

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 approve the agenda and place on file. Motion by Hughes; second by Sandlin. Motion carried.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mike Bennett said Sarah has been working alone for 3 weeks and is doing a fantastic job. Weese said she got the bills out on time and handled end of month without issues.

Donna Haluska said people say they love to come to Westville for the blood drives because everyone is so nice, and the police got them in and out quickly.

A citizen asked if they have resolved a water issue. Weese said the engineer is looking at the line and maybe going down the old RR property and dredging to get the water to go somewhere. He said we still are working on our side, too. Mike Bennett said Bob Brown will be here in 3 weeks to work on that, and next week he will do the water line on Atwood. This hole needs addressed, too. Capello said he goes through two water pumps a year. Ellis looked at it and commented on the water running there. McFadden also looked, when we were running a pipe from one end of the street to the other. Capello asked if they have contacted his neighbor; Weese said Booe is trying, and he will remind Booe. Capello says you can't see driving off the street onto the other street and someone is going to get hurt. Ellis asked about a speed limit sign, it was taken down along with a weight limit sign. Bennett asked about them needing a speed limit sign because it is the first he has heard of it.

Mike Tranchant announced he is running for Sheriff in Vermilion County. He gave his background information and is back here now.

Travis Mains was here to present employee insurance information. Employees are currently 100% covered for premiums. He explained how the plan that employees currently have works. This is quoted out every year. We are a non-compliant grandfathered plan. We were allowed to remain non-compliant and allows us to maintain low out of pockets that we have. He could not get a company to bid our plan because our plan is too rich. He got a quote from United Healthcare; they quoted silver/bronze/gold. The problem with us being non-compliant is that at some time they may not allow those plans. Health Alliance does offer the non-compliant plan still. Travis doesn't have rates yet. The website says, "renewal in progress", which worries him. Then deductibles and co-insurance to employees will go up. The only way for it to become competitive premium-wise is if we can go back and be fully underwritten and then Aetna and National General offer a level-funded plan. Two firms did that in 2020 and they just got back checks this year. You have an estimated premium based on estimated losses...if you perform better, you get money back...if you perform worse, premiums go up the next year. Attrition and younger employees help with that. We can see Aetna's rates, but we will have to get all medical information from the employees.

### **MINUTES**

Mayor Weese entertained a motion to approve the Special Meeting Minutes of 08-18-2021 and Regular Meeting Minutes from 08-18-2021 and place on file. Motion by Ellis; second by Hughes. No further discussion. Motion carried.

### **CLAIMS**

The Clerk explained a breakout to two separate funds on the Progressive Chemical bill listed. Mayor Weese entertained a motion to approve the amended Claims and place the report on file. Motion by McFadden; 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 highlighted items on his report. The General Fund is substantial and there has not been a let up, so we should be able to meet what we budgeted; we are over in revenue so far this year. He said Department Chairs can make changes to their budget – taking their line items and taking projects they might have in consideration. In the gas system, we put we would get \$1.1 million additional gas sales and are close to getting that; we are now probably around \$1 million. He talked to the Mayor and IFA, where we borrowed \$850,000.00 to cover the bill in case we were going to leave the current supplier and have to pay the large bill all at once. Back in April we got the \$850,000.00 loan and he does not feel we need it any longer. He talked with the agency today. We can pay it as an expense according to Barney since it is in the budget and then we don't incur extra interest.

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

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

(none)

### **POLICE REPORT**

Chairman Ellis said they did a good job over Labor Day weekend with what little help they had. Brandon Bott donated \$720.00 after a fund raiser at Sophia's Stefani's, and it was used to letter the squad car right before the parade. He congratulated the promotion of Justin Varvel to Captain and also Rob Wahlfeldt to Sergeant. He said we will look at getting body cameras and they are currently getting quotes; it will be law soon and they are looking at options to lease or purchase. Hughes thanked the police for their presence Sunday night at St. Mary's. Ellis said we interviewed 15-20 candidates and we are waiting for the new high school track to be done so the candidates can run the power test. They would go next September to training – we are holding places in class for 2022. Tilton increased their police starting pay to \$60,000.00 and got two new officers from Danville; Tilton will have 8 officers now. McFadden said we can't compete with that. Ellis said of two of our candidates had left their previous departments not in good standing. We could use some part-time help. McFadden knows someone who just left Oakwood and might be interested. Weese said Booe talked to someone, too.

Booe's report is for August 13, 2021 through September 09, 2021. There were 22 reports and 193 calls for the reporting period.

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

### **PUBLIC WORKS**

McFadden said work on the house on Washington has come to a screeching halt; Weese thinks they have someone ready to help. He asks to send Booe over to get the yard mowed behind the post office and credit union. Weese said they lose it to taxes in a few days, but we can look into it.

