

Committee of the Whole
June 26, 2023
MINUTES
6:00pm

Board present: Steve Buss, Claudia Simpson, Brian Peight, Les Nielsen, Brandon Smith, Cathy Stevens, Nicole Callos. Not present: Christin Keeffer, Dean Rood. Also present: Brian Nott, Kory Polhill, Louise Workinger

Call to Order

1) The Committee of the Whole meeting of June 26, 2023 was called to order by President Buss at 6:00pm.

Approval of Minutes – May 22, 2023

2) On a motion by Peight second by Nielsen to approve the meeting minutes from May 22, 2023. ALL AYE.

Approval of Bills Payable

3) There were no bills payable at this time. Buss did want to note that there were 2 checks issued; one for police reimbursement for fuel and one for a stop-pay check.

Public Participation

4) It was brought to the Board's attention that business owners downtown were having problems with residential parking in front of businesses during open hours. This is also an issue with plowing in the winter. Buss brought will be discussing this with the rental property owners.

Discuss Appropriations Ordinance

5) Callos wanted to be sure there were no changes to the appropriations ordinance Rick Heinrich had drafted to be filed with the State. She asked that the Board have any revisions to her this week.

Discuss Employee Health Insurance Contributions

6) Keeffer could not be at the meeting but she put together a spread sheet for review. The Village is currently paying employee health insurance 100% and pays 60/40 for employee spouse/family insurance. Peight stated that insurance can be put to bid and does not have to go through the state. Open enrollment was in May. The Village is looking to continue paying 100% of the employee insurance premium along with 60/40 of the employee spouse and family rate.

Discuss Sidewalk/Curb and Gutter Replacement Program

7) Buss stated that some residents inquired about a curb replacement program. If someone wants to pay for a curb that the Village does not deem repairable at this time, and wants to pay for a portion, the Village is interested in having a curb and gutter program similar to the sidewalk program already in place. Nott is checking on how other communities do this. For a resident that lives on a State Highway or County road, they would need approval from County or State along with the Village. It was mentioned to establish who is responsible if damages came to curb after resident pays for portion of replacements.

Discuss Work in the Right of Way Permit

8) Callos presented a draft permit for individuals to apply to do work in the right of way of Lena and listed surrounding municipalities permit fees, ranging from \$25 to \$2000; Permits are to be less than \$50. Nott explained that the permit from State or County must be approved before the Village could approve. Things to consider: Depth allowed for buried utilities and range allowed to work in (how many blocks) The Board discussed the draft permit and Callos and Nott will be making the revisions to ready for a final copy. No vote is required for this to be implemented.

Adjournment

9) On a motion by Smith second by Stevens to adjourn the June 26, 2023 Committee of the Whole Meeting at 7:00pm. ALL AYE

Submitted by Claudia Simpson, Village Clerk