

Village of Westville Regular Meeting**October 20, 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 approve the agenda and place on file. Motion by Hughes; second by Sandlin. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Andy Dugas with the Westville Lions Club is asking for grace and support for their 2022 Labor Day weekend plans. There was discussion on the plans.

Richard Haugen has an issue regarding the flooding in late June on houses on Ellsworth.

Donna Haluska asked about the neighborhood watch signs that were on all the streets at one time and for progress in getting out of the Missouri Gas contract.

Todd Wablay lives on Michigan and discussed issues with houses around him.

Hughes asked and we haven't heard how the land bank grant is going; there was supposed to be a hearing in October.

Richard Haugen's daughter asked who her dad can contact regarding the flooding issue. Barney said it is a legal issue and it can't be discussed on the floor; he also will not give legal advice.

MINUTES

Mayor Weese entertained a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from 09-15-2021 and place on file. Motion by McFadden; second by Sandlin. No further discussion. Motion carried.

CLAIMS

Mayor Weese entertained a motion to approve the amended Claims and place the report on file. Motion by Hughes; 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 Delhaye; second by Hughes. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Larson highlighted items on his report and discussed the Feb 2021 Missouri gas bill and paying back the loan since we don't need it. He and Ellis discussed Quick Books and direct deposits.

Mayor Weese entertained a motion to approve the Treasurers Report as presented and place on file. Motion by Delhaye; second by McFadden. No further discussion. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Darren VanDuyn discussed the annual Trunk-or-Treat in the park and the addition of six food vendor trucks. Hughes asked if they want to consider St. Mary's if the weather is bad; she will talk to Father.

Weese read a thank from the Jim Gallion family for the donation to Trinity Church after his passing.

POLICE REPORT

Chairman Ellis highlighted items on the report and discussed the progress and process for hiring more officers. Weese will want to talk to them and won't appoint someone he hasn't talked to. Ellis set a Police Committee Meeting for Oct 27th at 6:30pm to discuss budget changes.

Booe's report is for September 11, 2021 through October 14, 2021. There were 27 reports and 166 calls for the reporting period.

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

Insurance: Chairman McFadden said he is waiting for Travis Mains to get information, and Travis is waiting on Health Alliance. It should be a 2.9% increase but could be 9%.

Park: Chairman Gallion said they replaced broken posts but found others on the pavilions. They adjusted the lights at the basketball court to shut off at 5:30pm now. He said we contracted with U Nailed It Construction to build the new overhang on the front of the concession stand. They are waiting for the special materials to arrive through RP Lumber. The Faith Wyld Memorial picnic table plaque was donated by Hall of Fame Plaques & Signs, and the picnic tables for the memorial area are still on order and the school district will pick them up. Sports seasons are finished, and the park closure date will be addressed later tonight on the agenda.

PUBLIC WORKS

Chairman Delhaye highlighted items on Bennett's report and added that they are cleaning catch basins, as leaves are falling now. We received a bid from Bob Brown Construction for \$24,000.00 to run a line from the high school manhole to the north-south alley. They'll replace forty feet from the high school to that alley and run a new 12-inch line to the alley and hook into the state. Sidewalks: Chairman Sandlin said the new sidewalk is being started north and west of Subway to S. West Street. Buildings & Grounds and Community Beautification: Chairwoman Hughes said the people who bought 207 Market are also buying 211 Market. The guys also mowed and weed-eated all Village properties, as usual. Hughes planted mums at the Depot and at the square. The old Dollar General will be something like Habitat for Humanity and the tenants are waiting on their non-profit license. The corner of the park sold to John Burk. Bennett suggested that only licensed electricians work on Village property in the park; someone has messed with the boxes and did some hodge-podge work at the tennis courts and south pavilion to create more outlets. He said it wasn't vandalism. McFadden suggested checking the cameras the next time this happens.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT BY MICHAEL BENNETT

