

**Village of Westville Regular Meeting****June 21, 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 Clerk Vickie Slavik and Village Treasurer Larson.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Kaitlyn Smart with "Smart Health & Wellness" shared her credentials. She wants to locate in Westville and is working to get estimates. She came to present the idea of a health provider being located in the area. Their services would be from "birth to death", like a family practice setting. They have four nurse practitioners and plan to hire another. They have patients in Vermilion County on a waiting list. She is asking the Village for any kind of assistance. They would staff with one provider at a time. They will present numbers once they get them.

Shawn Dowler sold his 48% interest of the Fireside Banquet Hall that burned. He purchased 411 Westville Lane two years ago and is asking the board to entertain providing a liquor license. He plans to have a gun shop and use the north end of the building for gun safety classes for kids. He has interest with first-time shooters who want to know how to use their guns. He said 380 kids went through the class and they had to turn down 420 with their safety class. They will start Wind Shooters (for kids, because shooting is dying out in 4-H). He wants a small gaming shop there. They did about \$89,000.00 with the gun shop at the hall. People would order and pick up and there would be no inventory and no ammo. He predicts he can triple or even quadruple revenue with a shop. They also donate to groups. Weese said the board can take a look at it and there would also have to be zoning changes. He also said it takes time.

**MINUTES** Mayor Weese entertained a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of 05-17-2023 and place on file. Motion by Gallion; second by McFadden. No discussion. Motion carried.

**CLAIMS** Gallion asked about monies under "Village of Westville" payments. Larson said with PNT fine payments, GoPay (our old credit card company) used to send payments to the credit union, but they changed to AllPaid and now it goes into the General Fund and has to be transferred and he does that about once a quarter. Mayor Weese entertained a motion to approve the Claims and place the report on file. Motion by Gallion; second by Hughes. 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 McFadden. Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** Treasurer Larson's report was for May 2023. Larson went over his report for the benefit of the new board members and what is represented in the various columns in the report. In WATER we are spending a little more purchasing meters; he said it was brought up before that maybe we could get a low interest IEPA loan and budget say 1/10<sup>th</sup> per year for a 10-year loan, for example, to not hamper the expenses in the water. Weese said we will get credit from the previous meter company; Larson said we may get money from the county, too. Slavik asked about the set of numbers on the right that are different than the ones on the left. Larson said one is current value and one was a guestimate when we did the budget. Gallion said we paid last month for the first part of basketball court work and does not see the last half paid out. Larson said some of the expenses did not print out. McFadden asked where Harper is being paid from...it is paid from Community Beautification. Mayor Weese entertained a motion to

approve the Treasurers Report and place on file. Motion by McFadden; second by Strebin. No further discussion. Motion carried.

## **COMMUNICATIONS** (none)

### **POLICE REPORT** Chairman Strebin

The Police Department report was for April 12, 2023 through May 15, 2023. There were 38 Reports, and 204 calls handled this reporting period. Varvel said Nickle completed “rifle instruction” class and Cottrell is going through “taser” certification and “medical officer” training to meet training deadlines and get everyone up to speed. There is a “juveniles” class in July. Varvel said we had set money aside to have an assessment about what is needed for a new police station. McFadden asked Hughes to set up a building committee meeting to discuss properties. Weese will check with the credit union to see which architect they used and check with that architect to see what they would charge to give us an idea. Varvel has researched grants and low interest loans. He said the new squad is on the street. He said cameras are in and they have two of those and three body cams to go. He said they gave us a hefty discount on the last order because they are trying to make it right. Weese talked to a lady handling county grants and they are looking at probably 2023-2025 to award. Bennett asked if they should keep painting the police station; McFadden said probably stop. They pressure washed it and it did not change it too much. Slavik hears that he asked to paint the police station so as to not get a new police station, and he said that is not the case. Mayor Weese entertained a motion to accept the Police Report and place it on file. Motion by Gallion; second by McFadden. No further discussion. Motion carried.

