

**Village of Westville Regular Meeting****May 17, 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 Jeff Slavik, Strebin, Hughes, Ellis, McFadden and Gallion, as well as Village Attorney Barney, Village Clerk Vickie Slavik and Village Treasurer Larson.

Public Comments (none)

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** none

**MINUTES** Mayor Weese entertained a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of 04-19-2023 and Special Meeting Minutes of 05-03-2023 and place on file. "Football will move what they are storing in the old crow's nest so that it can be torn down" will be changed to "Football will move what they are storing in the concession stand and the old crow's nest can be torn down." Motion by Gallion; second by McFadden. No discussion. Motion carried.

**CLAIMS** Mayor Weese entertained a motion to approve the Claims and place the report on file. Alvarez payment description will be changed from "'Park: Basketball court project repair/paint" to "Park: Basketball court concrete repair". 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 Slavik. Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** Treasurer Larson's report was for April 2023. Line-item transfers were made; he will go over budget numbers next month for the benefit of the new members after a month has passed. He said we were able to add money to the reserves after the last budget. Mayor Weese entertained a motion to approve the Treasurers Report and place on file. Motion by Gallion; second by McFadden. No further discussion. Motion carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS** (none)

Mayor Weese said his committees changed around a little to get different ideas. Weese said for public works, they don't have to read what is already in Bennett's report; they have a copy, and the public has a copy. If they want to add to what is there they can.

**PUBLIC WORKS REPORT BY MICHAEL BENNETT April 14, 2023 through May 11, 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, CCR Report are included with May invoices, Water Survey are in with May invoices MANDATORY RESPONSE REQUIRED, repaired leaking water line under highway in front of 3018 Georgetown Rd., Jake had a water class in Tilton, Jake will have a water class in Decatur June 18<sup>th</sup>, had yearly maintenance and inspection done to back up the natural gas generator at the water plant. **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, June 13 GUA Annual Meeting, cut gas off at 312 Victor. House will be torn down. Cut gas off at 225 Victor, will have Operator Qualification testing in Sullivan on Tapping on 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of June, will be replacing a gas valve on West Main at old railroad crossing June 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, will be having town leak survey in June, Brandon attended locator training in Rantoul, replumbed farm tap east of town.

**In Village Business:** Mowed Ellsworth to Jules along Cook St Mowed grass, weed eaten and put weed killer down: Village park, retention pond, police station, Bridgett St. hill & Solomon @Bridgett, north & south water towers, 3 gas houses, Depot, Village lots: E. Main; across from DQ & on Madison, Pump Station, end of Park and Maple St., S. Ranch ditch, end of Virginia St., weed eat East and West Main, Rt. 1 city limits to city limits both sides of road, City Hall, met with Engineer over MFT & Giacomina Crosswalk, Alvarez sandblasted and repainted basketball court. Will still need another coat, North/South Alley Connecticut/Vermont, cleaned catch basins all throughout town, put asphalt on various locations throughout town, mowed grass abandoned properties 225 Victor, put a no trespassing sign up at C&D, boarded up broken windows at C&D, Zamberletti Park update: several acts of vandalism. This has ranged from graffiti, broken picnic tables, knocking down ball fences and damage to restrooms. Please have a conversation with your children to respect Zamberletti Park property. Met with Cummins for quote generator City Hall/Police Station and Park garage, flower pots out for season, hazardous tree limb removed south side park, Village John Deere clutch replaced, Backhoe is in Rossville having brakes replaced, repaired & installed south Welcome sign, concrete around catch basin on Walnut St., repaired two picnic tables and two toilet paper dispensers in the park due to vandalism, Illini Fence will be doing fence repair at Park. There were 30 JULIE CALLS, 6 Gas & Water Work orders, 16 Water Work Orders, 4 Gas Work Orders, 13 Public Works Work Orders, 0 CO Calls, 2 Odor Calls.

**STREETS & ALLEYS** Chairman Slavik pointed out an area needing work at the end of Kennedy; Bennett said the west side is good, and they may be able to add some rip rap on the east side. Slavik said Kennedy is full of potholes and may need seal coated. Bennett said nothing is set in stone with MFT and they could look at it. Weese said it probably needs to be filled in. Mayor Weese entertained a motion to accept the Streets & Alleys Report and place on file. Motion by Hughes; second by Gallion. Motion carried.

**POLICE REPORT** Chief Booe's report was for April 14, 2023 through May 11, 2023. There were 29 Reports, and 309 calls handled this reporting period. Varvel said we got a radar gun, and the car cameras are scheduled to go live on June 7<sup>th</sup> as long as the rest of the equipment is in. The school is voting on adding a resource officer tonight. We will replace the hours for whoever takes the resource officer position if the school board votes for one. Varvel said he is writing a lot of ordinances for grass, etc. Mayor Weese entertained a motion to accept the Police Report and place it on file. Motion by Hughes; second by Slavik. No further discussion. Motion carried.

**GAS AND WATER:** Slavik asked about the 5-year notice to move away from MO Gas as a supplier. Bennett said a specialist was hired and we gave notice. Barney said we can exit 5 years from a renewal of the contract, not from the date we gave notice. Bennett said this contract expires in September and we gave notice 3 years ago in November; we have two more years. Slavik asked how meters are read in the current program. Bennett said Zenners are not a pit meter, but we still have Master Meter. They will buy back the ones that are not installed at the pump station. He said we have radio and AMI and still have visual gas meters (@380-400). He said there are four systems and said when we get more Master Meters, Zenner will be history. Slavik asked what the number of system re-dos we are on now. Bennett said we tried two systems and said Zenners are junk. Slavik asked how they are reading water: Bennett said with a drive-by radio and said the new AMI's go right to the office (have 300 of the new ones in. Slavik asked how the AMI communicates with software and Bennett said the base station is over at the old tower. Mayor Weese entertained a motion to accept the Gas & Water Report

and place on file. Motion by Gallion; second by Hughes. Motion carried. Surveys that ask what type of water lines people have under their homes have been sent out to residents and have started coming back in.

