

Village of Westville Regular Meeting
March 16, 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 Clerk Slavik, Village Treasurer Larson and Attorney Barney.

AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bob Heaton asked if it is true the Village wants to tear down the police station and wondered what the cost would be. Weese thought it would be around \$15,000.00 for a teardown and it would take 3-4 years to get enough money built up in the Business District Fund to be able to do it. McFadden said it won't take taxpayer money to do it by using the Business District money. Weese said there should be around \$220,000.00 a year generated with the tax. There was further discussion about what could be done. Varvel said the current station has major construction issues. He also asked about asphaltting the parking lot behind Village Hall. Weese said it was in the budget, as the lot is falling apart; but we might be able to tar/chip and then it'll build up over 2-3 years and then if we add on to this building, it won't be much money wasted. Weese said with the cost of oil it would really cost a lot to asphalt right now. Gallion said to asphalt the tennis court would be \$88,000.00.

Tony VanCamp, President of Westville Youth Football Program, said they have concerns about the concert for Labor Day being held on the football field. The venue would bring their own stage and pull a semi-trailer across there. The League won't be able to get the field ready for Sunday's game. They don't even practice on the field, to keep it in playing condition. It'll make the field unplayable for the rest of the season. (Trash, cigarette butts, can tabs, semi traffic are issues.) He thinks the south parking lot could be roped off and put the stage there, with enough room for spill-out onto the side of the field but not on the field. Or it could be on Sole facing SW and block that corner and move inflatables between Youhas and the concession stand. Gallion said there will be a carnival this year, too. Jerry Beckley said the Lions Club didn't even ask but just told the rec board it is going to happen. Weese said they only asked the board for a donation and said there'll be a band. Weese wondered about closing the street by the school, but Gallion said busses and trailers are supposed to be on Weese Parkway. The Giacoma parking lot would be a good spot with plenty of room, but you can't have alcohol on school property. There was further discussion and most feel like putting it on the south parking lot. Weese said we will check into this further.

Patty Bartle wanted an update on the parking between Iowa and Dowiatt. She got blocked in her own driveway. Weese said we need to get an ordinance to put the "NO PARKING" signs up, so it'll take another meeting to get that done. Varvel is going to speak with the business owner to try to get this resolved. Another guy said there was a dog barking in a car, waking people up. Varvel said they have written many tickets and given DUI's, and they cannot tow those cars unless they are blocking traffic. Varvel explained we only have one officer working and that is their busiest time, too. He asked if she

had called the police about it. Weese said with a “NO PARKING” sign, the cars can be towed. Varvel suggested having a hearing with the business owner and has already talked to him twice. Barney said we’ll bring it back as an ordinance so that we can start towing vehicles; but suggested there will be noise issues where there is a bar.

MINUTES

Mayor Weese entertained a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from 02-16-2022 and the Police Committee Meeting minutes from 02-23-2022 and place on file. Motion by Delhaye; second by Sandlin. No further discussion. Motion carried.

CLAIMS

Weese entertained a motion to approve the amended Claims and place the report on file. Motion by Gallion; second by Ellis. 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 McFadden; second by Delhaye. Sandlin had stepped out so was “absent” for the vote record. Motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

Treasurer Larson highlighted said we are doing an adjustment. He also gave the board a preliminary budget for 2022-2023 and let him know if there are any changes. He explained that the report shows the source of expected revenue and how the revenues stack up against expenses. He also gave them a synopsis on wages. 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

Delhaye read a thank you note to Mike Bennett for a CO call and mentioned the office personnel who answered the phone. It was the highest CO call Bennett has ever seen, he said Sarah took the call. He read 1800 parts per million (most ever was 865 at a daycare where kids were falling asleep within an hour or two). Bennett said the ladies in the office have had training to know how to handle those calls.

Weese said St. Mary’s is having a drive-through event to collect cash for Ukraine and Mike Marron and Scott Bennett will be there to help.

POLICE REPORT

Chairman Ellis said we have a spot confirmed for Ken Guerrero’s training and Ken went to get uniforms this week. He said they will have body cam training (supposed to installed March 28th) on March 30th. Varvel said there are networking issues that could push it back. Furat (Village IT rep) should get that fixed ahead of time. Varvel is working on a retention policy on the body cam footage.