### **PUBLIC WORKS**

Streets & Alleys: Chairman Slavik said we had the MFT bid opening. They took the alleys out because of cost and Ribbe’s equipment is wider than the alleys. Plan B, starting probably next year, is to repair some alleys ourselves using millings and the new skid steer; sealcoating alleys will not happen anymore. Bennett said alleys from Connecticut north to Iowa and from behind Julee’s to Ellsworth (not side alleys and not grass alleys) had been paved. He said rock will not stay in, but millings will stay. Slavik said the prep work is a lot, so we need to look at next year. Ribbe will do our streets in July as soon as we get the prep work done. Bennett said there was a tree down between Walnut and Delaware and another huge elm next to it that would have taken out the power lines, so he had Klugow take it, too. He said valves were replaced on Main and said Biava saw-cut them; they replaced valves with USDI (two line stops and bypass), replaced one and that we did not need both valves. He said the engineer wanted us to eliminate the crossing and that would have cost \$40,000.00.

Park: Chairman Gallion said they did a lot of painting at the park and said black paint is deterring graffiti. Some painting was done after equipment repairs. He said the new surveillance signs are up. He and LeAnn painted the coal car. He said our grant is out of queue and in the “review” process. He said there is a new grant manager who communicated that the numbers are matched up and the wording is correct. They have stopped reviewing applications because of the fiscal year end. Once the new year starts, our application will go through two people and then goes to the governor’s desk and then it should be sometime this fall that we receive reimbursement through the grant.

Bldgs./Grnds.-Comm. Beaut Chairwoman Hughes said the power has been turned off to Victor (request was last November with Ameren). For Victor and Kelly teardowns, she got a call today from CILBA that indicated the bidding project will be in July. They are asking us to take over acceptance of the bids and the date to accept has not been determined yet. Those two properties will be lumped with other towns’ properties – this way the bid comes out cheaper. The owner of the property on Michigan passed and left that property to a child. They are trying to find that person and if they cannot, there is a process to follow. She said we should have more money in the fall to work with,

and she also said those properties identified a couple of years ago may be reprioritized and that should be done by late summer. She is going to paint the flowerpots at the square before the Sesquicentennial, probably black and orange with a white stripe around it. She will also plant new flowers. Gallion asked if we could do more on 225 Victor and said we cut the grass. There is another on W. Main by N. Ranch and Hughes said it is mowed. 721 S. State needs mowed; Varvel said a bank took it over and it is a HUD property, so we are getting paid to mow that. Once the bank has it formally, they will have it roofed. 113 Illinois is ready to tear down according to Bennett.

### **PUBLIC WORKS REPORT BY MICHAEL BENNETT May 12, 2023 through June 15, 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 available online @ <https://www.ilrwa.org/CCR/Westville.pdf>, water survey are still being turned in MANDATORY RESPONSE REQUIRED, repaired water leak on First St Midway, raised water meter pit, put water manifold apparatus out for Food Frenzy in the park, will be taking Lead and Copper samples, replaced all backup batteries Telemetry System, 911 After hours fire Lyons Rd. **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 in Effingham, will have Operator Qualification testing in Sullivan on Purging and Abandonment on 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of June, all will attend, replaced two gas valves on West Main at old railroad crossing June 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, made W. Main past the tracks a separate cathodic section, had a Gas Leak Survey on the middle section of the gas system. Also high-pressure, all schools, churches, and business. Found five above-ground leaks and one below ground. All the above ground were repaired the same day. The one below ground we will replace the gas line due to garage has been built over it, cut off gas service no longer needed at 208 ½ N. West St., performed atmospheric corrosion control on the middle section of the gas system and also all schools, churches and businesses and high-pressure, installed a gas service and cut off old one due to room addition Dowiatt St. **In Village Business:** Mowed/weed-eated/cleaned limbs on 17-owned Village properties and rights-of-way, had Village F250 oil changed and full service, weed killer East/West Main and Rt. 1., repaired a storm sewer in front of 224 Moore St., had all fire extinguishers in the village buildings and trucks tested, mowed and trimmed all bushes at the Depot, pressure washed the Police Station, did quite a bit of painting in the park, painted the back of the south village Welcome sign, had brakes replaced on the backhoe as well have a hydraulic leak repaired on the outrigger, open bid on MFT, painted the storage building at the water plant, had quite a bit of vandalism in the park, contacted Ameren to disconnect power from C&D's, mowed & cleaned alleys: Cook, Jules, filled potholes W. Williams, Jules, Clark/N. State, Clark to Moore, Wisconsin, mowed vacant properties: Jules, McKinley, S. State x2, N. State, E. Kelly, repaired catch basin 304 Jules, barricades to Westville Legion, removed fallen tree 325 Pennsylvania in alley. There were 49 JULIE CALLS, 4 Gas & Water Work orders, 20 Water Work Orders, 15 Gas Work Orders, 38 Public Works Work Orders, 0 CO Calls, 6 Odor Calls. Mayor Weese entertained a motion to approve the Public works reports and place on file. Motion by Gallion: second by McFadden. No further discussion. Motion carried.

