

**REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 12, 2022
MINUTES
6:00pm**

CALL TO ORDER

- 1) The Regular Board Meeting on December 12, 2022 was called to order by President Steve Buss at 6:00pm.

Board present: Steve Buss, Claudia Simpson, Christin Keeffer, Les Nielsen, Brian Peight, Chelsea White, Cathy Stevens and Nicole Callos. Not present: Brandon Smith. Also Present: Brian Nott, Tom Green, Rick Heinrich, Louise Workinger, Bob Peters, Christy Peters.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- 2) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 14, 2022**
On a motion by Keeffer second by Peight to approve the minutes from the November 14, 2022 Board Meeting. ALL AYE.
- 3) **APPROVAL OF BILLS PAYABLE REPORT**
On a motion by Stevens second by Nielsen to approve Bills Payable Report in the amount of \$83,151.55 ALL AYE.
- 4) **TREASURER'S REPORT ACCEPTANCE**
Callos presented the Treasurer's report for the month of November. On a motion by Stevens second by White to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. ALL AYE.
- 5) **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – Bob Peters presented his proposal to open a pub and gaming establishment at 217 E Railroad street. He asked the Board to consider this proposal based off his vision to have a quiet gaming lounge that offers privacy and meets the gaming needs of the Village residents. Peters said there would be no feather flags or flashing lights to advertise his establishment. The Pub would be ADA compliant and the plumbing has been inspected. It was confirmed with the attorney that all new businesses need to fill out an application/back ground check, have Board approval, and have a passed resolution to be established. The Board will be revising liquor licenses.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION, ATTORNEY'S REPORT, HEALTH & ENVIRONMENT, PUBLIC SAFETY, TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS - NO REPORT

- (A) **VILLAGE ENGINEER**
Nott reported the following: Martin is continuing flood damage repairs. Potential ITEP Grant approval will be in March. Street evaluations have began.
- (A) **WATER & SEWER**
Buss reported they are waiting on parts for two pumps that are out for repair.
- (A) **ZONING & PLANNING**
It was noted that commercially zoned properties should have some type of buffer if surrounded by residential.

NEW BUSINESS

- 6) **APPROVAL OF TAX LEVY ORDINANCE #22-430**
On a motion by White second by Keeffer to approve Tax Levy Ordinance #22-430. ALL AYE
- 7) **APPROVAL OF PTELL RESOLUTION #22-324**
On a motion by White second by Peight to approve Resolution #22-324. ALL AYE
- 8) **DISCUSS/APPROVE OF FEHR-GRAHAM ENGINEERING SERVICES PROPOSAL**
Nott explained this approval allows the engineer to get the costs to the Village Board. On a motion by Keeffer second by White to approve Fehr-Graham Engineering Services Proposal. ALL AYE.
- 9) **APPROVAL OF THE ROAD AND STREET EVALUATION RESOLUTION #22-325**
On a motion by Stevens second by Nielsen to approve the Road and Street Evaluation Resolution #22-325. ALL AYE
- 10) **APPROVAL OF MULTHAZARD MITIGATION PLAN RESOLUTION #22-326**
On a motion by White second by Keeffer to approve the Multihazard Mitigation Plan Resolution #22-326. ALL AYE

- 11) **APPROVAL OF HOLIDAY LENA MONEY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2093.25**
On a motion by Stevens second by Nielsen to approve Holiday Lena Money payment in the amount of \$2093.25.
ALL AYE
- 12) **APPROVAL OF HIRING COORDINATOR POSITION FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT**
On a motion by Stevens second by Peight to approve giving the Mayor the authority to hire a coordinator position for the Police Department. ALL AYE
- 13) **APPROVAL OF TRANSFER OF \$10K COMED GREEN SPACE GRANT TO NW IL AERIAL COMBAT MEMORIAL**
On a motion by Stevens second by Keeffer to approve the transfer of \$10,000 ComEd Green Space Grant to NW IL Aerial Combat Memorial. ALL AYE.
- 14) **DISCUSS/APPROVE AMENDING SECTION 9:9 REGARDING FARM FOWL**
Green explained how he revised the ordinance sections that were not clear. The Board is still looking into a separate ordinance for allowing chickens if interest continues. On a motion by Stevens second by Nielsen to approve amending section 9:9 to not allow farm fowl in the Village. ALL AYE
- 15) **DISCUSS/APPROVE ESTABLISHING TRUCK ROUTES**
Green presented an ordinance that would require only a resolution in the future to specify weight limits on Village roads. On a motion by Keeffer second by Stevens to approve Ordinance #22-432. On a motion by Stevens second by Peight to amend Ordinance #22-432 changing allowed weights from 8,000 pounds to 26,000 pounds and section K to add the verbiage of Virginia Ave, also known as Dodds Dr. ALL AYE.
- 16) **DISCUSS BUILDING CODES**
The Board addressed the fact that there is no county building inspector for Stephenson County. Village building permits are based off property lines and zones, but do not take note of structural integrity. The Board will be checking with Freeport on their codes and inspectors to see if an inspector can be hired. Green offered information on private companies that work with municipalities to do inspections. Stevens offered the idea to go in on hiring a building inspector with the surrounding municipalities. The Board agreed a professional will need to come in for liability reasons.
- 17) **DISCUSS TREE BIDS**
On a motion by Keeffer second by White to approve Sisson's Tree Service Bid for \$5250. ALL AYE

WELFARE OF THE VILLAGE

Buss stated there will be no committee of the whole meeting in December.

ADJOURNMENT

- 18) On a motion by White second by Stevens to adjourn the December 12, 2022 Regular Board Meeting at 7:10pm.
ALL AYE.

**CLAUDIA SIMPSON
VILLAGE CLERK**

**STEVE BUSS
VILLAGE PRESIDENT**