

**Village of Westville Regular Meeting****November 17, 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 Clerk Slavik and Village Treasurer Larson.

**AGENDA**

Mayor Weese entertained a motion to move #13A Keith Moran underneath Unfinished Business to earlier and approve the amended agenda and place on file. Motion by Hughes; second by Sandlin. Motion carried.

Keith Moran was present to explain what a Business District is, how it works and how it can benefit Westville. He then answered questions. He will email a proposal. It takes 2-3 months to implement. They receive a fee to administer setting us up and it is around \$20,000.00 to \$25,000.00 and there are no reports to file like there are with TIF. An Enterprise Zone is a different program with investors and Westville can have both eventually.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Bruce Capello asked for a plan for the water coming out of the high school. Weese said it isn't coming off the Village. Capello dyed the retention pond and it ended up in his sump pump within 2 hours. Capello thinks the road is cracked from the extra water. Weese will look at that.

Kendra from the Lions Club said that along with the tree-lighting ceremony, they'd like to set up a light display around the park. They hope to have enough businesses to get involved they want to have it lit up with timers until Christmas. There'd be a donation box to donate back to the Village for power usage. They have a 12ft tree and if they can't find anything else they'll use it this year since it is their first year. The tree lighting is December 10<sup>th</sup>, between 6:30-7pm, whether they get businesses to put up displays or not.

Dave Cowl, Belgium Mayor, was present. Belgium is going to receive \$50,000.00 from the ARPA grant program. They don't have infrastructure or broadband to use it on, so they want to use it towards replacing Westville's water lines on one of the streets there. We just need an inter-governmental agreement, and they'll give the money to whoever is awarded the job. Bennett said Shaw Street is the worse. Weese said we need to consider road damage there; Bennett said the contractor would have to put it back. Weese said the contractor must hook everyone back up, also. Weese said the paperwork for the surplus triangle piece of property is in process.

**MINUTES**

Mayor Weese entertained a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from 10-20-2021, Police Committee Minutes from 10-27-2021 and Special Meeting Minutes of 11-03-2021 and place on file. Motion by Ellis; second by McFadden. No further discussion. Motion carried.

**CLAIMS**

Mayor Weese said the Bryant Industries invoice for the burned-out house on Short St. was missing one load that will be billed. He said we were charged actual dump fees and were not charged for labor. We have also asked Attorney Barney to file a lien against the property. Mayor Weese entertained a motion to approve the amended Claims and place the report on file. Motion by Delhaye; 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 Sandlin. Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Treasurer Larson highlighted items on his report and said in the General Fund (local tax) that is the 1% that we currently collect. We budget \$125,000.00 revenue from sales tax; we have had a couple of good years, this year we have \$57,000.00 for the first 6 months. Larson said the budget will change; he and Gary set up a meeting to go over some items that will then be presented to the board.

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

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Weese read a thank you card from Trinity Church for the Jim Gallion memorial gift to the church after his passing. He also mentioned the annual senior citizens dinner at the high school on Wed., December 1<sup>st</sup> at 11:30am at the old gym. No RSVP required.

**POLICE REPORT**

Chairman Ellis highlighted items on the report and Varvel said background checks are developed now and they'll get those called in. They should have four people to present to Mayor Weese from which to make his appointment. The candidates need to fill out some personal information and then should be ready to look at during the December meeting. The soonest spot in the police academy is April. There is no limit on how long they ride with our officers, but they can only have a year from when they're hired until they go to the academy. They are paid while they are in school.

Booe's report is for October 15, 2021 through November 09, 2021. There were 27 reports and 96 calls for the reporting period.

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

**PUBLIC WORKS**

Park Chairman Gallion highlighted items on the report and added that they may wait until spring to reseed from the Food Truck Frenzy and Trunk or Treat event. He also said the school district will pick up the picnic tables for the Faith Wylde memorial area and store them until spring when they will place them and mount the plaque. He said the trusses for the concession stand expansion are in, as are the rest of the materials and the work should begin November 29<sup>th</sup>.

