

Village of Westville Regular Meeting
April 20, 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 Vickie 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.

Mayor Weese swore in new full-time police officer Kenneth Guerrero.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Denise Vascura from Dowiatt St. asked the board what will be done about the parking and explained the issues in her neighborhood with the parking. Barney said it is on the agenda for parking and towing with an ordinance that will be discussed later in the meeting. Kimberly Phillips is the manager of the bar by Dowiatt Street said and told the board what they have tried to do to help with the parking situation. Jimmy Wilson asked if they could maybe change the hours the bar is open. Lynn Tuggle said she turns all the lights on both Friday and Saturday nights, and they don't come park by her house.

MINUTES

Mayor Weese entertained a motion to approve the Public Hearing Minutes from 03-16-2022, the Regular Meeting Minutes from 03-16-2022, the Special Meeting Minutes from 03-23-2022 and the Special Meeting minutes from 04-07-2022 and place on file. Motion by Gallion; 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 Hughes; second by Sandlin. Motion carried.

CLERK REPORT

Ellis said the on-line report for revenue checks for video gaming didn't match the check that the Village received, and that there is a \$500.00 discrepancy. Mayor Weese said we would look into it and then 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 Ellis. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Larson commented on what we collected on sales/income tax this year was better than normal; he budgeted extra revenue and we got even more than he budgeted. He expects it to be better next year because of inflation. 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 WCIA Channel 3 contacted him last week and we will be the first one on the agenda for "Our Town". Vickie will send the information to all and Weese invited input from the board; it will be the end of May towards the first part of June, and they'll be here filming live.

POLICE REPORT

Chairman Ellis said Officer Ken Guerrero started Monday and leaves for training Sunday. He said the body cams are live. Justin has draft body cam policies from other agencies to look over so that we can piece ours together; Booe said most other policies also have cars with cameras. Ellis said we are still taking applications for a fifth full-time officer. Booe said we received new golf cart stickers and plates and the weekend of the 30th they'll have an event to register carts at the park. Permits expire the end of April, but people will be OK until they get checked, as the police won't be able to get everyone checked in on one Saturday. Booe said we had our first night court with Tilton, and it went a lot better than Danville's. We had several cases that came back from Danville; Weese said we are scrapping them because they are old, and we receive maybe \$1.00 per month. Booe said we can hire a collection agency if ever we need to when people don't make a monthly payment on their fines. McFadden asked and it did cost to move to Tilton with our violation cases; Booe said we still have Wesner for an attorney. McFadden asked if we have an association with Peer Court; Booe said Wesner thinks we do. Varvel said we have referred a few cases to that over the last few years, but they are usually referred to the State's Attorney's office.

Chief Booe's report was for 03-11-2022 through 04-14-2022. There were 21 Reports and 191 Calls for the reporting period. Mayor Weese entertained a motion to accept the Police Report and place on file. Motion by Hughes; second by McFadden. No further discussion. Motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS

Insurance/Community: Chairman McFadden said that the building on State St. (mentioned in earlier meetings) was secured. The Village got a letter that Travis Smith sold CH Smith; he is still taking care of the Village of Westville. Weese said Travis will work another 10 years; he doesn't get paid to oversee ours, but he will still.

Park Chairman Gallion highlighted items on the Public Works Report and also said the park was opened 4/4/22 and restrooms opened 4/5/22 by John Martin Plumbing. Alvarez Industrial Cleaning put down an epoxy floor in the concession stand restroom and completed painting on the new concession stand overhang. RC Electric worked on lighting at the stand. Brad Hayes worked on sole Field lighting. Grass seeding has been completed. A vandalized drinking fountain was repaired. A vandalization of a grill was caught on camera, restitution will be expected from the parents. The new playground equipment should be here and installed early May. Graffiti in the dugouts and restrooms was painted over.

Public Works Streets/Alleys, Gas and Water, Sewers Chairman Delhaye highlighted items on the report and also said they put millings in several alleys and removed "One Way" & "Do Not Enter" signs on Walnut and C&E because of re-routing of school bus traffic. Our ICC field audit in the field and office went well and there was only one slight infraction, looking back 5 years when a valve on E. Main was put in by engineers in Olney and they didn't fill out the form completely. There may be a form on file that would clear this. Terminating the pilot program for new meters is still being evaluated. There is still a lot of run-off from the high school.

Sidewalk Chairman Sandlin said the broken curb over by Urbas on N. West St. that Biava Construction needed to replace needs looked at; Bennett will take a look at it tomorrow.

