

Mayor Weese called the meeting to order at 6:01pm, 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 amended agenda to move #15B to before Public Comments and place on file. Motion by Hughes; second by Slavik. Motion carried.

Trevor Kinkel of Schulte Supply was present to discuss the mechanics and benefits of a valve turner that the Public Works Department would like to purchase for \$81,995.00. He will bring one to demonstrate and Attorney Barney will review the warranty. Mayor Weese entertained a motion to table to vote to purchase (or not) until the September Regular Meeting. Motion to table by Slavik; second by Hughes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

John Brown was thankful for the leak fixed on Mack St. Jason Biava offered to foot the bill to train himself and an associate to be available to assist in the event of any disasters for the gas system.

Tony Balsamello had formed the Cannon Preservation Committee and had documents from 1944 in-hand. There is an agreement with the Village from 2011 regarding restoration costs, when needed, for the cannons. The wheels need replaced and the cost to split will be around \$8,900.00, including shipping both ways to S. Dakota. This will be on the September agenda.

Donna Haluska shared the blood drive information for September 3, 2023.

Toby Brewer discussed the desire of several residents to be allowed to have chickens and also shared the published medical benefits of owning and interacting with them.

MINUTES: Trustee Gallion asked for a correction for Sergeant to be Andrew Nickle. Mayor Weese entertained a motion to approve the amended Regular Meeting Minutes of 07-19-2023 and Special Meeting Minutes of 07-26-2023 and place on file. Motion by McFadden; second by Ellis. No further discussion. Motion carried.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Larson's report was for July 2023. Mayor Weese entertained a motion to approve the Treasurers Report and place on file. Motion by Ellis; second by Hughes. No further discussion. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS: (none)

POLICE REPORT Chairman Strebin deferred to Chief Varvel. Varvel created a new format for the monthly police report which includes additional information. He said the cameras have been shipped. They will have an in-department meeting with the state's attorney regarding major changes to the arrest procedures.

Chief Varvel's report was for July 14, 2023 through August 10, 2023. There were 33 Reports, and 229 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 Gallion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS

Streets & Alleys Chairman Slavik said we are getting prepared for Labor Day. He also said we could do a title search on the CVS parcel that needs cleaned up before Labor Day. **Sewers** Chairman Ellis said he looked at sidewalks and drain stations with Jason Biava. **Gas & Water** Chairman McFadden said they conducted nine interviews and had several quality applicants. **Sidewalks** Chairman Ellis said he needs to create a 'needs list' and prioritize for sidewalk repair. **Park** Chairman Gallion reported that the sidewalk work in the park is completed, as well as the fence work. He said there is a mole issue that they will address. The damaged light pole from the June storm has been removed and the new one will be delivered on Friday and should be put up by RC Electric next week. **Bldgs./Grnds.-Comm. Beaut.** Chairwoman Hughes Snyder got the demolition bid and demo should be done early this fall for Victor and Kelly properties. The planters at the square are painted and flowers planted; city hall was also painted.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT BY MICHAEL BENNETT July 16, 2023 through August 10, 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, Water Survey are still being turned in MANDATORY RESPONSE REQUIRED PLEASE REMIND YOUR NEIGHBORS, Flushed all hydrants in the water system, Took lead and copper samples, Replaced two broken bonnets, Put a yoke with a backflow preventer on a water service on Cook Street, Shut off delinquent accounts, Repaired water break on Mack Street. **In the Gas Department:** Changed meters, Worked on repairs., Changed daily high/low charts, Checked odorizer daily, Patrolled gas system, Took odorant readings, Cut off a gas service on E. Main no longer needed, Cut off a gas service in midway, house being torn down, Replaced a gas service at 204 N. West. Gas line was under garage and leaking, On the Cathodic Protection of the Gas System took Pipe to Soil readings in all sections. Section A had a low reading. Water service line was touching a gas main. Separated water line from gas main and added an anode. Section good now, Jake and Mike attended an Illinois Commerce Commission seminar in Mount Vernon, Concrete pillars placed at all gas houses, Shut off delinquent accounts, WILL BE SHUTTING OFF ALL DELINQUENT GAS AND WATER ACCOUNTS. **In Village Business:** Mowed Ellsworth to Jules along Cook St Mowed grass, weed eat: 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, Vickie and Mike met with FEMA over storm damage reimbursement, Having John Deere tractor rewired, Trim limbs south of Urban Dr., Alley W. Kelly, Rock on Church St., Fill wash-out on Washington St., Weed eat &

clean up E. Main, Jet storm sewers & walk creek N. Ranch, Trim & mulch north & south welcome signs, Took delivery of Skid steer, High School student workers to complete their summer season with us, Serve Together Vermilion County will be here day after Labor Day to help clean up after Labor Day celebration. 37 J U L I E CALLS, 14 Gas & Water Work orders, 22 Water Work Orders, 7 Gas Work Orders, 11 Public Works Work Orders, 0 CO Calls, 1 Odor Call.

LICENSES/INSURANCE: Chairman McFadden had nothing to report.

BUSINESS DISTRICT UPDATE:

Attorney Barney had a packet for rules and the application and process; he went over specific wording changes that will be reflected on the final version. Mayor Weese entertained a motion to adopt the documents to use for the Business District grants, as changed. Motion by Hughes; second by Ellis. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Sesquicentennial Update: Gary Delhaye was not present, but schedules were made available on the back table. There was a question regarding street closure (the IDOT permit for the parade itself is in the files) and Varvel said the Lions Club has been in contact with him regarding that and Labor Day activities.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Weese entertained a motion to hire Troy Overstreet and Trevor Bowman for the Public Works Dept., starting at \$18.00 per hour. As each qualifies to take calls, they would receive a \$2.00 hour increase. They will also be considered for annual raises along with the other employees. Qualification can take 6 months to a year. Motion by Hughes; second by Gallion. Motion carried.

Mayor Weese entertained a motion to hire Kendl Gulick full-time in the Police Dept. to work in place of Rob Wahlfeldt, as Rob is now the School Resource Officer for Westville. Motion by Hughes; second by Ellis. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Weese entertained a motion to adjourn at 7:40p.m. Motion by Hughes; second by Ellis. Motion carried.

(Minutes taken by Deputy Clerk Rhoden, prepared by Village Clerk V Slavik)