

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, 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 Hughes; second by McFadden. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Charlie Hyde questioned a student with a permit being able to drive the family car with a parent but not in a golf cart. Barney said we cannot be less strict than the state law, but we can be stricter; and the Village ordinance says it must be a licensed driver.

Troy Strebin is concerned for residents Connecticut St. with the business at the end of their road; the speed and size of the trucks (larger trucks with rock falling on the road). There are complaints regarding the trash coming from there. There is concern regarding the clearing work he is doing back there and how it would affect the houses there with the waterway being there to the south.

Donna Haluska asked about the motorcycle speed and feels they need to slow down. Now that the police are back to full staff, they are writing tickets.

Joann Gerrib asked what the requirements are to get a liquor license. Barney directed her to the ordinances.

Michelle Davis wondered about a possible housing complex at the end of Connecticut; Weese said it will not happen, it is against the ordinances.

MINUTES Mayor Weese entertained a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of 03-15-2023 and place on file. Motion by Gallion; second by Sandlin. No discussion. Motion carried.

CLAIMS Delhaye returned the check for flag purchases that was written to him, as he made that purchase on the Village credit card. Mayor Weese entertained a motion to approve the Claims and place the report on file. Motion by Sandlin; 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 Hughes. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT Treasurer Larson's report was for March 2023. The main changes that will be made to the line-item transfer are for additional monies spent on trees and police salaries. Mayor Weese entertained a motion to approve the Treasurers Report and place on file. Motion by McFadden; second by Sandlin. No further discussion. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Mayor read from a flyer regarding the Westville High School Alumni Banquet on June 10th at the Beef House Banquet Center. Social hours are 5-6pm and dinner is at 6pm. Details are available on the table in the back.

