

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, McFadden and Gallion, as well as Village Clerk V Slavik, Deputy Clerk Rhoden and Village Treasurer Larson. Ellis was absent.

**AGENDA** Mayor Weese entertained a motion to approve the agenda and place on file. Motion by Hughes; second by McFadden. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Lauren Scott read a statement that she had prepared regarding urban forestry and her desire to see trees spared whenever possible and new trees planted in place of those that must be removed. She suggested Klugow would remove trees for the Village whether they needed to be removed or not. She had a picture of a stump base that looked healthy, but the pictures the Village received showed the trunk of the tree rotted. The Mayor said Klugow would not remove trees unnecessarily, and said the Village received \$13,000.00 from insurance after trees were damaged in the storm in June and assured Ms. Scott that he plans to have trees planted with the funds. He may consult with Ken Konsis regarding the types of trees to plant.

Allan Harvey was interested in picking up an application for the business district grant. Those would be made available after the meeting if the final version with revisions is voted in tonight.

**MINUTES:** "Trevor" will be changed to "Travis" for a new employee, whose last day already is September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Mayor Weese entertained a motion to approve the amended Regular Meeting Minutes of 08-16-2023 and Public Hearing Minutes of 08-31-2023 and place on file. Motion by McFadden; second by Gallion. 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 Gallion. 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 McFadden. Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer Larson's report was for August 2023. He said he broke out Sesquicentennial revenue under Community Beautification and had not budgeted the revenue. He said the business district tax is a separate line item under cash in the Illinois Funds so they can see what is available. He said he had talked with the sidewalks and the park chairmen and monies will be moved in those areas. He reported that we received Belgium's ARPA grant money for infrastructure, and it will go into the water fund for the work on water lines in Belgium. McFadden asked if the Sesquicentennial funding is in the black; Larson said it is and monies are still coming in from the sale of the history books. He budgeted \$30,000.00 and we have spent \$5,000.00 so far on invoices. Mayor Weese entertained a motion to approve the Treasurers Report and place on file. Motion by Hughes; second by McFadden. No further discussion. Motion carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS: (none)**

Weese read a thank you from Molly Goodwin of Serve Together, whose volunteers helped with cleanup after Labor Day.

**POLICE REPORT**

Chairman Strebin deferred to Chief Varvel. He said that the radar sign is working and IDOT is going to replace the post with a sturdier post because of the weight of the unit. He plans to send another candidate to school and pay for it with the 80% reimbursement we received from a recent candidate who went already.

Chief Varvel's report was for August 11, 2023 through September 14. There were 32 Reports, and 288 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 IDOT paints continuous lines on route 1, but the crosswalks striping needs to be done in the spring by the Village and that MFT funds can be used to do that work.

**Sewers** no report

**Gas & Water** Chairman McFadden said one new employee did not show up and the other one will be leaving after September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Advertising will be done again for the two positions.

**Sidewalks** Mayor Weese spoke with Paul Riggelman, and they will allow the permanent easement for the Safe School Grant sidewalk to run along the west side of their property by the junior high.

Park Trustee Gallion discussed adding an additional hydrant for food trucks and also electrical issues and carnival vehicle and equipment placement. He also said slides are being painted, and he will have RC restore the power pole damaged in the storm. He said the mole issue is taken care of and also that our award for the playground equipment grant should be signed by the end of the year. He said food trucks will be in the park 10/28 and 10/29 and Trunk or Treat will be held the 28<sup>th</sup> from 6-8p.m.

**Bldgs./Grnds.-Comm. Beaut.** Chairwoman Hughes said more grant money was awarded and the Village's share is \$67,000.00 and not bad with our \$20,000.00 paid into the land bank.

**PUBLIC WORKS REPORT BY MICHAEL BENNETT August 11, 2023 through September 14, 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, Jake had water class on 8/23/23, Installed new water service at 8 A Brooks St., Met with Brenntag on 9/7/23, Repaired a curb stop at 308 W Williams, Repaired a water line near 10 Church (empty Lot), Pulled meter at 541 Michigan, Mike & Brandon attended a water meeting in Springfield, Will be installing a new water service in the park. **In the Gas Department:** Changed meters, Worked on repairs., Changed daily high/low charts, Checked odorizer daily, Patrolled gas system, Took odorant

readings, Pulled meter at 541 Michigan, 9/12/23 GUA meeting in Olney, Will be installing a gas service on Murray, Will be relocating a gas service at the south end of town. **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. Rolled moles holes in park, Swept rock both sides Rt 1 from St Mary's to Iowa Ave., Pulled weeds around police station, Trimmed tree corner of Maple, Trimmed alley west of English, Swept & striped Village Lot & City Hall, Took Barricades to various locations throughout town for Labor Day events, Placed plastic barrels along Rt 1 for Labor Day, Tied back swings in park for Labor Day weekend, Serve Together Vermilion County was here the day after Labor Day to help clean up after Labor Day celebration, moved Railroad sign at Depot, Cut the alley between Moore & Clark, Put blacktop down on E. Kelly & Dequimpal, Secured garage again at 225 Victor, Trimmed alley between Village Ct & Dolak, trimmed along Hickman, John Martin Plumbing rodded all toilets in the park, Changed 6 light bulbs at the Tennis court, Stripped East Main, Installed speed limit sign by 312 Connecticut, Changed batteries in smoke alarms at City Hall. 63 J U L I E CALLS, 18 Gas & Water Work orders, 22 Water Work Orders, 46 Gas Work Orders, 34 Public Works Work Orders, 2 CO Calls, 2 Odor Call.

**LICENSES/INSURANCE:** Chairman McFadden had nothing to report.

#### **BUSINESS DISTRICT UPDATE:**

Forms are updated with the changes Barney said would be made. Mayor Weese entertained a motion to adopt the final rules and application documents to use for the Business District grants. Motion by McFadden; second by Gallion. Motion carried.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Mayor Weese entertained a motion to adopt Resolution #23-02 for Safe Schools Grant. Motion by McFadden; second by Gallion. Motion carried.

Mayor Weese entertained a motion to approve Amendment No. 1 to Task Order 4, and Order regarding engineering fees 5 and Task Order No. 6 which is for water systems improvements. Motion by McFadden; second by Slavik. Motion carried.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Bids for 2000 New Holland tractor: McFadden asked Bennett what he thought the items were worth and Bennett said the New Holland was worth \$8,500.00 and they are using the mower again and he would put it at \$1,800.00. Neither are in their way. Larry Ellis bid \$,4,125.00 on the New Holland and \$100.00 on the John Deere X540. The board decided to reject both bids and keep the equipment. Motion to reject by McFadden; second by Gallion. Motion carried.

Tabled from 08-16-2023 Regular Meeting. Discussion regarding valve turner, which was demonstrated this week. Warranty, GPS capability and attachments options were discussed. Mayor Weese entertained a motion to purchase the valve turner from Schulte Supply. Motion by McFadden; second by Hughes. Motion carried.

Tony Balsamello was present and the agreement between the Village and Legion is to share the costs for repairs on the cannons in the park. It will cost around \$8,000.00 through Hanson Wheels in Oklahoma (an artillery museum) for repairs and \$400.00 for shipping with a Danville carrier. Mayor Weese entertained a motion to share the costs for shipping and wheel repairs and painting. Motion by Slavik; second by Hughes. Motion carried.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Weese entertained a motion to adjourn at 7:28p.m. Motion by Hughes; second by McFadden. Motion carried.

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