

Mayor Weese called the meeting to order at 7:00pm at Village Hall, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Present at Roll Call: Trustees Sandlin, Hughes, Delhaye, Ellis, McFadden and Gallion, as well as Village Deputy Clerk Rhoden, Village Treasurer Larson and Village Attorney Barney.

### **AGENDA**

Mayor Weese entertained a motion to approve the agenda and place on file. Motion by Hughes; second by Delhaye. Motion carried.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Donna Haluska asked about the red tap around the park, as well as any news on the gas company. She was informed that there will be a meeting with the gas company and our attorney on this coming Monday. She also gave a kudos to the Police department for an incident on labor day.

Another gentleman had an ordinance question and attorney Barney told him he would be able to answer that if he would call him the next day.

### **MINUTES**

Mayor Weese entertained a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from 09-21-2022 and place on file. Motion by Ellis; second by McFadden. No further discussion. Motion carried.

### **CLAIMS**

Deputy Clerk Rhoden announced that the bill to Chart Pool should come out of Gas not Water. With no other comments, Mayor Weese entertained a motion to approve the Claims and place the report on file. Motion by Hughes; second by Sandlin. Motion carried.

### **CLERK REPORT**

Mayor Weese entertained a motion to approve the Clerk Report, turn the money over to the Treasurer and place the report on file. Motion by Sandlin; second by McFadden. Motion carried.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Treasurer Larson's report was for September, 2022. He informed the board that the Village is doing well on taxes coming in and the gaming tax as well. Expenses are on track with the budget. He commented that the MFT expense to Ribbe and the engineer was not reflected in this report. These expenses were approved last month but just paid today. Trustee Ellis asked when we might be seeing income from the Business District. Treasurer Larson was not sure if it would be a direct deposit or by check. It will be a separate line item on the treasurer's report. The treasurer did comment that we have started direct deposit of paychecks now. This is the second week for that. Mayor Weese entertained a motion to approve the Treasurers Report and place on file. Motion by Gallion; second by McFadden. No further discussion. Motion carried.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

(none)

## **POLICE REPORT**

Chairman Ellis reported that the tires were installed on the police car. Cottrell and Guerrero have completed their rifle and pistol qualifications. All officers are up to date. Safety drills were conducted at the High School and the police car we purchased from Catlin now has a new fuel pump.

Chief Booe's report was for September 16 through October 13, 2022. There were 31 Reports and 328 Calls for the reporting period. Mayor Weese entertained a motion to accept the Police Report and place on file. Motion by Hughes; second by Sandlin. No further discussion. Motion carried.

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

Licenses/Insurance Chairman McFadden gave us an update on Health Alliance. The mayor signed an intent to stay with Health Alliance. This locks in the price of the premiums for us, but we can choose different plan if we want before the deadline. Travis Mains will be back next month to give us final figures of other plans. McFadden also informed us that the property at 103 State has been secured.

Park: Chairman Gallion highlighted items on the Public Works Report. He commented there was some vandalism in the park men's north bathroom. The parents have been notified and the youth responsible will not be allowed in the park for a year. A reminder the park closes Nov. 1, This is the date the water and restrooms will be closed.

Public Works Streets/Alleys, Gas and Water, Sewers Chairman Delhaye highlighted items on the report and added that LaChrisha Carrigan was started her painting at the village garage, but the cold weather has stopped her. She will resume when it warms up again.

Bldgs./Grounds & Comm. Beautification Chairwoman Hughes commented that several people are upset that no dogs will be allowed in the park. This came about as dog owners were not keeping their dogs on a lease and would not clean up after their animal. A couple of people have received a letter informing them of the new ordinance. Signs have been ordered for the park. Chairman Hughes discussed the ongoing processing of properties that the Village is actively pursuing. The property on West Main has been purchased and could be torn down this week. The property on Franklin will be in the bidding package going out Nov. 1. Mums have been planted around town.

