

**Village of Westville**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**July 21, 2021**  
**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: Sandlin, Hughes, Delhaye, McFadden and Gallion, as well as Village Clerk Slavik and Village Treasurer Larson. Ellis was absent. The Mayor asked for a moment of silence for the death of the brother of one of our employees who was 27 years old and killed in a kayak accident (Dustin Haase).

**AGENDA**

Mayor Weese entertained a motion to amend the agenda to move #13-D and #14-C to before Public Comments and place on file. Motion by Hughes; second by Sandlin. Motion carried.

#13-D Jay Bullock, our engineer from Donohue was present. Daniel J Ribbe Trucking bid for the 2021 MFT work is \$149,982.08 was accepted. The resolution was for \$190,000.00, the budget allows for \$162,00.00 (estimated), so this is just under \$150,000.00 and is a savings. Mayor Weese entertained a motion to approve Daniel J Ribbe 2021 MFT Bid of \$149,982.08. Motion by Delhaye; second by Hughes. No further discussion. Motion carried. Jay also brought copies of the Risk Resilience Assessment and gave that to Mike Bennett.

#14-C Liquor License for Westville 66: Mayor Weese's only concern is that the building is a gas station where people come in and he would like to see it set up in such a way that kids who walk in can't see the gambling going on...like if it could be in a separate building. He recalled that they had said something before about building a separate building or a door that closes it off. Grant with Midwest Vending would be willing to put a private room in the building or build onto the building, whichever the board prefers. Grant said they also prefer it being private. McFadden recalls there was gaming before, and they didn't have to have a liquor license. Weese said there was no alcohol involved 15 years ago with gaming, but now you must have a liquor license to have the gaming. Gallion asked how they would separate it. Grant said if they have a foyer on the north side, customers will come in and the cashier could work both sides. If it is inside, it would have a door that can lock to keep people from walking in. The Tilton Mach station is considered a truck stop, so they don't have to have a liquor license to have gaming. McFadden just wants to be sure we can control the "under 21" concern. Weese would feel most comfortable with an extra outside room. Hughes agrees. Grant said people who like to gamble at gas stations are the ones who prefer going there; Weese agrees that peoples' preference dictates where they want to gamble.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Donna Haluska asked about the burned-out structure at 214 Short St. Weese said the land bank (Dave Biggerstaff) has contacted the owner and given him a week to make some progress; and if he does not, then we will condemn it and clean it up. Hughes said that property was in the top 3 on the list to work on with the land bank. Hughes said we are working with the owner; Weese said we may have to buy it and tear it down and re-sell it. The owner didn't have insurance. Weese said we will ask the attorney if we can just clean it up and deal with the consequences afterwards. Jim Wilson asked about progress on a property by him that he is interested in; Weese said our attorney is out of town. Jim said it is marked with pins. Weese said there is concern if it is an easement or alley or what; Jim thinks it just goes over

and stops by Dowiatt. Sandlin asked and Weese said we always charge the fees to the buyer to have property transfers recorded.

### **MINUTES**

Mayor Weese entertained a motion to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of 06-16-2021, the Police Committee Meeting minutes from 06-22-2021 and the Special Meeting Minutes from 06-30-2021 and place on file. Motion by Gallion; second by Hughes. No further discussion. Motion carried.

### **CLAIMS**

Mayor Weese entertained a motion to approve the Claims and place the report on file. Gallion asked if we do buy signs from Progressive Chemical. Motion by Delhaye; 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 Hughes; second by Delhaye. Motion carried.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Treasurer Larson said again this is early in our fiscal, so there isn't anything unusual on the report. Finance Committee Chairman Delhaye had wanted to see the budget with the increase we gave the police department included. Larson said in MFT we have the bid that was better than we anticipated, so we are money ahead in that fund. He said in the WWDZ fund, we don't yet know the total cost of work on Pennsylvania storm sewers, so there could be an issue in that fund. If we can spread the payments out, we would be fine, if the contractor will allow that to be done. Weese said we have had issues on Pennsylvania with storm sewers. We have issues with more than one house; a couple of them have taken themselves off the storm sewers. Bob Brown dug several places up; best synopsis was to put a whole new line in and cover the manholes back up. Bennett said it is completed and was 800ft. McFadden asked about an issue over by WHS. Weese said we have had issues over there for quite awhile now. Weese/Bennett talked to Seth Miller. The Village thinks they need to move one line over to the alley, it is a 12"; our 6" line is clean; but is overwhelmed. Bennett said now they added AstroTurf so water it is running off and people on that street are getting flooded. Bennett said we will spend \$12,500.00 to have Ribbe set a manhole there; but said the manhole will restrict it even more. McFadden said the pipe is too small.