POLICE REPORT Chairman Ellis highlighted items on the report and said we are getting a gas squad car and it should be here in a week or two. Varvel said there are increases in damages in the park and they are trying to ban the culprits from visiting the park for a month to try to cut down on some of that. They will ban them for longer if they need to; they are catching a lot of them with the cameras. April 29 and May 6 from 9am-noon is a renewal event for golf carts; show up with cart, fee, and insurance card. Chief Booe's report was for March 10, 2023 through April 13, 2023. There were 33 reports and 236 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 Gallion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS **Park:** Chairman Gallion said the park opened April 3rd and that one restroom is locked waiting for a part. Football will move what they are storing in the old crow's nest so that it can be torn down. He revisited the vandalism and said it happened the first day the park was open; it has been repainted. They had incidents with picnic tables, climbing in the pavilion rafters, one child did a flip off the water fountain. The basketball court is closed for an early start to resurface the court due to the contractor having a free week, as he will be busy with a big job at the high school. Chairman Delhaye highlighted items on the Public Works report. Chairman Delhaye highlighted items from the Public Works Director's report and **Under Sewers**, Delhaye highlighted items on the report. **Under Water** he highlighted items on the report and said they have installed thirty-one more water meters since the last meeting; Michelle explained the survey and what falls under Gas and Water and falls under the customer; these are mandatory surveys, and the office has a year to have it completed and returned to EPA. **Under Gas** Delhaye highlighted items in the report. **Under Village and Other Business** Delhaye highlighted items in the report. **Under Sidewalks** Sandlin had nothing to report. McFadden asked about the sidewalk by Casey's; Weese said we tried to recoup the cost for repairs and could not because it was too long ago. The resident there blamed it on the contractor putting the fiber optics wire that went under the road but there is no way to prove it. **Under Bldgs./Grounds & Comm. Beautification** Chairwoman Hughes said there are two properties (Victor and Kelly) that will be demolished soon. They have added one to Church. She and Varvel met with Biggerstaff and the land bank and discussed the other properties going forward that they want to go forward with. They are also looking at what they can do for the downtown; Biggerstaff is checking on that. She said a property owner on Kelly will take a structure down. We committed at the March meeting to the \$20,000.00 and Georgetown and Ridge Farm also committed. They are looking for a couple of other towns to also commit. She asked that the planters be put out soon so that she can plant flowers. Varvel said the vacant house on the north side of Westville Lane will also be taken down by the owner. She reiterated from the last meeting that by investing \$20,000.00 we are eligible for other state funding. Chairman McFadden said we had an officer injured on workman's comp, but he is OK. He also said that we are still on a list for money from the County regarding sewer money and police money; they are working on it.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT BY MICHAEL BENNETT March 10, 2023 – April 13, 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, April 4th. drained the South 150,000-gallon Water Tower, April 6th Maguire Iron cleaned the tower. Took samples, everything good, back online, eliminated leaking curb stop at 120 W. Kelly, installed angle valve, eliminated two broken curb stops at 114 and 118 Maple St.- installed angle valves, eliminated broken curb stop 122 South St., installed an angle valve, replaced a leaking curb stop at 16 Orlea with an angle valve, replaced all seals in our 3-inch dewatering pump, Jake will have math class April 20 in Decatur for the apprenticeship program, all attended ILRWA training in Danville, CCR Report will be in with May invoices, Water Survey will be in with May invoices **MANDATORY RESPONSE REQUIRED.** **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, had Operator Qualification on Damage Prevention testing three passed, one failed, Mike & Brandon attended GUA mandatory mock emergency training on underground leaks in Auburn IL, completed greasing and turning gas valves in April, Natural Gas Utility Workers Day was March 18th, June 13 GUA Annual Meeting, will have Operator Qualification testing on Tapping in Sullivan two-day repeat, all will attend, cut off gas at the main at 308 W. Kelly and 308 E. Kelly. Houses will be torn down **In Village Business:** Painted concession-stand door and announcers stand door, removed vulgar graffiti at two places in the park, cleaned catch basins by 114 Maple & 126 Maple, repaired potholes, been putting rock and millings in alleys and cutting limbs and brush back, opened Park April 3, been mowing Park, City Hall, Depot, Police Station, Pump Station, North and South Towers, Clingan Lane Regulator Station, Odorizer Take-Station and Gas House, installed Speed Limit Sign Ellsworth St, jet whistle Urban Dr., installed Dead End Sign Church St., removed tree between Jr High & E. Williams safety concern, John Scott replaced faulty heater from chlorine leak, repaired broken picnic table in park, secured broken window 225 Victor St., repaired broken sign McKinley & N. West, met with Engineer over MFT, Alvarez sandblasting and will be repainting basketball court. **In Other Business:** Had flagger training, all attended and passed, maintenance to all mowers, changed oil and sharpened blades. There were 28 JULIE CALLS, 14 Gas & Water Work orders, 28 Water Work Orders, 14 Gas Work Orders, 22 Public Works Work Orders, 1 CO Calls, 2 Odor Calls.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ord. #23-1510 is the 2023-2024 Final Budget Vote. Mayor Weese entertained a motion to table the ordinance to the May 03, 2023 Special Meeting. Motion by McFadden; second by Ellis, Gallion votes "YES", Sandlin votes "NO", Hughes and Delhaye votes "YES". Motion carried.

Reviewing the ordinances regarding digging on public property was to be discussed. Barney said he and Mike are looking into this.

Delhaye had provided a spreadsheet of plans for the Sesquicentennial and presented some advertising expenses. McFadden said he was approached about holding the VOLS ball games over at the High School to showcase the new fields. Delhaye said they want to bring back some Sports Hall of Famers, too. There is a "Help Wanted" sign for players. Delhaye said they meet twice a month and try to finalize each item as soon as they can. WITY wants to live stream and interview people for a couple of weeks; they will table the \$660.00 cost to approve at the next meeting.

The Task Orders (#4 and #5) for the E. Main and Shaw work under the \$100,000.00 DCEO Grant are approved after Mayor Weese entertained a motion, which was made by Sandlin; second by McFadden. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

FYI: Village Rummage is 6/10/23 and deadline to sign up free to be on the maps is noon on June 8. The Village Clean-up follows the next weekend with pickups for seniors (60 and older) and persons with disabilities is June 15, and June 16. The deadline to sign up for pick ups is June 14th at noon. The drop-offs for residents INSIDE Village limits is June 17th at the park from 7-11:30am.

2012 F550 Wrecked Dump Truck Bids were to be submitted by 1pm on April 18th as advertised. One bid was dropped in the night drop the evening of April 18 and will not be opened or considered. The other three bids were: \$5,625.00 from Jason Biava, \$6001.00 from David Hudson and \$5995.00 from Klugow. Mayor Weese entertained a motion to accept the \$6001.00 bid. Motion by Sandlin; second by McFadden. Motion carried.

