

Village of Westville Regular Meeting May 18, 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 Village 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

Jonah Troglia thanked the board for hiring him for Public Works and hopes he makes the board proud; he enjoyed working here last summer. Donna Haluska asked about WCIA's plans. Weese said June 3rd at WHS is where Our Town Westville for WCIA will be held. They are taping currently, interviewing people and putting it together. They'll highlight the ball diamonds and new fields. She also asked talked about the tall grass on Michigan St. ("Carson house"). Weese said the owners are deceased and the family doesn't want to work on it. Weese said our guys will cut it. Jimmy Wilson thanked the Village for the parking changes on Iowa/Dowiatt and said it has been nice the last couple of weeks (re: "NO PARKING" and "TOW AWAY ZONE"). Bennett put a "SLOW CHILDREN" sign up there, today, as well.

MINUTES

Mayor Weese entertained a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from 04-20-2022 and the Special Meeting Minutes from 04-21-22 and place on file. Motion by Gallion; second by McFadden. No further discussion. Motion carried.

CLAIMS

Weese entertained a motion to approve the Claims and place the report on file. Motion by Hughes; 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 Ellis. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Gallion had a question about report balances (specifically Byerly garage door) not lining up with claims expenditures and Larson explained to the board that the Treasurer's Report is for the month prior; May claims expenditures won't reflect until the next month's Treasurer's Report. Mayor Weese entertained a motion to approve the Treasurers Report as presented and place on file. Motion by Gallion; second by McFadden. No further discussion. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Weese said he, Seth Miller and Mary Ann Hughes met here with WCIA (Channel 3). WCIA suggested filming at the high school. Eight years ago, it was at the Depot and the Library. It'll highlight the new complex at the high school. The live broadcast is June 3rd (4pm, 5pm, 6pm, CI Living). The high school

will try to get members of the cheerleading squad and a few from the band to take part. Delhaye said Tracy Petersak asked about the queens taking part. Weese will give him the contact's name for WCIA.

POLICE REPORT

Chairman Ellis said they did two rounds of golf cart registrations at the park. People like the new golf cart plates. Guerrero is in PTI training and has 11 weeks left of his 14 weeks of training. Justin received an email that the Belleville Academy will have seats open, and he has a spot reserved. They need a name by July 22nd, and class starts in August and is also 14-weeks if the new hire has no training. Ellis talked to the mayor about getting resumes for the Police Committee and recommendations for the mayor to interview. He told Varvel that the Village Clerk needs copies of all resumes to keep on file. They'll do the power test first to weed any out that don't need to be interviewed. The psyche test and evaluation are done in Indianapolis. They'll begin that process quickly. Weese said there are complaints with kids driving golf carts. Varvel said they hand out brochures with all of the rules in them. Weese said they may be coming out of Belgium.

Chief Booe's report was for 04-15-2022 through 05-12-2022. There were 39 Reports and 155 Calls for the reporting period. Mayor Weese entertained a motion to accept the Police Report and place on file. Motion by Delhaye; second by Hughes. No further discussion. Motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS

Insurance/Community: Chairman McFadden had nothing new to report.

Park Chairman Gallion highlighted items on the Public Works Report and also said Rec League games began Monday. He talked about overhead doors being installed at the concession stand, grass seeding not needed currently, vandalism with fountains and a grill, ship date for new playground equipment uncertain but probably soon, and padlocks for all electrical and light boxes ordered and to be installed.

Public Works Streets/Alleys, Gas and Water, Sewers Chairman Delhaye highlighted items on the report and added areas where adding dirt, gravel, asphalt, or potholes were addressed. We received bids to clean a ditch between Hickman to W. Kelly in two phases, phase two includes tree removal. Those will be re-bid so both bidders are bidding on the same specs for the project. He reported on installation of water service, jetting, meter cave-in repairs, Cook St. water tower clean/inspected. Secondary catch basin on Ellsworth and new line working well. Jake had gas training in Olney. Zenner wants us to try new meter system awhile longer. May add part-time high school student in Gas/Water office. Gallion said there was a PVC buried under a sidewalk on Moore. We are accepting sidewalk and curb work bids for future repairs.