Mayor Weese entertained a motion to approve the Treasurers Report as presented. Motion by Gallion; second by McFadden. No further discussion. Motion carried.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

Delhaye said an ice cream vendor wants to add a truck for Labor Day and set it up by the Depot. Weese doesn't see a problem with it. VanDuyn is looking at other possibilities for a fireworks display location since the high school is not an option now; Delhaye said insurance could be an issue. Hughes said St. Mary's will hold the pageant this year, at no cost, since the WHS cannot let them hold it there because of construction. WJHS softball will play at the junior high and football will play in the park since WHS will not be ready in time.

### **POLICE REPORT**

In Chairman Ellis' absence, Trustee Delhaye hi-lighted items on Booe's report for June 11, 2021 through July 15, 2021. There were 19 reports and 224 calls for the reporting period. 5<sup>th</sup> Officer, if added, will have to be sent to training. Ellis wanted Delhaye to follow-up on 3 properties on Market; Delhaye thinks

Aaron Troglia bought those. He would like Varvel to check with Booe as to whether letters have been sent to the property owners. We are checking with Barney on the safety zone at the police station. We have new signs on the basketball courts regarding profanity, etc. Bennett said they are already tearing down the new metal basketball nets. He also said west of the basketball court they are using the dugout rather than using the restrooms. McFadden asked if we reserved a slot in PTI; Varvel has not been instructed to do so yet. Varvel said we have several non-certified applicants; the others are not a right fit for us. Champaign and the Sherriff's Dept. are also hiring. Varvel said the higher number of out-of-town assists is a result of the Sherriff's Dept. being short-handed, too, mainly 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> shifts.

Vic talked to Travis Mains about employee insurance; when Travis gathers information, they will meet with the insurance committee and bring their findings to the board. Vic said the intent is not to work over the employees, and our policy expires yearly; and there might be something better out there.

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

Park: Gallion a lot of painting going on; painted posts yellow to keep people from running into them, doors are repainted. New doors on buildings are painted black. Guard rails near tennis court painted. All repairs complete, metal siding put on t-ball restroom. New metal basketball nets. Missing ceiling tiles in concession and conference room replaced (Bennet bought extra). Some lights are out, and they moved games around...they contacted Hayes and the lights are already repaired. Waiting on Todd Byerly to finish the overhead door. Requested a quote from RC to install dusk-to-dawn lights on the back of the concession building and to replace a light taken down when the siding was put on. We will probably get another estimate from Hayes for that. Johnny Hall had talked about memorial for Faith Wilde. Still working with her; picked out a spot for the tables and tree. Waiting to hear what the size of the tables are; possibly if they are small enough our guys could pour a small concrete pad and bolt the tables down. There would be a plaque with a paw print. The school is going to buy one of the tables and do some other things at the school (new gowns in her memory); we plan to buy a table from the Village. Klugow is going to suggest trees; he is talking to a nursery in Urbana. Reminder that the Zamberletti Park Capital Improvement Committee raffle extravaganza is July 24<sup>th</sup> at the Legion; doors open at 4pm, games start at 6pm. Need 5-6 more volunteers; let Chris or Gary know. Some stumps were ground out, also. Justin received an OK that we are getting our \$50,000.00 grant from the state. He needs to meet with Mayor and Park Committee to go over where it will be placed. It is a reimbursement grant, so we must get it ordered and get the invoices paid and then get reimbursement. Weese said there was an article in the news about Urbana getting money and he made a comment on FB that Westville had never received our \$50,000.00 grant and he got a call the next day saying that we will still receive it. Varvel said from this point, when the grant is in the capital budget you go in a queue and when your number comes up, you are next. We have six years to do the project. Gallion said insurance told us about things in the park that need to be replaced for safety. Delhaye said we are hoping to get the kiddie tables before Labor Day. Bennett asked about the park being dog-free. Weese said it wouldn't go over well. Delhaye said everyone is working hard and he appreciates it.

Streets/Alleys: Oakwood Restoration has been in town quite awhile blasting curbs, our guys come and clean/sweep afterwards. W. Main/E. Main/Ingles are being focused on - those that would matter most for Labor Day. They are at Adams and Washington and going to Walnut; then the other side Julee's down to Brunswick. Bennett wants to do the square last (must block it off). Bennett is having handicap parking spots painted blue. Bennett asked for input; he said he and Weese don't think we should have

too much yellow. Weese said the paint is expensive. Bennett said there were 15 coats on there and they should be done early next week. Varvel said typically those curbs are painted in no parking areas.

