, whatever is needed as long as the wording in there says that the money has to go through the Village of Bristol.

Trustee Kordecki stated that her concern is that she does not want the money coming to the Village for this and getting questions about where it went and have the office respond on this.

Deputy Sorenson stated that the Sheriff's Department will assist but they do not want the money coming to the Public Safety Building for the horses that the Village of Bristol are paying for indicating that Sergeant Coultrip wants all the money funneling through the Village of Bristol.

Trustee Leker changed his motion and table the approval of the Go Fund Me page to allow Administrator Kerkman to contact the Village Attorney to ask what the options are for a Go Fund Me and how it should be worded, a Lien on the property and to recoup Village funds for the care of the horses. The motion was seconded by Trustee Kordecki. The motion was carried unanimously.

b. A motion was made by Trustee Leker and seconded by Trustee Kordecki to approve the additional pay for poll workers for the General Election held on November 5, 2024 as listed in the memo. The motion was carried unanimously.

Administrator Kerkman stated that the time and extra hours the poll workers put in for counting ballots was not budgeted for we want to make sure our auditors know why the extra pay was there.

15. Communications and Announcements:

Next Village Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 25, 2024 at 7:00 p.m..

Next Plan Commission meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 26, 2024 at 7:00 p.m..

16. A motion was made by Trustee Kordecki and seconded by Trustee Leker to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 p.m.. The motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Renee Brickner, Village Clerk