

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS Travis Mains presented current insurance premiums quote for employees. We have great rates by staying with the status we have held for years. The board needs to decide and vote on 60 vs 90-day waiting period for new hires, dual coverage and whether to recognize Common Law or Same Sex marriage and dependents. This will be on the January agenda. Larson always figures in a 10% increase just in case. Donna Haluska asked about the Business District 1% tax. Weese said that it began July first, and we started collecting in October. She asked if we have a warming center. There is not one currently. They'll look into implementing one.

MINUTES Mayor Weese entertained a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from 11-16-22 and the Police Committee meeting minutes from 12-07-22 and place on file. Motion by Gallion; second by McFadden. No discussion. Motion carried.

CLAIMS Village Clerk Slavik said the \$95.00 listed under USDI may be re-credited back; Bennett is contacting them, as he does not feel we should be charged this fee. Christmas Done Bright ends up being paid to Darren VanDuyn to reimburse him, as he paid with his own funds. The board has amended copies re-listing Christmas Done Bright under VanDuyn. Mayor Weese entertained a motion to approve the Claims as corrected and place the report on file. Motion by Sandlin; 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 Delhaye; second by McFadden. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT Treasurer Larson's report was for November 2022. He said the revenues look good for the 7th month of the year and it looks like we will exceed revenues for the year. Expenses to look at: tree trimming and a couple others spent a little more than budgeted so will need to move those expenses to another area or make a line-item transfer. Mayor Weese entertained a motion to approve the Treasurers Report and place on file. Motion by McFadden; second by Gallion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS Village Clerk Slavik shared the information regarding the Warm Socks drive from Senator Bennett's office and left copies on the back table. Socks will be picked up here Tuesday December 27th at 10:00a.m. There is also a list of people who have made themselves available for snow removal and a list with names and phone numbers is also available on the back table. Gas/Water Utility Clerk Burks said that Invoice Cloud donated to a charity for mental health in the Village's honor rather than gifting to their employees.

POLICE REPORT Chairman Ellis highlighted items on the report. Chief Booe's report was for November 11, 2022 through December 15, 2022. There were 60 Reports and 401 Calls for the reporting period. Mayor Weese entertained a motion to accept the Police Report and place it on file. Motion by Hughes; second by Sandlin. No further discussion. Motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS Park: Chairman Gallion had nothing to report as the park is closed. Chairman Delhaye highlighted items from the Public Works Director's report and added the following: For Streets/Alleys and said they are preparing for inclement weather and have the new plow mounted. The Moses Ave. fence is repaired. He said they reached out to Bob Brown Construction to request a bid to complete the remaining work on the drainage ditch by Trinity Church and probably won't see that until the spring. They are still looking for two new trucks. In Gas and Water under Gas he highlighted items on the report. Under Water Delhaye added that we requested \$91,800.00 for 300 new meters to be funded from the ARPA funds. 137 of 300 are installed. Jake and Jonah have IRWA training (it is a 2-year program) and the training that Bennett gives them counts. Delhaye said the engineers are still working on the grant for E. Main and Shaw St. projects. He also said the telemetry system flow meter that was damaged in a lightning strike is installed. Bldgs./Grounds & Comm. Beautification Chairwoman Hughes reported that 1508 Franklin has been torn down and cleaned up nicely. The attorney discussed with the board the purpose versus speculation on acquiring properties and the purpose of the Land Bank. Barney suggests in the future to take title first and then put restrictions on the deed and/or also re-zone before anything is built on a lot or before it is sold. Acquisition of 1508 Franklin will be discussed in Closed Session at the next meeting. He will talk to the Land Bank in the meantime about the Village's options.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT BY MICHAEL BENNETT November 11 to December 21, 2022

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, shut off delinquent accounts, waiting on Village Engineer to acquire permit from Springfield EPA to redo chlorination system with hypochlorite, Hawkins will do the work, had a water break at the corner of Jefferson & E. Williams St. on a 6-inch water main, Nov 14th Tyson from Master Meter review current reading process with office ladies, Nov 29th & 30th Tyson from Master Meter came for training on new meter reading system, Nov 21st the fence repair was completed, Nov 22nd Jeff Tumiaty was here for water training with Jake & Jonah, Nov 22nd met with Gary from Donahue at the Pump Station, **In the Gas Department:** Changed meters, worked on repairs, changed daily high/low charts, checked odorizer daily, patrolled gas system, took odorant readings, shut off delinquent accounts, Dec 6th GUA committee meeting on Olney, had a customer conference meeting in Olney on GIF updates, operation maintenance, emergency procedures, manual updates, public awareness, share file, improvements, and remote monitoring systems, cut off a gas service at 115 Nichols St, no longer needed, Dec 7th Mike & Brandon went to OQ workshop Dec 8th Jake & Jonah went to OQ workshop, Dec 8th MPUA B.O.D. meeting, Dec 13th Mike & Michelle went to USDI Conference in Olney. **In Village Business:** Cleaned catch basins, cut limb from 623 S. State, cleaned Market St storm drain. **In Other Business:** Will continue to shut off delinquent accounts. There were 25 JULIE CALLS, 19 Gas & Water Work orders, 32 Water Work Orders, 22 Gas Work Orders, 11 Public Works Work Orders, no CO Calls, 1 Odor Call.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS Will publish when we get the verbiage from the attorney for the public hearing.

NEW BUSINESS Mayor Weese entertained a motion to hire Andrew Nickle, who worked for us before, as a full-time officer. Motion by Hughes; second by Sandlin. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Chris Atwood is asking for a setback variance on the north side of his property, to keep his new 40-80 office structure in line with current utilities and the state driveway entrance. Zoning standards call for it to be 20ft from the north property line; he wants it to be a 10-foot setback. Jeff Slavik, Zoning Administrator had talked to the neighbor to the north and the neighbor is OK with it being a 10-foot setback but is not OK with an 8-foot setback. Board discusses and Mayor Weese entertains a motion to allow a variance from the 20-foot setback required by ordinance to 10 feet. Motion by Ellis; second by Gallion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

City Liquor dba The Blue Store was going to purchase one of the available Class B licenses but would like to have a Class A liquor license instead so that they can serve and sell package liquor in the new store that they will be building the middle of the old CVS building. They cannot get a walk-in freezer because of supply chain issues. One Class A would need to be added to the ordinance. Mayor Weese entertained a motion to allow for one additional Class A liquor license. Motion by Ellis; second by Sandlin. Motion carried. The rep for the store then added that they are going to add an entrance door for that middle area of the building for their business and would have video gaming machines, as well. Ellis suggested he check with the state on "stacking" (proximity) so close to another with video gaming and that would be between them and the state.

Resolution #22-04 sets the holidays for 2023. Mayor Weese entertained a motion to adopt the resolution and a motion was made by Ellis and seconded by McFadden. No further discussion. Motion carried.

The police department sought board approval to order a hybrid squad car to replace the 2014 squad. There is interest in our old squad car from another small department. We wouldn't get the new car until April or May if we order it now. There is enough in Police equipment fund; it should be around \$48,000.00 and then the equipment would run around \$10,000.00. Mayor Weese entertained a motion to allow the purchase. Motion by Ellis; second by Gallion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

McFadden said we need an application process and approval process since money is coming in now and people may start asking to use it. Ellis feels it is easier for the full board to hear a presentation rather than committee meetings. The board would like the application form added to the Village website and "Business District" added to the agenda each month.

ADJOURNMENT

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