**PARK:** Gallion said the basketball court was finished today. With all of the vandalism and the few signs we have posted warning about cameras, he would like to order more, and Bennett said they will start putting up what they have extra already on Friday. Gallion asked Bennett if he can find lock on for the little T-ball restroom (not regular where they lock themselves in) that locks from the inside but where they can turn the handle or lever to open from the inside, so it will unlock from the inside but still be locked on the outside. The vandalism in the park has been mostly to the tables and toilet paper dispensers. They are finding footprints on top of the stalls; maybe kids are coming down stepping on them. Varvel said there are foot patrols a couple of times per night now and the signs there now are small and faded. Bennett asks if he can put a sign on the door; Gallion said it would be OK to put on the concrete. McFadden asked if the concession lights are on a timer; Gallion they are dusk-to-dawn. Those lights have helped. Mayor Weese entertained a motion to accept the Park Report and place on file. Motion by Strebin; second by McFadden. Motion carried.

**Bldgs./Grounds/Comm. Beautification** Trustee Hughes had the guys put the pots out and she painted them orange and planted flowers. She said we need to identify the properties for CILBA going forward and need to update the list; the list may have changed with new properties needing attention and said they can e-mail her or call her within the next week if they have any input. Larson said there is a proposal in congress to make easier for towns to procure properties.

North and South "Welcome" signs are painted and look nice. Weese will have them paint the backsides for protection without painting through the cracks. Bennett said that Eric Burnett from Ameren said that electricity was arcing on our pole that is metered there at the South Welcome sign, and they had to disconnect so now there is no power to the light on the sign. Bennett thought it would be a good time to go solar and said \$1,100.00 would cover both north and south sign lighting. He figured in a year and 3 months it would pay for itself based on the monthly power bills for those signs to be lighted through Ameren. McFadden wondered where the funds for the solar lighting would come from in the budget and Larson Beautification. Weese said at the north sign, we can trim a tree back and they would work. Bennett will look into it and bring it back to the board. Slavik pointed out that we need to paint this building and advertise for bids right with only one meeting a month and have it finished before the Sesquicentennial. McFadden said Delhay had budgeted for it. Weese said we will get it out for bid. Slavik said there is just a short section under the edge and windows and asked if we can power wash police station and paint the windows? Bennett said we are getting summer help from the high school kids and there will be 3 boys to help outdoors and one girl for office help.

**BUSINESS DISTRICT:** Weese said three have questioned receiving funds. Lori's resale in the old Dollar General Building, the old McMillan building and the Legion. McMillan was bought by Scott Damilano. McFadden thinks we need to knock down C&D and asked if the Lawlyes building was going to taxes because it also needs knocked down. Barney thinks they would deed it over, but the board might not want to take it because of liability but could get a demolition cost. McFadden had asked and Larson said there is currently \$88,000.00 in the Business District fund.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**TRINITY DITCH TREE WORK:** Mayor Weese entertained a motion to accept Klugow Tree Service's lower bid to clean out the ditch by Trinity Church, which includes 10ft on both sides. The bid was \$18,600.00. Motion by McFadden; second by Gallion. Motion carried.

**SESQUICENTENNIAL UPDATE:** There is a meeting on May 25th to finalize Sesquicentennial plans. Everything is all booked for the entire event. Weese said banners came in a couple of days ago. The ethnic flags going to St. Mary's will be going from church to school and hang across the drive. There is a lot planned at many businesses. McFadden met with Vols for the ballgame plans and they won't play at the high school on the turf; they want to play on dirt for safety issues, so this event will be at the park. He said they don't have a team to play against yet but may have the girl's softball team play them or get someone from Indy or Terre Haute to come. He'll call the softball coach to discuss; they also could get alumni and draw more local interest in the game.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor Weese entertained a motion to adopt the Prevailing Wage Ordinance #23-1513. Motion by Strebin; second by Slavik. Motion carried.

Mayor Weese entertained a motion to adopt Resolution #23-02, which accepts the IDOT MFT package for 2023. Motion by Slavik; second by Hughes. Motion carried. Bennett said that some of the north/south alleys have asphalt in them. We have a new MFT engineer because Donohue got out of the MFT part of engineering; we now have Rob Macklin from Paris, who worked for IDOT for 20+ years.

Mayor Weese announced his appointments: Treasurer-Mike Larson, two years; Police Chief-Dave Booe, one year; Public Works Director-Mike Bennett, one year; Attorney-Ed Barney, one year; we don't have anyone currently for Zoning, and if anyone knows of someone who might be interested, to let him know. It is a one-year appointment. Mayor Weese entertained a motion to approve his appointments. Motion by Hughes; second by Slavik. Motion carried.

Public Works would like to purchase a Hustler "Fas Trak" XDS from Rahn Equipment for \$8,165.78. Their list price is over \$11,000.00. Mayor Weese entertained a motion to approve the purchase. Motion by Slavik; second by Gallion. Motion carried.

Mayor Weese entertained a motion at 6:43p.m. to go to Closed Session: 5 ILCS120/2©(11) Legal Opinion Motion by McFadden; second by Hughes. Motion carried.

Mayor Weese entertained a motion to resume Open Session at 7:01p.m. The purpose of Closed Session was to review any pending issues with new Trustees that are relative and still subject to closed session. Motion by Hughes; second by Strebin. Motion carried.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Weese entertained a motion to adjourn at 7:02p.m. Motion by McFadden; second by Gallion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.