Ellis said we are still taking resumes for the 5th full time officer. They have some already and interviews will be set up. Varvel said they can’t get into a class right away, though. Weese said he wanted to thank Mike Marron’s office secretary who called over and got us the seat we needed in the training class. Varvel said we had 3 spots, but our seats had been given to agencies who could send supervisors down

to teach. There were 25 reports and 137 calls for the reporting period. Mayor Weese entertained a motion to accept the Police Report and place on file. Motion by Gallion; second by Delhaye. No further discussion. Motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS

Insurance/Community: McFadden said the owners of the building at 133 N. State St. haven't addressed any of the issues yet; we will have Dave Biggerstaff do a full inspection and report and get things in motion that way. He said people are dumping there, too.

Park Chairman Gallion said they met with Michael Beiterman from NuToys Leisure Products to go over the design and placement of the proposed playground equipment. They can send a rep to dig the holes the day before and then be present the next day to supervise construction with volunteer help. The rep cost is around \$2,500.00. There are plans for the new budget to put epoxy on the concession stand floor, have the building repainted along with the new addition, as well as some lighting upgrades.

Public Works Streets/Alleys, Gas and Water Chairman Delhaye highlighted items on the report. Bennett said Pipeline Installation training will be conducted here, tomorrow. The amount for Westville to get out of the contract with Missouri Gas has been presented to Attorney Zoukura, and we will hear something soon. Bennett will call Bob Brown again tomorrow to see when he can come start his project. Delhaye said they are gathering resumes to fill a position in Streets & Alleys for Public Works. They are evaluating the termination of the new meters pilot program, as it is not a good fit for Westville and it's customers due to the integrity and reliability of program updates with the units.

Bldgs./Grounds & Comm. Beautification Chairwoman Hughes explained the previous APP grant paperwork and we are terminated in that program since it was ruled as unconstitutional. We have new paperwork coming. CILBA will oversee the rest of the paperwork and we need to identify the top three properties that we want to address; there were 17 properties originally. Some owners cannot afford updates and may be willing to turn the properties over to the Village. Some notifications have been sent out: one by the grade school, Market Street has two and the one behind Sol Del Mar. We MUST start with three properties. When the weather gets nice, she'll plant flowers again.

Jay Bullock retired and there is no one to do the Village MFT, so he will come back to help since he is familiar with our program. Residents are urged to give suggestions on streets needing attention to Bennett. Delhaye said some streets were identified for grinding. Jonah Troglia is doing a good job.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT BY MICHAEL BENNETT February 11, 2022 to March 10, 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, replaced leaking water service line at 204 Adams St, repaired leaking curb stop at 215 Cook St., raised a meter pit at 31 Urbana St., removed water meters at 227 Washington and 915 N. State, put a yoke/shut off in 2-meter pits. **In the Gas Department** they changed meters, worked on repairs, changed daily high/low charts, checked odorizer daily, patrolled gas system, took odorant readings, Cut off gas service at 216 W. Williams, garage was built over line, relocated service line, cut off gas service to 227 Washington house torn down, cut off gas to 915 N. State, Westville Monument Company will be torn down, had gas training in Olney over map & keeping record on the computer, Mike and Brandon attended, will have GUA committee meeting in Olney, Jake will have on-call training in Olney May 2-

May 5, will be cutting off gas at 609 E. Kelly. **Have shut off and will be shutting off all delinquent gas and water accounts. **In Village Business** they had training in Georgetown with Illinois Municipal League on blood-borne pathogens, personal protective equipment, fire extinguishers, trenching and shoring, will be repairing storm sewer in front of 208 Clark St., Bob Brown will be starting sewer project on Ellsworth St., removed plow debris Jules St, N. State, W. Short, replaced broken storm drain lid Victor St., repair/gravel alleys of N. Scott, Mullen St, W. Main, Connecticut; streets of Washington, South St., Expedition to Burks Automotive short in flex capacitor, starving for gas; 3500 to B/A running rough, clean-up salt and windows of City Hall, clean culvert Cook/Jules, clean storm drain Delaware north of stop sign, repaired pipe 509 S State.

J.U.L.I.E. calls 23, Public Works Work Orders 19, Water Work Orders 19, Odor Calls 4, Gas Work Orders 13, CO Calls 1, Gas & Water Work Orders 16.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Larson said we amended the 2021-2022 budget because we didn't have a few things in the budget, and we didn't do the annual salary and wage increase until August. Mayor Weese entertained a motion to adopt Ord. #22-1497 that amends the 2021-2022 Appropriations Budget. Motion by Delhaye; second by Hughes. Motion carried.

