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**VILLAGE OF NEW GLARUS**

**TREE BOARD**

**January 10, 2017**

**DRAFT Minutes**

Approval of Agenda: Chair Greg Thoemke called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. Present: Richard Irland, Forester Paul Jennrich, and Greg Thoemke. Also Present: Village Administrator Bryan Gadow.

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

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

Approval of Minutes of the 1/9/16 Meeting: Motion by Paul Jennrich to approve the minutes of 1/9/16 as presented, second by Richard Irland. Motion carried.

Discussion/Recommendation: 2017 Tree Pruning Contract: Paul Jennrich reported that two bids were received: 1) Steven R. Bassett, Inc.; and 2) Boley Tree and Landscape Care. The bid from Boley Tree and Landscape Care was \$13,875.00, which was the low bid. Paul Jennrich noted that Boley was a quality company to work with. Motion by Greg Thoemke to recommend acceptance of the Boley Tree and Landscape Care bid, second by Richard Irland. Motion carried.

Update: Emerald Ash Borer Treatment Program: Paul Jennrich provided an update on the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) treatment program from 2016 and the potential for another round of treatments in 2017. He noted that he requested the DNR to analyze an ash tree sample in the community for confirmation of whether or not it had an EAB infestation. Paul Jennrich stated that they treated eleven (11) trees in Village Park and have a few additional ones slated for treatment in 2017. He noted that for 2017, Tru Green was quoting a treatment price of \$6.00 per inch of diameter, an increase of \$1.00 from 2016, which was lower than other firms he talked with. Chair Thoemke suggested that the Village send out a letter to property owners with ash trees in the terrace to convey the urgency of the issue and offer the 15% Village contribution to the cost of treatment of terrace ash trees. Paul Jennrich stated that the Village should be consideration of a budget item for an Ash tree removal plan if the infestation worsens. Chair Thoemke asked Paul Jennrich to reach out to the Swiss Historical Village regarding their ash trees. The consensus of the Committee was to continue with the EAB treatment program, similar to 2016, and to have Staff send out another letter to property owners with terrace ash trees to remind them of the treatment offer.

Arbor Day Tree Planting: Paul Jennrich stated that the 2017 Arbor Day planting event will be May 5, 2017. The focus would be on cleaning up Village Park and select pruning around the downtown.

Adjournment: Motion by Richard Irland, second by Paul Jennrich to adjourn. Motion carried. 8:39 a.m.

Bryan Gadow, Administrator

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