### **PUBLIC WORKS REPORT BY MICHAEL BENNETT October 13, 2022**

**In the Water Department:** Changed meters, worked on repairs, took routine water samples, changed daily totalizer chart, calculated daily usage, took chlorine residuals, swept and mopped water plant, shut off delinquent accounts, replaced water meter lid 229 W. Williams, installed water service on Attan, having Village Engineer acquire permit from Springfield EPA to redo chlorination system with hypochlorite, Hawkins will do the work, replaced three 4" valves and a 2" meter at WHS, met with Jeff Tumiati at IRWA regarding apprenticeship & grant opportunities. **In the Gas Department:** Changed meters, worked on repairs, changed daily high/low charts, checked odorizer daily, patrolled gas system,

took odorant readings, shut off delinquent accounts, two gas services cut off at the main; houses will be torn down Dowdatt & W. Main, repaired leaking service line; insertion with plastic on Golf Lane, repaired vent pipe on Clingan Lane, house fire 224 Wisconsin removed meters, 2011 & 2019 G&W truck new tires, will be having Operator Qualification in Corrosion Control all will attend. **In Village Business:** Trim trees/bushes—Ellsworth & Rt 1, Carol Dr., cut alleys—Illinois & Ohio, put asphalt down – E. Kelly near, Dequimpal & Orlea, alley south of WHS, alley between Iowa & Delaware, trim along creek Trinity United Church, rock in potholes along Clark St. **In Village Business continued:** Straighten benches in park, painted park benches, merry go rounds, guard rail, LaChrisha Carrigan painting village garage, Bob Brown seeded waterway north of Hickman, replaced flashing light E. Main, police car to YR Tire, pickup after tires changed, boarded up broken glass door 208 W Main, mowed Ellsworth to Jules along Cook St mowed grass, weed eat and put weed killer down: Village park, retention pond, police station, Bridgett St. hill & Solomon @ Bridgett, north & south water towers, 3 gas houses, Depot, Village lots: E. Main; across from DQ & on Madison, 1301 Franklin St. abandoned property, Pump Station, end of Park & Maple, S. Ranch ditch, end of Virginia St., weed eat East & West Main, Rt. 1 city limits to city limits both sides of road, City Hall, weed around City Hall, mowed vacant lots: W. Short, W. Main front of property, trim fence line, weed eat & weed killer Cook St. Tower, cleaned catch basins, removed 1902 stone from city resident bldg., vandalism in park men’s north bathroom, damage to retention pond fence, hit and run. **In Other Business:** Gas & water office cabinet replaced; blinds installed. There were 42 J U L I E CALLS, 17 Gas & Water Work orders, 20 Water Work Orders, 8 Gas Work Orders, no CO Calls, 2 Odor Calls.

Mayor Weese entertained a motion to accept the Public Works Report and place on file. Motion by Ellis; second by Sandlin. No further discussion. Motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** There was discussion on the Dog Park ordinance. The signs should be in tomorrow and will be installed.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor Weese opened the discussion on renewing the GoGov app. It has been recommended we continue for another year to get people more time to become aware of the app and how to use it. The Police say it has saved them a lot of time. We will check into dropping a module to save money.

Discussed the “STOP” signs on E Kelly with Dave Crowl. The Mayor of Belgium would like the village to install stop signs on our side of Kelly at Dequimpal, Orlea, and Shaw Streets. Belgium has installed the signs, but the Village of Westville will need to hold a public hearing and draw up an ordinance to have them there. It will be put on next month’s agenda to do this.

Discussed the Hydrovac. We have an opportunity to purchase a larger used Hydrovac for \$100,000. We have \$75,000 in the budget for it. The question is where we can come up with the other \$25,000. They are \$300,000 new. A Hydrovac makes it easier to dig around fiber optics, electrical lines, etc. We are now hiring ERH to do some of our work that this Hydrovac could handle. ERH will come and talk with us about this next month.

**CLOSED SESSION: 5ILCS 120/2(c)(11) Legal Opinion.** Attorney Barney informed the board he had some legal issues to discuss in closed session. Mayor Weese entertained a motion to enter closed session. Motion by Sandlin; second by McFadden. Motion carried. We entered closed session at 7:48 p.m.

At 8:11 p.m. the mayor entertained a motion to resume open session. Motion by Ellis; second by McFadden. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Weese entertained a motion to adjourn at 8:11 p.m. Motion by Sandlin; second by McFadden. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.