Bldgs./Grounds & Comm. Beautification Chairwoman Hughes will plant flowers at the square and the Depot; the pots have been set for her. The school district is interested in the property on Walnut that was on our land bank list. She discussed the update on the other properties on the list.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT BY MICHAEL BENNETT April 15, 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, installed water service Shannon's/Swartz for yard hydrant, repaired caved in meter pit 313 Illinois, had Cook Street (north 1928 water tower) cleaned and inspected, had problems with controls south water tower (Westville Lane). **In the Gas Department** they changed meters, worked on repairs, changed daily high/low charts, checked odorizer daily, patrolled gas system, took odorant readings, Jake had gas training in Olney, turned gas valves, had ICC Audit on Protecting Our Infrastructure of Pipelines and Enhancing Safety (Pipes) Act of 2020, Section 114 Inspection: No issues found --This is about release of natural gas **In Village Business** they Had F-700 hydraulic flux capacitor line fixed Burks Automotive, painted Mike Bennett's office in G&W office, removed and cleaned up fallen limbs end of Maple. **In Other Business continued** they had meeting with Zenner, dirt and gravel placed & leveled on Washington, filled potholes Rt 1 & Kelly Ave, W Oak Apts, Pennsylvania & Bridgett, Izzy's alley & street side, Winding Ln, Delaware St., Pine & Maple, Jules & West St., asphalt on Country Lane, 220 S. State, Madison St., E. Main & Brook St., Michigan Ave, by Latoz, Oak St. by gas station, cleaned out and repaired catch basin Dolak St., jetted Dolak. 224 Moore: Repaired storm drain, jetted line & connected to storm drain. Removed salt spreader and cleaned and oiled for season storage, painted dugout Sole Field due to graffiti, vandalism on another drinking fountain, removed broken grill N. Pavilion due to vandalism, replaced missing bolts on picnic tables N. Pavilion, repaired ice machine drain line concession stand, install "No Parking" and "Tow Away" signs Iowa, Dowiatt & Sophia Stefani's, Cummins Generator Maintenance, mowing/weed eating: park, retention pond, police station, Bridgett St. hill, water towers, gas houses, Depot, Village lots, Franklin St. abandoned property, Pump Station, end of Park and Maple Streets, N. Ranch ditch, sprayed weed killer, flower pots set at square and Depot for planting, continue to shut off services for ALL DELINQUENT GAS and WATER accounts. J.U.L.I.E. calls 49, Public Works Work Orders 26, Water Work Orders 21, Odor Calls 1, Gas Work Orders 4, CO Calls 2, Gas & Water Work Orders 12.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Larson discussed a check that was fraudulently cashed in Bloomington, and another was caught and not cashed. Signatures were verified, as well; but Larson still has this check number in the file, and it has not been written. The bank had to put holds on our accounts as a result, and now he needs to give them a list of every check we write. A safeguard against something like this was one of the reasons the bank wanted us to go to direct deposit of payroll checks. Tomorrow, the bank will contact Larson with a program for direct deposit and what ACH (auto payments through internet) checks we will have. They'll set up training for Larson. Mayor Weese entertained a motion to approve Direct Deposit. Motion by Ellis; second by McFadden. Gallion votes "YES", Sandlin votes "NO", Hughes and Delhaye vote "YES". Motion carried.

A Public Works Hires Incentive Program was discussed. There will be a committee or special meeting to discuss. The idea is to get someone in to do training and that person be eventually able to replace Public Works Director Bennett when he is ready to retire. The board would like a list from Bennett of what is required besides a Class C license, and training required.

Mayor Weese entertained a motion to approve Ord. #22-1501, the 2022-2023 Appropriations budget. The tentative budget was posted for 30 days. Motion by Delhaye; second by Sandlin. No further discussion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

A Local Police Body Cam Policy was discussed. Varvel said we are currently operating off the statutes while they put theirs together. It'll be easier to create one for Westville now that they have the actual program.

Increasing the Travel Meal Allowance: Currently the allowance is \$12 Breakfast, \$15 Lunch, \$30 Dinner. Proposed is \$15 Breakfast, \$20 Lunch, and \$30 Dinner. Ellis suggested \$35 for dinner. Mayor Weese entertained a motion to raise Breakfast to \$15, Lunch to \$20 and Dinner to \$35. Motion by Sandlin; second by Hughes. Motion carried.

Mayor Weese entertained a motion to approve Resolution #22-04, the 2022 MFT Program \$190,000.00. The Clerk said that \$75,000.00 of it will come from Rebuild Illinois. Motion by McFadden; second by Gallion. Motion carried.

There was discussion regarding cleaning a ditch. Sealed bids were received from 1) Thomas Excavating \$5,600.00 and 2) Bob Brown Construction \$12,200.00 to clean the ditch between Hickman and W. Kelly. Brown's bid was for a longer distance and more trees. We will get new bids for the same specs, which Bennett will provide to both. Dies for lack of a motion. Delhaye wants to wait until we get the bids to set the Special Meeting (instead of a Committee Meeting) to open bids and to also discuss Public Works Incentive Program.

The board is to choose three properties to use "fast-track demolition" on from the list created with David Biggerstaff through Central Illinois Land Bank Authority (CILBA). The school district is very interested in the Walnut St. property that is on our list. The three properties are 1508 Franklin, 115 Market and 312 Victor. Those will be added to the Inter-governmental Agreement (IGA) between Westville and CILBA. Attorney Barney discussed the process to demolish a building and said we need a "hold harmless" clause added. The Land Bank is looking for Westville to give some money back towards the grant work. The board wants to know if the \$45,000.00 goes to CILBA or to the Village. The IGA does not specify. Mayor Weese entertained a motion to table #14D and #14F. Motion by McFadden; second by Gallion. Motion carried.

Discussion on current deposits for Gas (\$500.00) and Water (\$500.00) for new business accounts. Proposed new deposit amounts for businesses will be \$400.00 for Gas and \$300.00 for Water. Mayor Weese entertained a motion to adjust to the new proposed rates. Motion by Sandlin; second by Hughes. Motion carried. (A notation is made to adjust a particular new business owner who has paid \$500.00 for Gas and \$500.00 for Water but has not yet opened their business.)

No update on Missouri Gas other than Gas/Water Clerk Burks said Missouri Gas has not provided paperwork requested.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Weese entertained a motion to adjourn at 8:25p.m. Motion by Sandlin; second by McFadden. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.