

**Minutes of the Emergency Government Committee held on Tuesday, January 14, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. pursuant to notice duly given**

1. Meeting called to order at 8:01 a.m. by Alderperson Schreiber
2. Roll Call: Al Schreiber, Mayor Heier, John Reed, Jeremy Wusterbarth (arrived at 8:05 a.m.), Mike Rehberg  
Excused: Roger Reed  
Also Present: Building Inspector Joe Last, Sara Perrizo, Administrator and as Recording Secretary
3. Approval of agenda  
**Moved by J. Reed, seconded by Heier to approve the agenda as presented. M/C**
4. Approval of minutes from 9/24/19 meeting  
**Moved by J. Reed, seconded by Rehberg to approve the minutes. M/C**
5. Public Input/Correspondence  
None.
6. Discussion/recommendation/update on:
  - a. Flooding Update  
J. Reed stated that there is currently little ice in the river. There was one small jam, but it broke free. The Fire Department has purchased three ten-foot flat bottom boats to be used in evacuating people should it be necessary. The DNR also has boats that we may be able to use. Perrizo stated that the cost of the ice breaking was just over \$80,000 plus the cost of the tugboat. Wisconsin Disaster Fund money has been applied for. Wusterbarth stated that the barge and the tug won't be able to make it back here in the Spring. We need the current in the river (aided by opening the dam) to push the ice out. It would help if the Coast Guard can open the mouth of the river sooner, but that will depend on when they can get here. MJB Construction is keeping their equipment here for the Winter and the County has two rubber-tired backhoes that we can use to try to pull ice out of the river to prevent jams. Mayor Heier stated that there is a shallow area near Ajax Island and wondered if we should look into dredging there. Wusterbarth said that would help, but we would have to go through the DNR permitting process. Wusterbarth also noted that we are almost out of sand and he will make some calls to order more. Discussion ensued regarding sand bag filling equipment, which Wusterbarth will research. Last stated that MJB is looking at possibly purchasing a small barge. Wusterbarth suggested putting together a pamphlet with information on preparing for flooding. J. Reed stated that one is in the process of being made.
  - b. Expenditure Guidelines  
Perrizo stated that the 2020 operating budget is \$2,000 and the capital budget is also \$2,000. \$1,271 was spent in 2019.
  - c. Other Emergency Government Activities  
None.
7. Next Meeting Date/Time/Agenda Items – as needed
8. Adjournment  
**Moved by Wusterbarth, seconded by Heier to adjourn. M/C**  
**Meeting adjourned at 8:25 a.m.**

Respectfully Submitted:  
Sara J. Perrizo  
Administrator