

**REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 13, 2023
MINUTES
6:00pm**

CALL TO ORDER

- 1) The Regular Board Meeting on February 13, 2023 was called to order by President Steve Buss at 6:00pm.

Board present: Steve Buss, Claudia Simpson, Les Nielsen, Brian Peight, Chelsea White (6:04), Cathy Stevens and Nicole Callos. Not present: Christin Keeffer. Also Present: Brian Nott, Faye Heilman, Tom Green, Bob Peters, Christy Peters, Nick Bergman, Louise Workinger, Kory Polhill.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- 2) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 9, 2023**

On a motion by Peight second by Smith to approve the minutes from the January 9, 2023 Board Meeting. ALL AYE.

- 3) **APPROVAL OF BILLS PAYABLE REPORT**

On a motion by Stevens second by Smith to approve Bills Payable Report in the amount of \$162,330. ALL AYE.

- 4) **TREASURER'S REPORT ACCEPTANCE**

Callos presented the Treasurer's report for the month of January. On a motion by Nielsen second by Peight to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. ALL AYE.

- 5) **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

A) Scott Dean with JC Wifi requested the Board approve his request to attach a 10' by 3' antennae to the water tower to allow for JC Wifi to service more homes with internet, including the Lena Park District. The antennae would be attached at four points onto the water tower. The Board will be working with Kory Polhill to make a decision on this and will be brought up at a future meeting.

B) Nick Bergman asked the Board for more transparency and clarity and wants a way to see where money goes. Buss explained that audits are done to ensure validity of money spent. The bills payable and treasurers reports are given at every regular Board meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

VILLAGE ATTORNEY, HEALTH & ENVIRONMENT, PUBLIC SAFETY, TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, ZONING & PLANNING- NO REPORT

- (A) **FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION**

Stevens reported the following: She is working on budget items to get back to Callos. 2) Newsletters will be going out April 1st with an approval in March.

- (A) **VILLAGE ENGINEER**

Nott reported the following: 1) The drainage study has identified possible solutions and will be addressing those with the Board. Lining of the sewer services is an option; this would assist in structural integrity. Smith addressed that resident service lines are potentially not up to par in some areas, and replacement rather than lining would be appropriate. The Village is looking into a loan they can apply for to cover this. 2) Nott hopes to have the cost reports done for the street and road evaluations by the February Committee of the Whole Meeting.

- (A) **WATER & SEWER**

Smith was hoping to have quotes done on subbing out having the slopes mowed around the water treatment plant, rather than replace the track mower. It is currently mowed regularly, 2+ times a month. Nott gave the option of a rock barrier rather than mow at all. Smith will be checking into the rock barrier.

NEW BUSINESS

- 6) **DISCUSS BUDGET**

This will be further discussed at the Committee of the Whole Meeting.

- 7) **DISCUSS/APPROVE SALES TAX RESOLUTION #23-328**

On a motion by Smith second by Stevens to approve Resolution #23-328 to be effective July 1, 2023. ALL AYE

- 8) **DISCUSS/APPROVE REGULATION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ORDINANCE #23-431 TO REPLACE CURRENT ORDINANCE**
Green explained that this new ordinance is a cleaned up version of the existing. On a motion by Smith second by Stevens to approve Ordinance # 23-431. ALL AYE.
- 9) **DISCUSS/APPROVE OUTDOOR SEATING ORDINANCE #23-432**
Smith explained the request of businesses to have outdoor seating. There is a legal component to this between entities who serve alcohol and those who don't. This is to ensure that people stay within the confinement of the business with alcoholic beverages to be regulated. On a motion by Smith second by Peight to approve the outdoor seating ordinance #23-432. ALL AYE
- 10) **APPROVE POLICE CHIEF HIRE**
On a motion by Peight second by Smith to approve Wayne Gift as police chief effective March 1, 2023. The Village is in need of an additional officer since the full time officers spend a portion of their shift at the school. There are currently four full time officers and 5-6 part time officers at any given time. ALL AYE
- 11) **DISCUSS/APPROVE FULL-TIME POLICE OFFICER**
Buss explained that Wayne Gift came back as Coordinator at first and is now back as full time Chief. On a motion by Peight second by White to approve Mark Puckett for a full time officer position effective March 1, 2023. ALL AYE
- 12) **DISCUSS/APPROVE ON-CALL HOURS FOR POLICE OFFICERS**
No action taken. This will be discussed at the Committee of the Whole after speaking with Chief Wayne Gift. Documentation is needed for the Police Union.
- 13) **DISCUSS MOWING AROUND WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT**
This was discussed under committee reports.
- 14) **DISCUSS BUILDING CODES AND INSPECTORS**
Green is going to let us know what he finds out about how other municipalities handle building codes. White expressed that other towns are interested in going in together on a building inspector.
- 15) **DISCUSS SUMP PUMP ON VIRGINIA AVE**
Kory Polhill with the Water Department has gone out and taken pictures of this and has orchestrated a solution. The Ordinance will be updated to prevent this in the future.

WELFARE OF THE VILLAGE

ADJOURNMENT

- 16) On a motion by Smith second by Peight to adjourn the February 13, 2023 Regular Board Meeting at 7:00pm. ALL AYE.

**CLAUDIA SIMPSON
VILLAGE CLERK**

**STEVE BUSS
VILLAGE PRESIDENT**