Chairman Delhaye highlighted items on Bennett's report and said they'll watch for caving where they put asphalt down on Winding Lane. The new meters are communicating back to the office and there is an order placed for two hundred gas and two hundred water meters. Westville Ready Mix will dump extra concrete where they put rip rap and concrete by the sewage treatment plant when they have extra. Mayor Weese had discussed with the engineer and Bob Brown Construction and explained the plan to try to take care of the extra water coming from the high school parking lot

Sidewalks: Chairman Sandlin had nothing to add to the sidewalk report.

Buildings & Grounds and Community Beautification: Chairwoman Hughes said the planters at the square will be stored until spring. She also reported that the \$45,000.00 grant through CILBA was voted down; there is a new grant to apply for which is for low-income people needing help.

**PUBLIC WORKS REPORT BY MICHAEL BENNETT**  
**October 15, 2021 through November 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 water break on W. Kelly, Jim Todd from B.L. Anderson repaired totalizer, replaced Flux Capacitor, and upgraded telemetry to 4G at Water Plant. AT&T will be phasing out 3G in February 2022, they are working on a Water System Emergency Plan with Village and Engineer, they shut off all water services and bathrooms in the park for the season and they continue to shut off delinquent water accounts throughout the month. **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, they ran a new service, going to cut off an old service (customer building a garage would have been over gas service), they had gas training in Sullivan on meter installation and regulators, they will have training in December on pipeline installation in Sullivan for all, they had ICC Seminar in Effingham, Mike Bennett will have training in Mt. Vernon on new gas rule of methane capturing, they continue to shut off delinquent gas accounts throughout the month and report that higher gas prices are to be expected due to forecasted increases. **In Other Business** they mowed & weed-eated water plant, Cook St. tower, Westville Lane tower & three gas houses, they made updates to billing system to sync with new meter installations and meter software. Systems will continue to synchronize until all meters are replaced. The new meter system provides near real-time readings.

. **In Village Business** they cut/pick up limbs Jules, McKinley, Washington, Cook, trim alleys for golf cart parade, dirt work along South St., sidewalk cleaning along S. West St., repairs to step on slide. Step bent and missing bolt, placed pea gravel in park, various playground areas, adjust lighting basketball court in the park, mulching leaves in park, especially around fences, cleaned park and village hall camera lenses, trash clean-up in/around park, Moses & Rt. 1, put bleachers away for winter on slab by basketball court, poured concrete by sewage treatment plant, trash cans relocated to center of park, remove old signpost Bowman & Short St., fixed landscape bricks and rake leaves City Hall, cleaned gutters, catch basins & drains R1 & Connecticut, painted curbs, barricades to St. Mary's for cruise-in, speed sign installed south side W. Main and mowed S. Ranch

J.U.L.I.E. Calls 33, Gas & Water Work orders 7, Water Work Orders 26, Odor Calls 1, Gas Work Orders 8, CO Calls 0, Public Works 22

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

Varvel explained the GoGov app service. Mayor Weese entertained a motion to try the GoGov app service. Motion by Sandlin; second by McFadden. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Insurance: Chairman McFadden said Travis Mains said we will have no increase with the insurance we already have with Health Alliance. We will keep the current plan.

Discussion on body cameras for the Police: Car cameras are also extremely expensive. This is on-site vs. cloud storage so there are not continual fees. There is an annual license fee \$585.00 for three cameras

(covers updates to software). We have had these cameras before, and it is good equipment. They would like to start it now to spread the cost out over 3 years. This is for three right now. Adding additional cameras will be about \$2,000.00 per camera. Officers must wear the camera anytime they are responding or investigating. When there is more than one officer on duty, you need a camera for each, which is why they'll eventually have six. Installation for car cameras will probably run \$500.00. This is currently reimbursable by the state for cameras for up to \$985.00 through ticket fees. This biggest chunk is the storage (around \$6,000.00) and the state won't pay for it.

Mayor Weese entertained a motion to buy the three cameras. Motion by Ellis; second by McFadden. Motion carried.

Mayor Weese entertained a motion to release the closed session minutes listed under 16A, B, and C. Motion by Ellis; second by Sandlin. No further discussion. Motion carried.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Weese entertained a motion to adjourn at 8:15p.m. Motion by Sandlin; second by Gallion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.