

Village of Westville Regular Meeting**July 19, 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 J Slavik, Strebin, Hughes, Ellis, McFadden and Gallion, as well as Village Attorney Barney, Village Clerk V Slavik, Deputy Clerk Rhoden 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

Joseph Lesko expressed concern for the condition of the property next to him. Donna Haluska asked when a house and trailer will be demolished and also where can they dump the tree branches from the storm. John Brown stated that the tree at the end of the alley by him is on the Village property. He would like it to be removed. David Jackson expressed his concern for a property in his neighborhood. He stated that he is speaking for many of his neighbors as well. Corissa Miller would like to request a special event liquor license for the 150th celebration. Amy Hamer of the Lion's Club expressed her concern about where Ms. Miller's Trailer would be located.

MINUTES: Mayor Weese entertained a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of 06-21-2023 and Special Meeting Minutes of 06-26-2023 and place on file. Motion by Gallion; second by McFadden. No further discussion. Motion carried.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Larson's report was for June 2023. He commented that our tree budget has been wiped out by the storm in late June. Mayor Weese entertained a motion to approve the Treasurers Report and place on file. Motion by Gallion; second by Hughes. No further discussion. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS: The Village received a thank you card from the family of Lance Vascura.

POLICE REPORT Chairman Strebin deferred to Captain Varvel, and Varvel commented on the status of candidates for new hire. The Police Department report was for June 16, 2023 through July 13, 2023. There were 20 Reports, and 260 calls handled this reporting period. Mayor Weese entertained a motion to accept the Police Report and place it on file. Motion by Hughes; second by McFadden. No further discussion. Motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS

Streets & Alleys Chairman Slavik said they will start the seal coating next week. This has been delayed due to the weather. He also commented that Landmark would like the alley by them to be repaired. It is on the agenda for 2024. **Sewers** Chairman Ellis had nothing to report. **Gas & Water** Chairman McFadden commented that employees should be mindful of their driving while on the job and in Village vehicles. Trustee Slavik commented on the event that happened in Georgetown on Saturday and suggested we examine our substations safety perimeters for possible weaknesses. **Sidewalks** Chairman Ellis is waiting on Biava to get back in town to visit sidewalks projects that he previously quoted to previous Trustees Sandlin and Delhaye. **Park** Chairman Gallion reported that we lost two trees and a light pole during the storm in late June. The South pavilion sidewalk will be made handicap accessible, and work will be done on the fence along the third base line. They have put a hold on the tennis court repairs due to cost and for now will tear out the old tennis court. Our guys can do the tear out, as we have a jackhammer. The American Legion will hold their Public Picnic on August 6th from 11 to 4. **Bldgs./Grnds.-Comm. Beaut.** Chairwoman Hughes reported there are two more properties that need to be added to the Land Bank's list. She also reported the urns at the square will be painted.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT BY MICHAEL BENNETT June 16, 2023 through July 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, Water Survey are still being turned in MANDATORY RESPONSE REQUIRED, will be taking Lead/Copper samples in August, took THM's/HAA water samples, will be flushing hydrants in August, repaired/replaced two broken bonnets, all Zenner water meters have been changed except for two (will schedule these two to be replaced), had a meeting with our Village engineer Donahue about water main replacements for Shaw, Delanois, and E. Main, lowered curb stop Urbana St. **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, all attended Operator-Qualification testing in Sullivan on Purging/Abandonment June 17-18, performed quarterly system patrolling, finished reading meters, will be taking Pipe-to-Soil readings in all sections for the cathodic protection, will have a seminar in Mt. Vernon with the Illinois Commerce Commission, will be having our town border station regulators and main relief tested. **In Village Business:** Mowed/weed-eated/cleaned limbs on 17-owned Village properties and rights-of-way, applied weed killer E/W Main St./Rt. 1, mowed/trimmed all bushes at the Depot; pull bushes & fill with dirt, put up Depot RR sign, mowed/cleaned alleys: Cook, Jules, Brook St., filled potholes W. Ellsworth, mowed vacant properties: Jules, McKinley, S. State x2, N. State, E. Kelly, 225 Victor, 214 Michigan, took barricades to Westville Legion/Depot, F700 Dump Truck brakes repaired, had a lot of storm cleanup, will have RC Electric replace power pole in the park, had Klugow chip branches throughout town from storm damage and remove multiple trees in the park due to storm damage and for safety, cleaned storm damage throughout Village: W. Williams; Williams & Madison; Cook & Moore; W. Oak, Urbana, Danville; Walnut St.; Walnut & Bridget, N. of Delaware, Bridget & Solomon; Washington Ave; Virginia Ave., set STOP signs at traffic lights due to power outages from storm, power washed north/south pavilions. There were 40 JULIE CALLS, 6 Gas & Water Work orders, 19 Water Work Orders, 12 Gas Work Orders, 30 Public Works Work Orders, 0 CO Calls, 1 Odor Call. 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.

LICENSES/INSURANCE

Chairman McFadden said that he had been asked to check that our insurance was enough to cover the Sesquicentennial Event.

BUSINESS DISTRICT UPDATE: Attorney Barney asked for a special meeting to discuss the guidelines he prepared for the application guidelines, based on the details the Village wanted included. He will also need a map to include as Appendix A. This meeting is now set for Wednesday, July 26 at 7 pm.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Sesquicentennial Update: Gary Delhaye passed out copies of the updated schedule of events. They begin on August 19th and continue through Labor Day on September 4th.

Discussion on demolishing the old C&D building at 311 S. State St. Weese entertained a motion to advertise for bids to demolish 311 S. State (old C&D) and have them be opened at the 9/20 meeting. Motion by McFadden; second by Hughes. No further discussion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Andrew Mudd (Huber & Mudd) was present to answer questions regarding procedures to take properties and/or remediate issues, including demolitions. Attorney Barney expressed his disappointment in not being consulted on these matters. He said only one property would have been a conflict of interest for him, and he would have excused himself. He also reiterated several times that this should have been discussed in closed session, but that the board brought it to the floor. No motion was made.

Attorney Barney stated that adding a Class-A Liquor License intended for 411 Westville Lane if the property is successfully re-zoned "*B-1 Neighborhood Business*" is putting the cart before the horse. The property owner would need to petition the Village for re-zoning as the first step. This item died due to lack of a motion.

Bid to Purchase \$82,000.00 Valve Turner. Director Bennett was not present to explain what was different from what we already have. Mrs. Burks explained that the turners we have require two men to operate, and twenty full rotations to turn on or off a valve. This is done to all gas and all water valves at least once a year. This new type of valve turner sits on an included trailer and can be operated by one man and takes half the time. Motion entertained by Weese to seek bids for the purchase of this type of valve turner. Bennett will be asked to provide advertising verbiage and pictures of the valve turner requested, which is in the budget. Motion by Hughes; second by McFadden. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Mayor's Appointments/Board Approval: Police Chief Justin Varvel, Captain Rob Wahlfeldt, Sergeant Ken Guerrero. Motion entertained by Weese to approve his appointments. Motion by Hughes; second by Gallion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Weese entertained a motion to adjourn at p.m. Motion by Strebin; second by Slavik. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:32 pm.