

**Committee of the Whole
January 23, 2023
MINUTES
6:00pm**

Board present: Steve Buss, Claudia Simpson, Christin Keeffer, Brian Peight, Les Nielsen, Chelsea White, Brandon Smith, Cathy Stevens, Nicole Callos.

Also present: Brian Nott, Wayne Gift, Louise Workinger, Bob & Kristy Peters, Don Rudisill,

Call to Order

1) The Committee of the Whole meeting of January 23, 2023 was called to order by President Buss at 6:00pm.

Approval of Minutes – November 28, 2022

2) On a motion by Peight second by Keeffer to approve the meeting minutes from November 28, 2022. ALL AYE.

Approval of Bills Payable

3) There were no bills payable for approval at this time.

Public Participation

4) Don Rudisill expressed concern over snow removal techniques. Buss stated that he and another board member would address this and had conversed with the homeowner about a solution before.

Discuss Budget

5) Callos stated the budget lines for each department need to be in by the February Committee of the Whole meeting.

Discuss Chicken Ordinance

6) Peight did further research and discussed with residents in surrounding towns that allow for chickens within their limits. Other municipalities have a limit to the number of chickens allowed and no roosters. The Board stated that there were complaints already within the Village from residents who did not appreciate chickens in town. The issue is people not taking care of their animals, but the point was made that this is the same with any pet kept in town. Animal Control will not come out for chickens, and it was addressed that the Village would then be responsible for policing this. There has been interest from residents in allowing chickens. The Board will be visiting this again.

Discuss Liquor License Classifications

7) Smith went through all the liquor classifications that are to be updated and approved at the February Board Meeting.

Discuss Sump Pump Issue on Virginia Ave

8) Nott stated Fehr-Graham has assisted other communities in the handling of excess water. Nott is getting together an example for the Village to review.

Discuss Butternut Road

9) Peight stated that the condition of Butternut Road is poor. There has been cold patching done. The street evaluations to rate each individual street condition have been approved and repairs will commence in the spring. 2) The entire town has been converted to LED lighting.

Discuss Building Codes and Building Inspectors

10) White said Stockton and Warren do not have a building inspector. Stockton was very interested in sharing a building inspector. White is waiting for callbacks and is gathering more information on 'fast track' for allowing tear downs of condemned homes as well.

Discuss/Approve Sergeant and New Hire Letter of Understanding

11) The Board only needed a signature on the letter of understanding.

Executive Session

***Pursuant to the exception set forth in Section 2 (c) (1) of the Illinois Open Meeting Act concerning personnel.**

On a motion by Smith second by Keeffer to move to executive session at 7:00pm. On a motion by Smith second by Nielsen to end executive session at 7:10pm. No action was taken during executive session.

Adjournment

12) On a motion by Keeffer second by Smith to adjourn the January 23, 2023 Committee of the Whole Meeting at 7:15pm. ALL AYE.

Submitted by Claudia Simpson, Village Clerk