September 11, 2021 through October 14, 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, Cut off water

at 4 C & E (house will be torn down), Bob Brown started working on waterline at Lafferty Hill, we insulated piping & encased waterline, will be winterizing tower controls and telemetry, still having a water leak survey (so far good), moved water service Jules St. and will be shutting off delinquent water accounts. **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 at 4 C & E, house will be torn down, had all the inside gas piping regulators & odorizer painted at the Gas House and Take Station, had phone conference call with Missouri Gas Commission. Requested review for strategy to keep future gas prices low, Jim Zakoura will be contacting MPUA "duly noted", had gas training in Sullivan on pipeline repair, this covered 10 tasks, having gas training in Sullivan on the 19th/20th on meter sets & regulators, will have ICC Gas meeting in Effingham 27th & 28th, Bankruptcy & Sheriff sale Gas & Water accounts totaling \$1712.25 and will be shutting off delinquent gas accounts. **In Other Business** they mowed & weed-eated water plant, Cook St. tower, Westville Lane tower & three gas houses, had two new rear tires put on backhoe (and repaired two front flat tires, replaced radiator, belts & hoses, repaired hydraulic leak & oil changed on F700 dump truck. **In Village Business** they replaced eight 6 x 6 posts on the pavilions, helped clean up property on Bowman on burned down house, started painting curbs on E. Main, finish tar and chipping on streets, review & discuss non-electricians working on electrical outlets at the park, put asphalt down on Moses, Madison, Pennsylvania, W. Oak, Danville and on Bridgett streets, also on south side high school east/west alley, north side credit union in east/west alley, and on two water break excavation holes, repaired some playground equipment, painted in the north women's restroom, adjusted timer on the basketball court, mowed and weed-eated all village properties (park, police station, city hall, depot, village lot at Jefferson/E. Main, the lot across from Dairy Queen on Rt. 1, the lot on Franklin St. next to Stone Mountain, the retention pond and also mowed property at 214 Michigan & 232 S. West, they cleaned and cut brush in alleys between: Pennsylvania/Indiana, Wisconsin/Michigan, Virginia/Kentucky, Vermont/Connecticut, W. Williams/McKinley, Victor/Jules, Victor/Clark, Clark/Moore, north/south alley starting at Vermont to Delaware, they trimmed back hedges/brush from sidewalk in the 200 block of W. Kelly, cut & hauled away brush south alley of Mack St, cut limbs/hauled away E. Main above flashing light & replaced batteries, cut limbs/hauled away end of Michigan Ave, had 4 tires put on John Deere (had 3 flats), put up two speed limit signs on Bowman, put up 4 "No Parking This Side" on Hickman St., replaced street signs on Bowman and W. Short Street & corner of Church/Kelly, cleaned several catch basins and removed broken concrete and replaced with road pack on Washington Ave.

J.U.L.I.E. Calls 44, Gas & Water Work orders 19, Water Work Orders 28, Odor Calls 0, Gas Work Orders 12, CO Calls 0, Public Works 28

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

We are still waiting for the research on the properties from the title company for surplus properties. Barney said we can pursue abandonment, take it, and then sell it. We would put it in the paper and take bids. This is the property by Wilson behind the tavern, the triangular piece.

Additional vacant building ordinances were discussed. Barney looked at it and we have ordinances in place to enforce violations already with the last ordinance adopted. Weese wants to hold off for now on adding any further property ordinances.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Weese entertained a motion to approve the MFT Pay Estimate in the amount of \$141,294.11, with \$70,341.46 coming from RBI Funds and \$70,952.65 coming from MFT funds. Motion by Delhay; second by Hughes. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Mayor Weese set the Halloween Trick-or-Treat hours on Sunday, October 31st from 5-8pm.

Chairman Gallion set the park closing date for Monday, November 1, 2021. Booe said when we close the park, we need to close everything – basketball courts and everything. The rims will be taken down and the lights will be off. Lions Club wanted to do a Christmas Tree Lighting event in the park. It is a 12ft tree. The power will still be on so they can do that, but the bathrooms won't be available.

Discussion on whether to hire a fifth full-time police officer dropped since Booe is not retiring until 2023; Ellis said there is time to look into another officer.

Business District: Ellis introduced Tim Waterman from Georgetown who said they have had a business district for about 6 years, and it generates money for building tear downs and gave other examples of how to use it

– even to fund a TIF District. Weese said a previous board voted against it, but we have a new board now. There can only be one Business District, but there can be multiple TIF districts. Keith could come and can really explain it. Tim would help start the committee, as well.

Mayor Weese entertained a motion to go to CLOSED SESSION at 8:22p.m. for 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) Employees and 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11) Legal Opinion to review closes session minutes and determine which need released. Motion by Sandlin; second by Hughes. Motion carried.

Mayor Weese entertained a motion to re-convene OPEN SESSION at 8:39p.m. Motion by Sandlin; second by Hughes. Motion carried. The minutes to be released will be voted on at the November meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Weese entertained a motion to adjourn at 8:40pm. Motion by Sandlin; second by McFadden. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.