There were two bids submitted for Trinity Ditch Tree Work. Klugow bid \$18,600.00 and Cornwell Tree Service bid \$19,000.00. Mayor Weese entertained a motion to table the bids to the May 3, 2023 Special Meeting. Motion by Sandlin; second by Hughes. Motion carried.

There was one bid for taking down the tree at 230 W. Williams from Klugow Tree Service for \$975.00. Mayor Weese entertained a motion to table the tree removal bid to the May 3, 2023 Special Meeting. Motion by Delhaye; second by McFadden. Motion carried.

Mayor Weese entertained a motion to allow the line-item transfers that the Treasurer needs to make to balance the 2022-2023 budget. Motion by McFadden; second by Hughes. Motion carried.

Discussion to amend the disposal ordinances. Barney said at a previous meeting, because we have an ordinance for garbage and haulers must pull a license and give a stated rate that is good for a year; it has come to the attention of the Village that some were not holding their rate. He explained why it is not advantageous to have just one hauler; it is also not good to have our own hauling business as a Village. One company asked us to re-visit the ordinance. The choices are that haulers can renew licenses every six months so that they can adjust their pricing if needed. Another option is whether they would be required to give the customers and the Village 60 days' notice when rates will change. The final option is to not change the ordinance and withdraw considering an amended ordinance #23-1511. Mayor Weese entertained a motion to keep the license for a year and to allow the haulers to raise fees with a 60-day notice to the customer and to the Village. Motion by Ellis; second by Gallion. Motion carried.

Discussion to amend Liquor License Ordinances. McFadden talked to a bar owner who said he does not have a lot of business between 2-3pm. Gallion said we do not want to penalize all of them because of one. Weese said we need to get the owners together and discuss it. Barney gave us options: the County closing times are similar to ours; Danville closes earlier (Danville people will come to Westville because of the extra two hours available). Barney had suggestions they could consider. He said we can close at the same time as Danville; for example, last call at 1:30am we close at 2am. They could also leave it the way it is. He suggests talking to the police regarding the number of calls during the early morning hours.

He said we could consider closing ½ hour earlier. McFadden said in Danville, last call is 1:30am and they close at 2am. Varvel pointed out the two recent incidents were 12:30a.m. Neither were inside the bars.

Ord. #23-1512 serves be to Amend 93-10 (E-10) Court Location from Danville to Tilton. Mayor Weese entertained a motion to adopt the ordinance. Motion by McFadden; second by Gallion. Motion carried.

Delhaye brought discussion to approve the painting costs to repaint the “Welcome” signage. Mike Harper, who paints murals quoted \$600.00 for total cleaning and repainting the north sign. The other sign is in the garage and has cracks and needs repaired. McFadden asked if there is money in the signs line item; Larson said there is money in maintenance under Streets and Alleys. Mayor Weese entertained a motion to accept the painting cost presented. Motion by Hughes; second by McFadden. Motion carried.

Knight & Assoc. Engineering Services submitted an MFT Task Order Agreement to be approved. Gallion said Bennett suggested if people have suggestions on streets needing attention to let us know. Mayor Weese entertained a motion to approve the engineering services. Motion by Gallion; second by Delhaye. Motion carried.

Weese thanked Sandlin for 20 years serving as Trustee and thanked Delhaye for his service. Sandlin gave thanks to the original group who started the work on the park restrooms: Jeff and Vickie Slavik, Gary Delhaye and Darin Troglia, others joined the group later. Delhaye said we have the best park in the county. McFadden said we will all miss them being on the board.

Mayor Weese entertained a motion at 7:05p.m. to go to Closed Session for 5 ILCS120/2©(11) Legal Opinion to consider release of closed session minutes for 6/15, 7/14, 9/21 and 10/19. All 2022. Motion by Gallion; second by McFadden. Motion carried.

Mayor Weese entertained a motion to resume Open Session at 7:15p.m. Motion by Sandlin; second by Hughes. Motion carried.

Mayor Weese entertained a motion to release 6/15/22, 7/14/22 and 9/21/22 minutes. Motion by Hughes; second by Sandlin. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Weese entertained a motion to adjourn at 7:16p.m. Motion by Sandlin; second by Delhaye. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.