

**Village of Westville Regular Meeting****March 15, 2023****6:00pm**

Mayor Weese called the meeting to order at 6:00pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call.

Present at Roll Call: Trustees Sandlin, Delhaye, Ellis, McFadden and Gallion, as well as Village Attorney Barney, Village Clerk Slavik and Village Treasurer Larson. Hughes joined at 6:03p.m.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Jason Shepherd, owner of Crane Roll-Off wanted to discuss the set rates that the annual disposal license form calls for. He feels the Village discriminates against garbage haulers and named other businesses whose prices fluctuate.

Nicci Laughner from Westville had concerns about Stefani's. She expects loud music, but since the parking lot next to her home was rented by Stefani's, there is yelling, loud noises, liquor being carried across the street, garbage, glass bottles. When they parked behind the bar there were not issues; but because people are in front of the bar, it is going to get worse. Brandon Bott, owner of Stefanis, does not agree. They are trying to keep the parking on the same side of the road. They have contacted the police and Mayor a few months ago to see if they can hire an officer. Back then there were not enough officers here or with the Sherriff's Department. He did not know about the fight on Rt. 1 that had gone on until the next day; he would have called the police department if he had known it was going on. Stefanis back door is working, and people go through metal detectors again. He said 90% of the fights are out back and are females. If there are future issues with garbage, he welcomes people to call him and he will take care of it. There are 16 cameras there and they make their footage available to anyone.

Donna Haluska wanted to thank the police for driving by her area several times.

**MINUTES** Mayor Weese entertained a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of 02-15-2023, the Special Meeting Minutes of 03-01-2023 and the Special Meeting Minutes of 03-08-2023 and place on file. Motion by Hughes; second by Delhaye. No discussion. Motion carried.

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT** Treasurer Larson's report was for February 2023. He said we will be moving line items and it will be voted on next meeting; then lines that have overspending from unforeseen expenses will not remain over-budget. He said everything seems to be right on budget. Mayor Weese entertained a motion to approve the Treasurers Report and place on file. Motion by Hughes; second by Delhaye. No further discussion. Motion carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

(none)

**POLICE REPORT** Chairman Ellis highlighted items on the report and asked Varvel to explain a breakdown of incidents at the bars, broken down by tavern, starting January 2022 and through March thus far. This does not include tavern incident reports (things happened upon while the officer was there for something else). Chief Booe's report was for February 10, 2023 through March 09, 2023. There were 28 Reports and 181 Calls for the reporting period. Mayor Weese entertained a motion to accept the Police Report and place it on file. Motion by Sandlin; second by Hughes. No further discussion. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC WORKS** Insurance: Chairman McFadden said with the VSP plan Travis Mains came up with for dental/vision, the vision premium is \$15-20 family or \$9-\$10 for individual and the dental premium is \$35-\$40 per family per month. Neither have costs to the Village. The limit is over \$2,000.00 per year for vision and the same for dental. The Clerk had texted him that some employees have AFLAC and Illinois Mutual and those reps will be contacted, to give the employees comparisons and options. Park: Chairman Gallion highlighted items on the Public Works report. Our guys rebuilt the damaged park sign and when the wood dries, it will be stained. Westville Rec League will be doing a memorial for the Badger child from Covington, so the lights will be on. Vic needs to reserve a baseball field for August 26<sup>th</sup>. Chairman Delhaye highlighted items from the Public Works Director's report and added the following: for Streets/Alleys he said we are still working on Trinity Church plans. Under Gas he highlighted items on the report. 232 S. West is ready to be torn down and McFadden said the owner is tearing it down. Under Sewers, Delhaye highlighted items on the report. Under Water he highlighted items on the report; under Sidewalks Sandlin said they repaired sidewalks on S. State. The damaged RR sign at the depot has been turned into insurance. Under Bldgs./Grounds & Comm. Beautification Chairwoman Hughes said there is grant money remaining for demos and with what is in the budget still, early spring there should be tear-downs. The state will have additional monies available in the spring, rather than the fall.

