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**VILLAGE OF NEW GLARUS
TREE BOARD
January 23, 2014
Minutes**

Approval of Agenda: Chair Greg Thoemke called the meeting to order at 7:00 a.m.
Present: Richard Irland, Forester Paul Jennrich and Greg Thoemke. Absent: Scott Jelle.
Also Present: Village Administrator Nicholas Owen.

Announcement: Chair Thoemke announced that all cell phones shall remain silent for the duration of the meeting.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Richard Irland second by Paul Jennrich to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes of the 1/8/13 Meeting: Motion by Richard Irland to approve the minutes of 1/8/13 as presented second by Paul Jennrich. Motion carried.

Recommendation of 2013 Tree Pruning Bid Award: Two bids were received for the 2014 tree pruning project. Low bid was from Steven R. Basset Inc for \$13,330; the budget for the project is \$15,000. Paul Jennrich stated we have used Basset in the past and he does not remember any problems. Jennrich added we will be pruning the area South of 11th Avenue and West of 2nd Street this year. Motion by Greg Thoemke to recommend the award of the 2014 tree pruning bid to Steven R. Basset In for \$13,330, contingent on verification of insurance requirements, second by Paul Jennrich. Motion carried.

Discussion: Emerald Ash Borer: Paul Jennrich informed the committee he attended an Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) summit in Fitchburg last fall. The summit discussed options for dealing with EAB including selective removals of trees and treatment options. The committee reviewed an ash tree inventory compiled by Jennrich detailing the location and size of the terrace and park ash trees in the Village. The committee discussed options for funding treatment of trees including splitting costs with homeowners that want to keep the terrace ash trees and an adopt a tree program. Consensus of the committee was to do further research on which ash trees should be removed and further research the treatment options and costs for a meeting this summer. Administrator Owen will provide an estimate of treating the Village ash trees and Jennrich will research potential trees for removal.

Adjournment: Motion by Richard Irland to adjourn second by Paul Jennrich. Motion carried. 8:09 a.m.

Nicholas W. Owen, Administrator

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