

Committee of the Whole
May 28, 2024
MINUTES
6:00pm

Board present: Steve Buss, Claudia Simpson, Brian Peight, Brooke Baldauf, Dean Rood, Brandon Smith, Cathy Stevens (6:04) Nicole Callos. Not present: Christin Keeffer. Also present: Kory Polhill, Wayne Gift, Dennis Bergman, Lindsay Buss, Nick Bergman

Call to Order

1) The Committee of the Whole meeting of Tuesday, May 28, 2024 was called to order by President Buss at 6:00pm.

Approval of Minutes – April 22, 2024

2) On a motion by Peight second by Baldauf to approve the meeting minutes from April 22, 2024. ALL AYE.

Approval of Bills Payable

3) No bills payable at this time.

Public Participation

4) Denny Bergman from LASER requested the use of Main Street on June 22nd 7-4:30pm for their event, The Taste of Lena. Friday night was also requested at 6pm for set up. LASER will be notifying businesses of street closures by hand delivering letters.

Discuss Grant Application Policy

5) Stevens made adjustments to the current grant application. The following discussion took place: The cap of grant money to be approved by the Village is \$5,000 per fiscal year. It was agreed to remove the requirement to provide written report for the event to take place and remove the limit of one request per year, per Board approval. Lena Lions has the Fall Festival and the Fall Festival Parade that they request grants for as separate events. Grant approval is to take place every May.

Discuss Oak/Mason Triangle

6) Buss stated that water was hooked up last week, electric scheduled for next week, and that the base has been completed at Triangle Park. Lena Lions is donating trees. The Village paid for water and electric; no part was from residential taxes. All is funded by Lena residents and organizations. Buss stated how Lena is very fortunate to have community members that want to restore its history.

Discuss Blighted Homes

7) Buss stated that he will be attending a meeting to see about combining median household incomes of other municipalities to apply for grants. Andrea from the Greater Freeport Partnership is assisting.

Discuss Part Time Police Roster

8) No discussion was held on this at this time.

Discuss Purchase of Utility Vehicle for the Streets Department

9) Peight stated he has a base price quote from Kubota for \$20,659 for a UTV for the streets department. The max speed is around 25mph and would be used \$40,000 was budgeted to include a trailer and utility vehicle. Smith stated well 2 was removed for maintenance; cost is approximately 80K. Polhill stated maintenance is set for each well every 10 years.

Discuss Zoning Updates

10) Rood said he is assessing where to place a definition section within the ordinance book for building codes and definitions.

Welfare of the Village

Buss stated the Lena Lions is hosting an open house June 12th from 5-8pm at the Community Center for the whole community. A plaque will be presented by the Village for the Lena Lions Club 75 year anniversary.

Adjournment

11) On a motion by Smith second by Rood to adjourn the May 28, 2024 Meeting at 6:22pm. ALL AYE.

Submitted by Claudia Simpson, Village Clerk