**PUBLIC WORKS REPORT BY MICHAEL BENNETT February 10, 2023 through March 09, 2023**

**In the Water Department:** Changed meters (238 of 300, 90 since last meeting), 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, April 4<sup>th</sup> We will be draining the South Water Tower, April 6<sup>th</sup> Maguire Iron will clean the tower, installed new service on First St in Midway, replaced a curb stop with an angle valve at 710 North State, repaired a leaking curb stop on Victor St, had a water conference in Effingham put on by Illinois Rural Water Association. **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, took pipe to soil readings on isolated gas services, had a gas meeting in Sullivan over record keeping, will have operator qualification training March 21<sup>st</sup> for Mike & Jonah and March 22<sup>nd</sup> for Brandon & Jake on damage prevention, one employee will retest for indoor outdoor leak investigation and valves for operator qualifications, Mike will have a Gas Utility Alliance Committee Meeting in Olney, Mike & Brandon will have GUA mandatory meeting in Auburn IL April 5<sup>th</sup>, will be greasing and turning gas valves in April. **In Village Business:** Backhoe is back from Rossville; repairs have been made, cleaned catch basins all throughout the village, cleaned out one catch basin on Washington St & one on Adams St., repaired a catch basin on Moore St., had a section of the storm sewer on West Main jetted, repaired the Zamberletti park sign, sidewalk has been replaced on S. State St., repaired potholes on Victor St. & Dolak, put rock in alley between Moore & Clark, installed a speed limit sign on Ellsworth, put asphalt down on 1<sup>st</sup> block of E. Main, removed tree between 301 E Williams & Jr. High due to safety concerns, picked up limbs due to high winds throughout town. **In Other Business:** Had training in Georgetown with IMLA on bloodborne pathogens, trenching and shoring, fire extinguisher safety, and chainsaw safety, will have training in Georgetown over flagger qualifying, will continue to shut off delinquent accounts, There were 30 JULIE CALLS, 10 Gas & Water Work orders, 19 Water Work Orders, 6 Gas Work Orders, 20 Public Works Work Orders, 0 CO Calls, 7 Odor Calls.

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

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was one bid received for the 2011 F250 with a snowplow that was advertised for sale. The bid is from Jason Biava for \$7,501.00 . Mayor Weese entertained a motion to accept the bid. Motion by Delhaye; second by Gallion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Park Chairman Gallion announced the park will open April 3<sup>rd</sup>. They will try to get the sinks to put out more water. Jerry checked the lights; Gallion asked Bennett to check the basketball court lights. The garage will be open during the April 1<sup>st</sup> electronics cleanup; Bennett will have someone there that day. Community Beautification Chairwoman Hughes brought information last meeting regarding Westville possibly committing \$20,000.00 this fiscal year towards the Strong Communities fund so they can hire someone to write grants and get demos done quicker. Rate of return is up to \$30,000.00. CILBA is in the process of getting that commitment. There is \$50,000.00 in "Demolition", and in the new budget it will come out of a different line item. Barney asked and the commitment is for a year. Ellis asked how soon they need to know, and we could wait to commit until next meeting after our budget is passed; he asked if Barney would be reviewing the agreement. Barney has not seen anything yet. Barney pointed out our grant money paid, but the land bank sold it and made money. Hughes feels we are making progress and will still make progress. For what is left in the grant for these two properties; if we go over say \$10,000.00, we have money for that. She is talking about going forward. She is just looking for a commitment. Sandlin made a motion to commit the \$20,000.00 that Hughes is asking for; second by McFadden. Gallion, Hughes and Delhaye vote YES, Ellis votes NO. Motion carried.

Ord. #23-1510 is for the tentative 2023-2024 Appropriations Budget. Mayor Weese entertained a motion to adopt the tentative budget, which will be posted for 30 days for public inspection and then up for a final vote on April 19, 2023. \$25,000.000 towards Sesquicentennial is under Community Beautification. McFadden questioned why the plans for spending the \$25,000.00 for the Sesquicentennial has not come to the board yet; they would like to see a breakdown of how the money will be spent and see it in the budget. There was discussion about the money for demolition; Larson said the money under Beautification is for flowers at the signs at either end of the town and some annual flowers. The Deputy Clerk's salary was questioned since it is listed as less in this tentative budget than it was in the budget discussions. Larson said it is because she is only working about 90 hours a year and said her raise is in the line item. Weese said the Sesquicentennial funds breakdown will be in the final budget for vote next meeting. Tentative Budget 2023-2024 Fiscal Year is accepted with a motion by McFadden and second by Sandlin, Hughes and Delhaye vote YES, Ellis votes NO, Gallion votes YES. No further discussion. Motion carried.

The Clerk had called a few CPA firms, and Crowder CPA responded to our request to hire for the 2020-2021, the 2021-2022 and the 2022-2023 annual audits. Larson said one firm was from Naperville. With Crowder, it will cost around \$60,000.00 to audit all three fiscal years. The Clerk had suggested paying out the \$15,000.00, that is in the current budget for audits, towards the \$60,000.00 since it does not carry over, and Crowder had agreed with that and could invoice for interim billing on the audits. Mayor Weese entertained a motion to hire Crowder for the audits. They would like a longer commitment than just catching us up. The associate who would be conducting the audit lives a few blocks away. Motion by Ellis; seconded by Sandlin. No further discussion. Motion carried.

The ordinances for digging on Village property and restoring the properties to previous condition will be reviewed.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Weese entertained a motion to adjourn at 6:50p.m. Motion by Sandlin; second by Hughes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.