

**Village of Westville Regular Meeting**  
**January 18, 2023**  
**7:00pm**

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 Attorney Barney, Village Clerk Slavik and Village Treasurer Larson.

**AGENDA** Mayor Weese entertained a motion to approve the agenda and place on file. Motion by McFadden; second by Sandlin. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** None

**MINUTES** Mayor Weese entertained a motion to approve the Police Committee Minutes of 12-06-2021, the Regular Meeting Minutes of 21-21-2022 and the Special Meeting Minutes of 01-11-2023 and place on file. Motion by Hughes; second by McFadden. No discussion. Motion carried.

**CLAIMS** Mayor Weese entertained a motion to approve the Claims and place on file. Motion by Gallion; second by McFadden. 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 Delhaye; second by McFadden. Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** Treasurer Larson's report was for December 2022. He said revenues are still up and explained that gaming revenue is spent in the year after it is collected. Gaming revenue should be over \$150,000.00 by the fiscal year-end. Mayor Weese entertained a motion to approve the Treasurers Report and place on file. Will be working on budget for 23-24. Motion by Gallion; second by McFadden. No further discussion. Motion carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS** none

**POLICE REPORT**

Chairman Ellis had nothing new to report . Chief Booe's report was for December 16, 2022 through January 12, 2023. There were 35 Reports and 127 Calls for the reporting period. Mayor Weese entertained a motion to accept the Police Report and place it on file. Motion by Hughes; second by Sandlin. No further discussion. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC WORKS** Delhaye would like to have a rough draft of new budget items by February. Park: Chairman Gallion had nothing to report. Chairman Delhaye highlighted items from the Public Works Director's report and added the following: For Streets/Alleys Waiting on Bob Brown for an estimate; Bennett said Brown is going to take another look at it. Under Gas & Water, in Water, they have a line in the apron of Maple St. that they will have to saw-cut the sidewalk and tear it out; they will work on it Monday. There is a casing in it already; ERH will help with their suck vac. In Gas and Water under Gas Delhaye highlighted items on the report and added that they will have training at Aqua that they will all attend. We have the IEPA permit application for the chlorination system. The Master Meter program is going well and everything that was to be imported today is processed. 154 of 300 meters are installed. Gallion picked up three Christmas decorations that had come down; Vickie has already called Christmas Décor to come pick them up from the garage. Bldgs./Grounds & Comm. Beautification Chairwoman Hughes reported that a bid was accepted on the Karen Bennett property (204 W. Main won the bid). They are still bidding on the 1508 Franklin property through the Land Bank.

**PUBLIC WORKS REPORT BY MICHAEL BENNETT December 16, 2023 to January 12, 2023.**

**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, had a water break on East Kelly by Dequimpal on a 4-inch main, had a water break in the first block of Indiana St. on a 6-inch main, had a water break on Christmas Eve on Illinois St. at Bridget on a 2-inch main, had a water break on Locust St. on a 2-inch main, had to replace a leaking curb stop on Pennsylvania St at the old Taxidermist shop, Jake went to IRWA water training in Decatur, will have water training at Aqua over Chlorination systems in February, the Springfield EPA now has our permit application for our chlorination system, Jake completed enrollment paperwork for IRWA apprentice program. **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, will have Operator Qualification testing in February for Line Tapping, all field personnel qualified for Joining Gas Pipe, this is done once a calendar year, had Operator Qualification testing on odorization, all passed, had Operator Qualification testing on valves. 3 passed, 1 only as training. Will have employee retested. **In Village Business:** Cleaned catch basins, • Suck Vac Catch Basin City Hall, 3" Dewatering pump to Burks Automotive, plow & salt village, Weese Parkway, plow, salt & shovel City Hall, cleaned Market St storm drain, Village Garage C-N Doors installed 2 electric eyes on 2 garage doors and repaired one track, remove tree debris sidewalk Pennsylvania Ave, S. State after high winds **In Other Business:** Will continue to shut off delinquent accounts, had a successful sock drive for Senator Scott Bennett and a successful Santa's Anonymous Toy collection. There were 21 JULIE CALLS, 7 Gas & Water Work orders, 29 Water Work Orders, 12 Gas Work Orders, 11 Public Works Work Orders, 0 CO Calls, 2 Odor Calls.

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Mayor Weese appointed Depot Committee members Roseann Viktora (Chairman Treasurer), Gary Delhaye, Ben Bitto, Jeanette Mensavage, Danguole Weese, Eileen Barton, Michelle Burks, Bill Dugas, Joyce Dugas, Amy Belew, Jimmy Belew, Lisa Pierce, J.D. Lugoski and Pam Brewer.

Ord. #23-1507 provides for STOP signs on E. Kelly at Shaw, Orlea and Dequimpal. Mayor Weese entertained a motion to adopt the ordinance. Motion by McFadden; second by Sandlin. Motion carried.

For the employee health insurance policy, Mayor Weese entertained a motion to maintain the 30-day waiting period for coverage, to not offer Dual Choice and to not offer Domestic Partner Coverage. Motion by McFadden; second by Sandlin. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Ordinance #23-1508 adds a twelfth Class A Liquor License, intended for City Liquor DBA "The Blue Store" at 111 N. State St., Westville. Attorney Barney said we can ask that they do not paint the building blue like the other City Liquor buildings, and said that we can retract or not renew the license if they do. Mayor Weese entertained a motion to adopt the ordinance. Motion by Hughes; second by Gallion. Sandlin votes "YES," Hughes votes "YES," Ellis "ABSTAINS" for a conflict of interest, McFadden votes "YES." Motion carried.

Mayor Weese entertained a motion to change the Regular Meetings on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month from 7:00pm to 6:00pm instead. McFadden had talked with some of the board members, and they agree because they sit around at home waiting for the 7:00pm meeting start time. Motion by Sandlin; second by Hughes. Barney will prepare an ordinance to be adopted at the February 15, 2023 Regular Meeting. That meeting would still be held at 7:00pm until the ordinance is passed and would then be effective beginning with the March, 2023 Regular Meeting, as that is

at least 10 days after publication. (*Clerk Note: Publication will be 02-22-2023, Independent-News.*) Motion carried.

(Return to item #14 D: Business District). Attorney Barney had looked over the document prepared by Chris Gallion and suggested requiring that county taxes be current. He will prepare a paragraph that calls for a plan, a budget, a schedule, requirement to obtain permits, clarification that insurance for the work be in place, and that they cannot set up corporations or have ownership in more than one business in a corporation where the same owner may apply for funds for more than one business in a 2-year period. Barney will update Georgetown's application that we modeled to better fit our needs. We need to know who the business owner is and who owns the property. Barney said under "Eligible Projects: POS systems – some are computer based...so it should be software updates. He said they will want to be careful about buying and then owning or leasing equipment because of the liability that our insurance carrier would not approve of. Barney suggests we require an individual's guarantee for a 2-year corporation loan or grant. Varvel suggested they not be given funds if they are in violation of ordinances. Barney said some of the funds loaned would be used to fix violations, but we could deny funds and stipulate they abate pending ordinance violations and come back to apply. Barney will revamp the document and add the suggested language for review at the February meeting.

Mayor Weese entertained a motion to go to Closed Session at 7:40pm (for **5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11) Legal Opinion**). Motion by Delhaye; second by Sandlin. Motion carried.

Mayor Weese entertained a motion to reconvene Open Session at 7:50p.m. Motion by Delhaye; second by McFadden. Motion carried.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Weese entertained a motion to adjourn at 7:55p.m. Motion by Sandlin; second by McFadden. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.