Weese said Belgium is going to give their \$50,000.00 ARPA to Westville. Barney said we just need to give Weese approval to enter into the agreement and accept those funds. For them to be able to spend it this way they must show their benefit is more than they spent. Their use of Village water does benefit them. The cost amount is blank. There will be a date determined for the project to be finished. Bennett asked if after Belgium's \$50,000.00 grant money and if they kick in around another \$25,000.00 (and we own the lines), will the Village add funds? Weese said we would bring it back to the board. Bennett has had 16 water breaks there over the years. Mayor Weese entertained a motion to adopt the Inter-governmental agreement with the Village of Belgium to accept their grant funds to work on the Shaw St. water line. Motion by Sandlin; second by McFadden. Motion carried.

State of Illinois \$50,000.00 grant for Zamberletti Park. Gallion said Varvel brought a grant to their attention for a \$50,000.00 grant for playground equipment. The area they want to utilize is to the north of Sole Field near the pavilion. They would also install a sidewalk and put a small concrete pad off the sidewalk near the playground to put the kiddie picnic tables and the memorial plaque. We have a total equipment expense of \$49,026.00, which covers shipping. We must pay in advance. It is a 6-7-week delivery time; so around May. The other money needed would be the wood chips (around \$1500.00) and they will use a volunteer installation program. The vendor sends an installation rep the day before and he digs all the holes. He will be present the next day and a factory rep will be present, as well, and they need 4-6 people but can be done in one afternoon. That cost is \$2500.00 plus concrete. The volunteer program saves at least \$10,000.00 over professional installation costs. Gallion described some of the components of the equipment, including a periscope, car-type thing according to company is popular, ground-level steps that are handicap available, stepping area, rope for kids, small rock-climbing wall in the middle. It also has shade on top; the rep said it will hold up 10+ years and is resistant to wind and doesn't have to be stored. The colors are a blue/yellow to go with the kid picnic

tables. Bennett suggested more cameras; Varvel said there will be at least one. Gallion said they talked about putting permanent bag sets in, as well. Mayor Weese entertained a motion to accept the \$50,000.00 grant fund from the Village of Belgium to work on the water line on Shaw St., Motion by Hughes; second by McFadden. Motion carried.

Barney reviewed 1) Automatic renewal provision (90-day). 2)Sept. they review again and could request additional contributions, or we could terminate. Weese said we'd like to use this court more. Varvel said Danville let people pay \$1 minimum on fines. Booe said Tilton has \$50.00 minimum and they get \$100.00 per case and monies proportionate to the fine. It is \$1600.00 and Varvel said Tilton will cover a good portion of the start-up cost and the rest would kick in with an amount to be determined. Their clerk will send notices. Varvel said we have had issues; for example, a 2011 underage drinking ticket just paid their first \$2 against their fine. Criminal Court can sanction you and put you in court. With State tickets if people don't pay, they turn it over to collection. We only collected \$1,700.00 from May 2021 to February 2022 with Danville's Night Court. Varvel said that doesn't include our PNT funds; they go there and get settled there, also. Mayor Weese entertained a motion to adopt the Inter-governmental agreement with the Village of Tilton for representation in Night Court to be held in Tilton. Motion to adopt by McFadden; second by Sandlin. Motion carried.

Mayor Weese entertained a motion to adopt Resolution #22-01 to accept the \$45,000.00 Illinois Housing Grant. Motion by Sandlin; second by McFadden. Motion carried.

Mayor Weese entertained a motion to adopt Resolution #22-02 for the Labor Day IDOT Parade Route. Motion by Sandlin; second by Hughes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Park Chairman Gallion announced that Zamberletti Park will open April 4th. Practice begins April 1st.

Mayor Weese proposes using the \$100,000.00 DCEO grant that Mike Marron secured for Westville on the East Main water line. Discussion: Bennett said it cost \$16,000.00 when we worked on it before, and we had to block traffic. It is by the bank and the old CVS. Bennett explained where the line goes. Bennett said if they bore it, it will be cheaper. We had 7 bids before and all bidders except Bob Brown were open cuts; Brown was also cheaper. N. Ranch and Mack still have an old main. The project could be done in 4-5 weeks. They need to put the main in and return and tie in the taps. It shuts the road down, but it must be done. The relocation of the water line from Adams to Jefferson at a preliminary cost of \$85,800.00. Bennett said EPA loans are 1%. Weese said the engineer can write and find grants. Motion by Delhaye; second by Sandlin. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Weese entertained a motion to adjourn at 8:10p.m. Motion by Sandlin; second by Hughes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.