

**Village of Westville
Special Meeting
April 7, 2022 6pm**

Mayor Weese called the meeting to order at 6pm. Present were Trustees Sandlin, Hughes, Delhaye, Ellis, McFadden and Gallion, as well as Treasurer Larson and Village Clerk Slavik. Motion by Hughes and second by Sandlin to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Darren VanDuyn, and Andy Dugas from Westville Lions Club were invited and present. Tony VanCamp and Jeremy Lutchka from the Westville Rec League were present to represent that group.

Gallion will re-seed this year over by where the food concessions were last year. VanDuyn said they have a tentative plan on where to place the Labor Day band stage and vehicles, and they can stay off the football field and will move the stage with a dual-wheel pickup truck. If they put the back of the stage at the east end of the park, the semis and trucks could park on Weese Parkway. The only thing that would be in the park is the stage. Another idea is to put it on Youhas Field with the back facing south. Andy said the bartenders could keep the bottle tops and just hand out bottles. Lions will clean up afterwards, so the field is ready Sunday. VanDuyn said the football field could be painted Saturday. Hughes asked about the beer trailers; VanDuyn said they could stage supplies elsewhere and golf-cart it in; there will be 3-4 tables/tents for beer sales on the grounds. Gallion asked about the tour bus and truck needing to be so close to the stage; Dugas said it is in the contract. There was further discussion on where things could be staged. The music vendor will block off an area. Gallion asked about them having it at the junior high because they will be tearing that unused baseball field out. It is fenced and they can put it by where they play soccer. Having alcohol at the school could be a problem. The stage could go inside the fence, facing north, on the south side. IF it rains the day before there'd need to be a plan B. There was concern about the expected 1,200 people walking all over the football field in the park. The stage is 40x80 and the tent is 40x100. VanDuyn said the carnival will start moving in on Monday before Labor Day. VanDuyn said it is the same carnival that was at the Georgetown Fair. They might talk to John Burke about practicing football there on his property at the west end of the park by Rt. 1. VanDuyn will bring the vendor management contact person in again to walk the park and figure out state/vehicles placement and come up with a plan B for rain. Some board members will join. They'll try to have maps for designated parking.

Budget: Mayor Weese confirmed that \$15.00 per hour for new hires was agreeable. Weese said we had 7 applications for the opening in Public Works; Delhaye, Weese, and Bennett interviewed 5. Most were not that great. Weese said one currently makes \$21.00 per hour and probably would not come here for \$15.00. One plans to move to Georgia. Jonah Troglia would come for \$15.00 per hour since he only makes \$12.00 per hour currently. Fred Burks was the

other candidate and was the strongest. Weese had stepped out during Burks' interview. Weese said Jonah has done a tremendous job. Fred has an extensive background in heavy equipment, electricity; is willing to train and has 10 years to work still. He would bring maturity to the job and would learn from Mike Bennett; and is also be interested in Bennett's job if Bennett retires in a year or so. At that time, they would look into who Michelle Burks reports to, since Fred could not be her supervisor. The other guys in Gas and Water are not interested in Mike's position. Gallion asked how they would designate what auto work Burks does for the Village and what he does through his shop. McFadden asks if it is right to have someone repair vehicles here who then gets paid after hours to work on our vehicles. Mayor Weese said that we will hire a full-time person at \$15.00 per hour and it will be on the next agenda and then talk about the other position at a later date.

Discussion on adding \$600.00 per year to the Village Clerk's salary to match what the Treasurer has received for meeting pay since 2019. The Clerk explained that the Treasurer and Clerk were given \$25.00 per meeting years ago, for two meetings per month in lieu of a raise (\$600.00 a year). When the board dropped to one meeting per month, there was potentially a \$300.00 per year loss in the salaries for that raise that was given. She made less than \$600.00 last year for meetings and attended more meetings than the Treasurer did. The Clerk said that the Deputy Clerk works one, and maybe two meetings per year and would still receive \$25.00 per meeting. Mayor Weese polled the board and consensus is to add \$600.00 to the Village Clerk salary instead of paying \$25.00 per meeting. The Treasurer said he will adjust the line item for meetings from \$628.00 to \$828.00.

Trustee McFadden asked about the Business District having a line item in the budget; to keep it separate from "miscellaneous receipts", Treasurer Larson will add a line item for that with a \$0 starting amount.

Mayor Weese entertained a motion to approve the adjusted budget (reference Ord. #22-1501). Motion by Sandlin; second by Ellis. Motion carried. The adjusted budget will be posted for 30 days before voted in as permanent.

Mayor Weese entertained a motion to adjourn at 7:19p.m. Motion by Sandlin; second by Hughes. Motion carried.