Water: Delhaye said we had a major cave-in on Lafferty Hill and the hillside is washed out. We have exposed water lines there that need addressed soon. Bob Brown looked at it and will take his high-hoe and put in large riprap and redirect the creek and backfill and insulate so it won't freeze (instead of spending \$25,000.00). Bennett gave them the history from last winter when we built a tent and put charcoal to heat it up without melting the plastic. We bought 7-8 hoses and ran them off the back of the sanitary plant and supplied a couple of residents with water for about 2 weeks. Bennett said it is worse now that we have had all the rain that we have had. We submitted our mandatory Water Resilient Plan. We had nothing in err and met the deadline. We will be flushing hydrants next month. Delhaye continued to highlight items on the report. Transmitters are mounted on the sirens, and they are getting close to those meters being read through that system. The high school bought 117 Ellsworth and will tear it down; Bennett has to turn service off to that address. They have been buying gas meter sets. We have not heard anything from Missouri gas; Michelle has a future date upcoming to talk with them again. We received money from CAP, and we are over 50%; Michelle said we have another \$50,000.00 coming and are working on another \$100 on each account. We have 50 new gas and 50 new water and scheduled for 100 more to come around Aug/Sept. We hope to get the high school 8 and 10" lines tied into the highway. Urban Drive: Maddox has a catch basin in their back yard off the field. Our men went with buckets/tools to clean it and got it flowing. We can't get to it right now because of the crops. Bennett said it is in a strange place; Weese doesn't know why it was ever put where it is and not sure who did that.

Sidewalks: Sandlin said by Julee's we will have to get someone to come and pour that stretch. The catch basin is dug up but not the sidewalk. Bennett said the road is high, the sidewalk is low and Julee's is even lower. Bennett said if we replace the sidewalk and get the stretch from Ellsworth to Moore and till it up and get it lower it might help. One lady got her downspouts away from her house but still needs to put them farther away. Bennett said there is an ideal place for a catch basin, but with the high school water coming in, it would put more on a homeowner there. If the high school ties into the state storm lines, we could afford to put a catch basin there. Sandlin said there are trees pushing up sidewalks too; McFadden said many are on the homeowner's side, too. Vic said Porky asked him to look at sidewalks; he said the first block of sidewalk on Indiana and by Mackiewicz's house on E. Short St. need attention. Bennett said we did one down there last year. Delhaye said they could turn in a list to be looked at. People think they are doing the right thing by parking off the street and on the sidewalk, but then they break the sidewalks. Varvel said they write tickets for parking on the sidewalks.

Buildings & Grounds/Community Beautification: Hughes said we are getting our \$45,000.00 grant. We have a list of properties and there were field inspections and there will be reports about non-compliance. Burned out house on 214 Short Street has been addressed. 23 Murray being totally gutted (will take 6+ months and then they will sell), there was a lot of water in the basement there. 128 Virginia owners to have siding replaced in next couple of weeks; remodeling to sell. He flooded twice recently. 127 Virginia will be worked on. 232 S. West: asked homeowner to maintain exterior better. 307 Indiana is disabled; sister says ownership being transferred to her. 308 Indiana is the same owner as 307 Indiana and in the same situation with that property. Maryann said since we added properties, Dave Biggerstaff is addressing these and reporting back to us. They are trying to stay on top of demos and get the paperwork done so they can proceed with demos. House on Washington has been purchased and will be town down. New property: 214 Michigan has no occupant and needs major reno or demo, not yet decided. Neighbors are complaining that shingles are coming off.