### **BUSINESS DISTRICT:**

Gallion said that guidelines for Business District Administration of funds were sent to Barney in January. Weese will check with Barney on that.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Sesquicentennial Update: Delhay had a calendar of events and said there are a couple of events still to get on here. His goal was to fill every day from 8/19 through 9/4 with something and he reached his goal. He spoke of the importance of the rich history of Westville and everything being covered. He discussed some of the items and what still needs to be done and the plans to get those things done. Kirby Risk can provide solar lighting for both welcome signs for an estimated \$1,300.00 and the labor may be donated. Mayor Weese entertained a motion to approve the project. Motion by McFadden; second by Ellis. No further discussion. Motion carried. Bennett said we can try the solar lighting for 2-3 months and then shut off the power, and the power at the south end is dead anyway.

The board and attorney were given a copy of the proposed intergovernmental agreement between the school district and the village to review. A Resource Officer is the focus of the school's proposed inter-governmental agreement and Barney has no issues with it. On page 8 "no scheduled vacation during school session" needs stricken, because when Wahlfeldt is on vacation, Cottrell has agreed to cover during his shift. The school will pay for the training. We can cover with others when there is vacation and another police department said they would also help, and they are already qualified and going to do it for other agencies already. Mayor Weese entertained a motion to approve the inter-governmental agreement with the school district for a resource officer. Motion by Hughes; second by Ellis. No further discussion. Motion carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

NO BIDS on the JD540 tractor.

Painting Village Hall: Bid by Alvarez for \$6,330.05. Bid by Elite for \$4,789.00. Mayor Weese entertained a motion to accept the bid from Elite. Motion by McFadden; second by Hughes. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Tennis Court Project: Bids by Atlas Total Home for \$75,725.00, Creative Concrete for \$62,127.07 and Mid Illinois for \$130,750.00. They did consider one pickle ball and one tennis court; the pickle ball court is smaller but would take up the same area as one side of the tennis court. Specs were discussed, as was the budget. If they install pickle ball, Gallion suggests portable nets at about \$300.00 each and they get bagged up. Weese commented that he has only had one call asking for the tennis nets to be put up. Danville Tennis Club has pickle ball and instruction; they play leagues and tournaments. If we do not do the project, the tennis court is still unsafe as it is. Both games' lines are too close to each other, and this prevents having both there. If we tear out the tennis court, we could put a stage there. Or we could fence it for a permanent bag games area. Mayor Weese entertained a motion to TABLE to decide what to do there. Motion by Slavik; second by Hughes. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Slavik entertained a motion at 7:15p.m. to go to Closed Session: 5 ILCS120/2©(11) Legal Opinion Property. Second by Strebin. Motion carried.

Mayor Weese entertained a motion to resume Open Session at 7:48p.m. Motion by McFadden; second by Gallion. Motion carried.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Weese entertained a motion to adjourn at 7:48p.m. Motion by McFadden; second by Gallion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.