

**REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 8, 2024
MINUTES
6:00pm**

CALL TO ORDER

- 1) The Regular Board Meeting on January 8, 2024 was called to order by President Steve Buss at 6:00pm.

Board present: Steve Buss, Claudia Simpson, Christin Keeffer, Brian Peight, Brooke Baldauf, Brandon Smith, Dean Rood, Cathy Stevens and Nicole Callos. Also Present: Brian Nott, Attorney Tom Green, Kory Polhill, Wayne Gift, Lindsay Buss, Louise Workinger,

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- 2) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 11, 2023**

On a motion by Peight second by Stevens to approve the minutes from the December 11, 2023 Board Meeting. ALL AYE.

- 3) **APPROVAL OF PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES – December 11, 2023**

On a motion by Keeffer second by Peight to approve the public hearing minutes from December 11, 2023. ALL AYE.

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

On a motion by Stevens second by Baldauf to approve the Bills Payable Report as presented. ALL AYE.

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

Callos presented the Treasurer's report for the month of December. On a motion by Stevens second by Keeffer to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. ALL AYE

- 6) **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There was no public participation at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ATTORNEY, HEALTH & ENVIRONMENT, PUBLIC SAFETY, TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, WATER & SEWER, ZONING & PLANNING – NO REPORT

- (A) **FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION**

Stevens reported that it is coming to the end of the fiscal year, April 30, and budget discussion will begin at the next committee of the whole meeting. 2. Stevens stated that Marty Haas with the cemetery board left a break down of the Lena Burial building project that was done including before and after photos.

- (A) **VILLAGE ENGINEER**

Nott reported the Dayton Street tree removal will begin this Friday the 12th. 2. Milfred and Railroad street water and road plans will be sent to IDOT and IEPA for review this week. 3. Map updates are to be finished after annexations take place. 4. The funding nomination forms for storm water projects for the Lena Drive Inn and drainage treatment plant are to be in next month. Smith inquired about sewer relining, Nott explained this will be a separate loan and is estimated for March 2024.

NEW BUSINESS

- 7) **DISCUSS/APPROVE ENGINEERING AGREEMENT FOR 2024 STREET PATCHING IMPROVEMENTS**

Nott stated they are looking to do a continuation of last year's street patching. Nott stated engineering fees are 4%, and construction observation fees are estimated at 3.5%, using 150K from MFT and additional 30K from storm sewer funding. On a motion by Stevens second by Peight to approve the 2024 Street patching improvement engineering agreement. ALL AYE.

- 8) **DISCUSS FARMERS MARKET**

Buss explained this used to be done through the extension office on Wednesday Nights with the LBPA. There is interest in starting one again.

- 9) **DISCUSS/APPROVE INSURANCE COVERAGE RESOLUTION #24-100**
Keeffer explained this resolution is to cover insurance while employee Officer Mauer is on short term disability and is only for this specific case and is amendable for future circumstances. On a motion by Keeffer second by Smith to approve resolution #24-100. ALL AYE.
- 10) **DISCUSS/APPROVE POLICE DEPARTMENT NEW HIRE**
On a motion by Rood second by Peight to approve Ricardo Hernandez as Village Police Officer. ALL AYE.
- 11) **DISCUSS/APPROVE ON CALL HOURS**
This is to be discussed at the Committee of the Whole.
- 12) **DISCUSS/APPROVE VEHMEIER ANNEXATION 9432 W WAGNER RD ORDINANCE #24-001**
Attorney Green stated the Village has the right to do traffic control. Aaron Township has always plowed Wagner Rd. Buss stated that the Village plans to keep up on maintenance and will post weight limits as necessary. On a motion by Smith second by Keeffer to approve the Vehmeier Annexation 9432 W Wagner Rd Ordinance #24-001. ALL AYE.
- 13) **DISCUSS/APPROVE VEHMEIER W WAGNER RD ANNEXATION ZONING ORDINANCE #24-002**
The ZBA has approved this for commercial zoning. On a motion by Stevens second by Smith to approve Vehmeier W Wagner Rd Annexation Zoning Ordinance #24-002. ALL AYE.
- 14) **DISCUSS VEHMEIER W WAGNER RD PLAT**
This is to be reviewed within the next 30 days.

WELFARE OF THE VILLAGE

ADJOURNMENT

- 15) On a motion by Keeffer second by Smith to adjourn the January 8, 2024 Regular Board Meeting at 6:43pm. ALL AYE.

**CLAUDIA SIMPSON
VILLAGE CLERK**

**STEVE BUSS
VILLAGE PRESIDENT**