**PUBLIC WORKS REPORTS SUBMITTED BY PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR**

**GAS & WATER REPORT BY PUB. WORKS DIR. MICHAEL BENNETT June 11, 2021 to July 15, 2021**

**In the Water Department** they changed meters, worked on repairs, took routine samples, changed daily totalizer chart, calculated daily usage, took chlorine residuals, swept/mopped plant, submitted mandatory Water Resilient Plan, repaired broken curb stop on Michigan St., have been painting hydrants, will have a town water leak survey in September (Georgetown will have the same time as Westville to save both communities money, had new gas and water radio system outlets installed by electrician on multiple site locations. Gas and Water infrastructure installation. **In the Gas Department** they changed meters, worked on repairs, changed daily high/low charts, checked odorizer daily, patrolled the system and took odorant readings, have been painting gas meter sets and had a call to review the contract termination of MPUA with attorney Zakoura. **In Other Business** they mowed grass and put weed killer down and had the oil changed and a/c repaired in the 2011 F-250. **In Village Business** had oil changed in F250, 3500 and F-550 dump truck, remove sod and put black top down at corner of W. Main/S. West, working on storm sewer on Pennsylvania (have one more catch basin to connect), Oakwood Restoration still working on curbs (we have been cleaning up after them), striped the Village Park parking lot, had to pump down catch basin on Ellsworth due to flooding, cleaned catch basin in front of 121 Jefferson and put asphalt to keep rock from washing in, cleaned on Brook St. curbs/gutters, picked up new mower and had electrician rewire Village, May and Gas & Water offices.

J.U.L.I.E. Calls	50	Gas & Water Work orders	13
Water Work Orders	26	Odor Calls	0
Gas Work Orders	5	CO Calls	1

**STREETS/ALLEYS REPORT BY PUB. WORKS DIR. MICHAEL BENNETT June 11, 2021 to July 15, 2021**

**Streets & Alleys** • Worked at Village Clean Up • Replace parking blocks, paint stripes • Pick up bicycle at library • Paint fire hydrants • Patched and trimmed alley south of Illinois • Cold patch Pennsylvania, Ohio • Cut a trench to drain Cook over RR tracks **Sewer** • Clean gutters on Engle and Brooks • Cleaned catch basins on Adams, Urban • Finishing storm sewer on Pennsylvania, tying in catch basins **Sidewalk** • nothing to report **Park** • Paint parking stripes • Fix water fountain • Cut 3 dead trees, haul debris • Replace bleacher board • Paint playground equipment, concession/press box/bathroom doors • Install metal basketball hoop nets (2) **Buildings & Grounds & Community Beautification** • Maintain 17 Village-owned properties, which may include mowing, spraying, weed eating, cutting and cleaning limbs/leaves, mulching, emptying trash, raking in park, sweeping sidewalks, weed eat/spray sidewalks, clean Village Hall and Park restrooms.

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

“On-Line Sales Safety Zone” at the police station is tabled.

Two properties present for sale as unimproved, surplus properties is tabled.

The Village wishes to sell the 2011 Ford Expeditions. Bids were opened: \$2,655.00 bid by Bayridge Motors from Staten Island, NY. \$2,758.00 bid by Nik Lyons of Leroy, IL. Mayor Weese entertained a

motion to sell the vehicle to Mr. Lyons. Motion by Delhaye; second by Sandlin. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Discussion regarding adding a 5<sup>th</sup> Full-Time Police Officer from Weese. He said we are trying to eliminate part time help because they can't work anyway. Varvel said the state is trying to phase them out. Other towns are already moving forward with this. Sandlin asked who pays to send them. McFadden said the city pays to send them to PTI. Varvel said it ranges between \$3,000.00-\$6,000.00 depending on where it is, and services offered. Weese said we need to start interviewing so he can appoint an officer. Varvel said 10-12 of the applicants so far have no training. Varvel can reserve a May 2022 spot and be on a waiting list for other training spots in case something becomes available.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor Weese entertained a motion for authorization for the Mayor and Clerk to sign PNT checks (note: by declaring Mayor Michael Weese on all accounts of Village of Westville Police DUI (257058) and Village Clerk Vickie Slavik on checking account of 257058). Treasurer Larson said the PNT account is at Landmark Credit Union, and for the Mayor and Clerk to sign those checks, the credit union needs to see that the board approved this in a meeting in the minutes. Then the Mayor and Clerk will sign the signature cards on file at the credit union, authorizing them to sign the checks. He said that 80% of police expenses that aren't salaries (or gas) come out of there. Motion by Sandlin; second by Hughes. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Discussion regarding a donation to the Westville Firefighter's Association. We normally don't do donations, but it is a taxing body. Varvel said they send donation requests to homes every two years; they need updated extraction tools because with newer vehicle construction, their old extrication tools won't work. Hughes asked what account it would come out of. Larson said the only donation we make is for fireworks. McFadden said we won't have fireworks this year. Delhaye wants to table and talk to Barney.

McFadden said that on Williams and Adams, a monster pool popped up. Vic thinks it needs a special permit to put it in a side yard and would have to be 8ft from property lines. Weese said they own both properties. Weese said it has fences on the pool and the homeowner got a permit a year ago. Weese said we might have the attorney look at it.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Weese entertained a motion to adjourn at 8:15p.m. Motion by Sandlin; second by Hughes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.