

Village of Westville Regular Meeting

August 18, 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: Trustees Sandlin, Hughes, Delhaye, Ellis, McFadden and Gallion, as well as Village Attorney Barney, Village Clerk Slavik and Village Treasurer Larson.

AGENDA

Mayor Weese entertained a motion to amend the agenda to move #14-A before Public Comments, move Closed Session to after Unfinished Business and to place the agenda on file. Motion by Hughes; second by Delhaye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (none)

MINUTES

Mayor Weese entertained a motion to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of 07-21-2021 and Special Meeting Minutes from 07-22-2021 and place on file. Motion by McFadden; second by Gallion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

CLAIMS

Gallion pointed out that under the WHS payment for a memorial, the description should be "picnic table" instead of "bench". Mayor Weese entertained a motion to approve the amended Claims and place the report on file. Motion by Gallion; second by Hughes. Motion carried.

Doug Toole from Keep Vermilion County Beautiful (KVCB) said there will be a tire collection open to townships, highway commissioners and villages. They need to take tires to the Danville Township Garage on 4th Street in Danville by the first couple of weeks in November. The electronics disposal event is in October. KVCB will send information on that. Brenda Adams with KVCB gave an update on what KVCB does. They have residential grants, corporate grants, etc., and hope the Village renews their membership for 2022. There are litter collections bins available through a grant from Keep America Beautiful; they tip out to be emptied and can be given to local businesses to put on their building or can be mounted on poles. Corporate members are eligible to have the KVCB board members assist with one Village-sponsored event per year.

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 McFadden. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Larson said we will have to amend the budget at some point because of changes that were made. He said if the Trustees would look at their areas and let him know if any need decreased/increased and maybe we won't have to do line-item transfers later. With the gas company, attorneys are still working on the issue we had last February. He explained how we are paying our large gas bill from that, as we have not paid the entire bill. We billed 1.1 million to our customers for that gas and we have collected \$746,000 (and more in the last few days). He said the citizens have come through; we borrowed the other money so that if we want to terminate Oct. 1st with Missouri Gas Commission, we have the money to cover our balance on the large bill.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

(none)

POLICE REPORT

Chairman Ellis explained that we have training slots reserved in all academies south of DuPage County. Barney said the Village's liability to have a Safety Zone for public-to-public transactions and interactions may be minimal and we do need to have some exemptions because people may say we have done something negligent even if we are trying to do something good. They may suggest we aren't providing police protection but are just providing a camera. He said we would have to make it known that we don't make guarantees there'll be an officer present. Barney will give Varvel the verbiage to state that the Village is not responsible. Varvel said officers can see the camera from their phones or computers, as can the Village Clerk and Gas & Water Clerks on their computers and phones.

For new hires, there is a program where we would pay for \$1,377.61 for a physical ahead of sending the trainee to PTI school and spend \$6,000.00 for school. The program includes a polygraph, too. So we would interview, have a background check completed, make the employment offer and then if they pass this exam they are then ready for PTI. Todd and Scott Damilano will help with background checks. Barney said we don't need an ordinance to use this program. It is Public Safety Medical from Indianapolis. On Booe's report for July 16, 2021 through August 12, 2021. There were 25 reports and 146 calls for the reporting period.

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

PUBLIC WORKS

The Committees Chairmen and Chairwoman highlighted activities in their respective areas and highlighted items on the Public Works Director's report.

PUB. WORKS REPORT BY MICHAEL BENNETT July 16, 2021 through August 12, 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 our mandatory Water Resilient Plan, repaired a broken curb stop on Michigan Street, have been painting hydrants, will have a town water leak survey in September. Georgetown will have same time as us to save both communities money, 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, cut off gas service 117 Ellsworth at main, house will be torn down, cut off gas service 214 W. Short (house burnt), took Cathodic readings in all sections of gas system, all readings good, had town regulator stations and main relief tested, repaired an underground gas leak on a tap at 3 Rue Le Petite. **In Other Business** they mowed grass and Put down weed killer, had 2019 Gas and Water truck serviced oil changed, will be shutting off delinquent accounts. **In Village Business:** Basketball court & backboards painted, repaired backboard due to vandalism, put up new heavy duty basketball hoops, put up new tennis court net, repaired storm sewer 100 block Clark St. (hole in tile), repaired storm sewer in front of 1004 S. State (hole in storm tile), put asphalt down several places in

town, cut limbs & brush, put millings down in several alleys. Have a bid for Ellsworth St. storm sewer Brown Construction. Gave estimate to Seth Miller at Westville Schools. We are requesting the high school pay for this work. Cleaned gutters on E. Oak St, took suction vac to Springfield to have serviced, sandblasting completed to curbs through town, will paint once the paint arrives (it is on order), suggest evaluating the concession stand to add plexiglass to cover serving window, reduce cost and loss of temperature in the concession, widened "No Name", will have tar and chipped, repaired blower pull rope and had concession stand A/C unit cleaned & filter changed, and maintained 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.

J.U.L.I.E. Calls	39	Gas & Water Work orders	11
Water Work Orders	20	Odor Calls	8
Gas Work Orders	2	CO Calls	1
Public Works	19		

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

"On-Line Sales Safety Zone" at the police station: Tabled

Two properties present for sale as unimproved, surplus properties: No action taken.

Ord. #21-1495 Changes "Supt. of Public Works" in Ordinance Book to "Public Works Director". Mayor Weese entertained a motion to adopt the ordinance. Motion by Ellis; second by Sandlin. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Westville Firefighter's Association Donation: Dies for lack of a motion.

Mayor Weese entertained a motion to go to CLOSED SESSION 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11) Legal Opinion at 7:55pm by Sandlin; second by McFadden. Motion carried. Mayor Weese entertained a motion to reconvene OPEN SESSION at 8:15pm. Motion by Hughes; second by Delhaye. Motion carried. The purpose of Closed Session was for legal opinion on various properties.

NEW BUSINESS

Condemn 214 W. Short St.: No action taken. Quote to Decal One Unmarked Squad Car: No action taken.

Gas & Water Clerk Michelle Burks explained a change needed in the ordinances to just send one "Shut-Off Notice" when someone doesn't pay their bill within 30 business days. Mayor Weese entertained a motion to have the ordinances amended to reflect this change. Motion by Ellis; second by McFadden. No further discussion. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

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