

Village of Westville Regular Meeting
January 19, 2022
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 Deputy Clerk Rhoden, Village Treasurer Larson and Attorney Barney.

AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

A citizen asked if the tobacco place will be selling marijuana? She was informed only tobacco products. There are no cannabis sales in Westville. She also asked about the Dollar General building along Rt 1. We were informed it will become a resale like a Habitat Restore Shop.

Another gentleman commented on all the parking along Iowa St. Sometimes they block residents in. He was informed to call the police anytime.

It was also mentioned that the property will be put up for bid in February.

MINUTES

Trustee McFadden asked about the wording on the minutes in reference to the covid funds. He said we cannot transfer Gov. funds for Salaries already budgeted for. It can be used for unbudgeted items. He asked that the wording be changed.

Mayor Weese entertained a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from 12-15-2021 and place on file. Motion by Sandlin; second by Delhaye with corrections. No further discussion. Motion carried. *

CLAIMS

Deputy Clerk mentioned that the 2nd line under USDI needed to be removed. Mayor Weese entertained a motion to approve the amended Claims and place the report 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 Hughes; second by Delhaye. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Larson highlighted items on his report. He said he has completed stage 1 of setting up the Public Works fund. This includes 4 months of payroll, telecommunications, insurance, and vehicles. This finishes out this fiscal year. This is the main reason for the Amended Budget. Each fund contributed ¼ of the money for this fund. Treasurer Larson asked the attorney if we need to post the amended budget for 30 days before it is voted on, Mr. Barney said yes.

Mayor Weese entertained a motion to approve the Treasurers Report as presented and place on file. Motion by Delhaye; second by Hughes. No further discussion. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Weese said there is a bill to be voted on at the state level that will allow non-home rule municipalities to levy up to 3% on gasoline.

He also mentioned that he has been in contact with Mr. Lawlyes about his building at 133-135 N. State St. Mr. Lawlyes will be fixing the broken windows and other items in need of repair.

POLICE REPORT

Chairman Ellis highlighted Booe's report. Sgt. Varvel informed the board that the interview room needs to be updated. The new server and cameras take up more room than before. They need to add a couple of cabinets and a countertop. This will cost about \$500. To update software, cameras, microphones, DVR will be another \$800.

Booe's report is for December 10, 2021 through January 13, 2022. There were 27 reports and 139 calls for the reporting period.

Mayor Weese entertained a motion to accept the Police Report and place on file. Motion by McFadden; second by Gallion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS

Park Chairman Gallion commented that they are waiting on the metal for the overhang of the concession building. He also mentioned that several of those working on it are being affected by covid. This has slowed the work down as well.

They are looking into adding new playground equipment with some grant money. He was informed that a walkway needs repair. He was approached about removing the horseshoe pit. Many on the board feel it is used frequently enough to warrant keeping it.

Chairman Delhaye highlighted items on Bennett's report and said they replaced two heaters at one tower. The mail service has been spotty, so this is affecting people getting their bills on time. He also said our term rates are good. Mike Bennet informed the board that he, Michelle, and attorney Zakoura were able to attend the Missouri Gas meeting by phone conference. There was discussion on the cost for Westville to get out of the contract with them. He also said the salt trucks are ready and Chad has done some salting already. Michelle reminded the board that we are coming to the end of the 1-year cycle of the gas bill. She and Sarah have worked through 36 pages of delinquent accounts.

Sidewalks: Chairman Sandlin had nothing to add to the sidewalk report.

Buildings & Grounds and Community Beautification: Chairwoman Hughes commented the need to repair the sidewalk north of the pavilion.

Trustee McFadden commented that there is a state grant available to replace trees.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT BY MICHAEL BENNETT for December 10, 2021 through January 13, 2022

In the Water Department they changed meters, worked on repairs, took routine water samples, changed daily totalizer chart, calculated daily usage, took chlorine residuals, swept and mopped water plant, had problems with Telemetry, cellular service was down, It is ok now, heater went out again in south tower, It has been replaced and is ok now, water break on a 4" main in front of 215 Michigan, water leak on line for 419 Kentucky, It has been replaced and is ok now, replaced discharge hose on 3" dewatering pump. In the Gas Department they changed meters, worked on repairs, changed daily high/low charts, checked odorizer daily, patrolled gas system, took odorant readings, installed gas service at 16566 E 1200 N Rd. Gas is off for old service, had gas meeting in Olney G.U.A. Committee meeting, training for Pipeline Installation cancelled due to Covid, reading meters now. In Other Business they oil changed on 2019 & 2011 Trucks, In Village Business they maintenance mowers and tractors, put salt spreader on 550, on 1/8/22 Salt application for weather on highways and intersections, put rock in potholes in front of 2 Knight Ln, 110 N. Scott, and alley of 115 Virginia, put millings in the alley from 207 Connecticut to Iowa, picked up 2 loads of salt, put salt spreader on 1 Ton.

J.U.L.I.E. calls 20, Public Works Work Orders 14, Water Work Orders 32, Odor Calls 1, Gas Work Orders 19, CO Calls 1, Gas & Water Work Orders 9.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Appoint Police Officer: Sgt. Varvel presented Ken Guerrero as the new hire. He will be attending classes in April.

Mayor Weese entertained a motion to hire Ken Guerrero. Motion by McFadden; seconded by Gallion. Motion carried.

Amend Resolution #2021-03 to correct dates for New Year's Eve/Day to Dec. 30/Jan 02. Mayor Weese entertained a motion to amend the resolution. Motion by Delhaye; second by Hughes.

Discussed observing Election Day as a State holiday. No action taken.

NEW BUSINESS

Amend the 2021-2022 Budget. The amended budget will be posted for 30 days before it is voted on.

Closed Session for Legal Opinion 5ILCS 120/2(c)(11): None.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Weese entertained a motion to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. Motion by Sandlin; second by McFadden. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

**Village Clerk Note: Jill Willis from Crowe, Administrators of the Local CURES Program, informed Westville on March 1, 2020, that the payroll requirements relaxed; police officers are considered public safety employees, and that payroll reports could be submitted. There were sufficient funds paid for police salaries in eight months to back up using Westville's \$132,000.00 award. Police payroll ledgers were submitted. Westville followed the parameters of the program and, therefore, the minutes will not be amended.*