Bldgs./Grounds & Comm. Beautification Chairwoman Hughes re-visited the \$45,000.00 IHDA grant issues and re-issuance of a new program. The resolution that will be passed this evening is the next step in re-applying for the funds. Vickie sent out over 18 code violation letters and Hughes said we are hearing back from some of them already.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT BY MICHAEL BENNETT March 11, 2022 to April 14, 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. **In the Gas Department** they changed meters, worked on repairs, changed daily high/low charts, checked odorizer daily, patrolled gas system, took odorant readings, had mock Emergencies Training in Marshall, IL, GUA Meeting in Olney, call with Attorney Zakoura & MPUA, continue pursuit to exit Gas contract, Illinois Commerce Commission Field audit and Record keeping for three days, and greased and turned valves in the system **In Village Business** they Cleaned out culvert by 224 Moore St, fixed catch basin by 201 Ellsworth St, 202 Victor, cleaned out catch basins Dolak, W. Oak, & E. Oak to the east throughout town to the north, cleaned out catch basins south to Connecticut, Westville Ln north to throughout town, put millings in several alleys, removed One Way & Do Not Enter signs on Walnut & C&E, took F700 to Burks Automotive for brake line repair, repaired storm drain lid and cleaned by 221 Indiana, repaired storm sewer by 307 Illinois, 202 Victor, & 208 Clark, repaired drinking fountain basketball court at park, opened park, had to pump water down on Ellsworth St. Bob Brown is done with new storm sewer construction on the south side of the high school on Ellsworth St.

J.U.L.I.E. calls 31, Public Works Work Orders 22, Water Work Orders 26, Odor Calls, Gas Work Orders 19, CO Calls 1, Gas & Water Work Orders 10.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Barney gave background on the parking issues at Iowa/Dowiatt/n-s alley there. Currently there are not any parking restrictions other than in our ordinance under #322-30 (Parking adjacent to residential lots regarding W. Kelly years ago). Barney added Iowa and Dowiatt and the north-south alley off Iowa. He added those to #322-30. He also changed the no parking time to be from 10:00pm to 7:00am. Homeowners CAN park on the streets there. The remedy of just writing \$25.00 parking tickets did not resolve the problems. Barney said we have towing authorized in #322-31 in our ordinance. Before, they had to be parked there for 24 hours; he removed the 24-hr provision, and they may now tow the vehicles for being parked there. #322-32 is "Penalty for parking" that required 24-hrs of unauthorized parking before we could tow; he removed this. So now everyone else can be towed during those hours. Visitors need to park on the driveway and homeowners could park on the street. In case of emergency situations, vehicles can be removed by any authorized means; towing service is always the first-choice

option. Parked vehicles also can't block fire hydrants. The first offence was changed in 2011 to \$25.00, and the second offence was \$75.00, and the officers would have to call in to see if it is a 1st or second offense to know the amount of the fine. This new ordinance now lets them just tow. We will post signs "NO PARKING: TOW AWAY ZONE" and this is the third change to the old ordinance. This will go into effect 10 days after approving and publishing; it will publish April 27th and May 7th is 10 days after publishing. Police will run the plates to determine if a parked vehicle belongs to a resident. The ordinance does NOT allow guests to park on the street even if the homeowner calls in ahead. Guests can park in the grass. Mayor Weese entertained a motion to adopt Ordinance #22-1502. Motion by Hughes; second by McFadden. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Mayor Weese entertained a motion to hire Jonah Troglia for Public Works at \$15.00 per hour starting wage. Motion by Sandlin; second by Hughes. No further discussion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution #22-03 is another resolution for the Village to accept the IHDA \$45,000.00 grant. Mayor Weese entertained a motion to adopt. Motion by Delhaye; second by McFadden. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Mayor Weese entertained a motion to approve his annual appointments. Police Chief Dave Booe, Police Cpt. Varvel, Police Sgt. Wahlfeldt, Full-time Officer Guerrero, Public Works Director Bennett, Village Attorney Barney, and Zoning Administrator Jeff Slavik. Motion by Sandlin; second by Hughes. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Ellis asked where we are in looking at direct deposit; Weese said about half of the employees were not happy with it and he wasn't comfortable forcing it on them. Ellis suggested maybe having an option to change to direct deposit. Larson said it would be all or none; the bank prefers it for security – he said sometimes you can arrange with the bank and get your money earlier. McFadden was thinking about the budget and said if we get someone who truly wants to work for the Village, there could possibly be step increases based on certifications to make it worth their time to work here. Larson said they already get \$1.00 additional if they get their water license. Weese asked what certifications there are. Barney said this is not a discussion to have at this time – it is not on the agenda, and we are talking about salaries.

Mayor Weese left the Committees as they were for the previous fiscal year for the new fiscal year.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Weese entertained a motion to adjourn at 7:45p.m. Motion by Sandlin; second by McFadden. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.