Gallion said the Public Works Dept. did a great job keeping up with everything over Labor Day. A couple of latches were broken, and Mike Bennett took care of it the next day. There was a request to move a park bench because when kids are on the modular, the parents can't see their kids. They moved a park bench so people can make sure their kids are ok. Gallion said all work is done on the Lions Club building like new pop and snack machines installed with a security light. He is getting great comments on how nice the park is. Vendor, food, inflatables went over well. The fireworks display was good. Delhaye said with the grant money we are getting for the park, they'll look at what to get. Weese said we had a toilet paper issue and he wondered about mounting something different. Gallion said they can get a double roll holder put in. What we have is a single jumbo roll holder. Gallion asked Bennett if he ever asked John Martin to turn the water pressure up in the restrooms; they've been like that since we put them in. Bennett suggested there may be a water saver on them; Martin will be here next week and bypassed the leaking for now.

Delhaye also said the town looked good. Ribbe is about half-way done and he will return next week to finish. We'll get our water lines covered with large riprap. They are installing new meters as they have time; they are reading good from field-to-office, but they're working on billing issues still. We crossed the \$200,000.00 mark with CAP. Bennett worked on 45ft of an existing manhole on N. West St. storm sewer...at that went towards Julie; there was a bad stop, but it wasn't stopping the water from flowing. Tilton is going to televise and show the HS their lines are too big and are inundating that 6" line. Tilton was able to go through quite a way, and the rumor that there is a root cutter stuck in there is not true. The hole filled in a matter of minutes with the rain we had yesterday. They'll look at the manhole parking lot at the High School to the alley; that should alleviate a lot of it. Sandlin asked if that'd help with Julie's water issue. Bennett said the road is high, but she is built low, and she needs to get her downspouts away from her house. They can re-route a manhole to help everyone there. Stinespring had come out and said since they did this at the school, there are 5 people getting water in their basements and more runoff. Bennett said we are trying to do what we can on our end. He said on Pennsylvania, the people said theirs is working like a charm. That line on Ellsworth goes down the N/S alley, Jules, and to our retention pond. Delhaye asked if they need to dig it out and Bennett said it is flowing good. Bennett said we need to do something on the north side. Riggelman sold part of it. Sandlin asked if the road could be cut down; Bennett said replacing the sidewalk won't help her and said it needs to be tilled up and leveled out. Julie knows the hole needs to be filled first.

Hughes updated us on the properties we have listed as needing attention. Weese said we got an email, and the \$45,000.00 grant is on hold because there was an CILBA error in applying for the grant; they'll address it in court in October. Ellis gets phone calls about someone at the end of Michigan living in a camper. It is not the new property owner living in the camper. Weese said the guy was hired to work on the house. We may have to have Attorney Barney look into it.

### **August 13, 2021 thru September 09, 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, had a break on Shaw and on Delanois on 4-inch mains, replaced a water service line in the 300 block of S. State St. leaking under the highway, replaced service line leaking under E. Main St., and had a wire replaced for the telemetry antenna on the Cook Street water tower. **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, will be cutting off gas service on a house south of Judith-Giacoma school. The school bought this property, it will be torn down, will have GUA committee meeting September 14<sup>th</sup> in Olney, and will have gas training over pipeline repair September 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. **In Other Business** they will be shutting off delinquents and replaced battery in 2011 Gas & Water truck. **In Village Business** they fixed stop sign at the corner of Oak and Danville, put asphalt down in several places, mowed Village properties, put down weed killer in several places, cut brush in the alley between Victor St. and Clark St., had to pump down water on Ellsworth St Sat., Sept. 4<sup>th</sup>, put tennis court nets up, shovel debris and rock from Village Court prior to putting down tar and chip, replaced a breaker box and outlet in the park, kept up on the Labor Day festivities and fixed a storm sewer on Kentucky St.

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 Sandlin; second by McFadden. No further discussion. Motion carried.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

“On-Line Sales Safety Zone” at the police station: Barney thinks as long as we are clear that we are not liable and that it will not be police monitored but will have video recorded, we are OK to establish this. Barney said we need to post that it is video monitored but not police monitored.

We are still waiting for the research on the properties from the title company for surplus properties.

Ord. #21-1496 Changes number of red tags for shut off notices to (1) notice. Barney also highlighted the fee changes that were voted at a previous meeting. Mayor Weese entertained a motion to approve Ord. #21-1496 as it pertains to red tags. Motion by Delhaye; second by McFadden. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Ellis said Public Safety Medical offers “Fit for Duty” testing. It is physical, mental and power testing and costs \$1,600.00 per candidate/hire. It saves money because if we just send someone to school it costs \$6,000.00. This protects us from someone washing out. Mayor Weese entertained a motion to use the company for testing. Motion by Delhaye; second by Gallion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor Weese entertained a motion to give the annual sponsorship at the Business Level of \$150.00 to Keep Vermilion County Beautiful. Motion by Delhaye; second by Ellis. Motion carried.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Weese entertained a motion to adjourn at 7:50pm. Motion by Sandlin; second by McFadden. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.