

Committee of the Whole
July 22, 2024
MINUTES
6:00pm

Board present: Steve Buss, Claudia Simpson, Brian Peight, Brooke Baldauf, Dean Rood, Brandon Smith, Nicole Callos. Not present: Cathy Stevens, Christin Keeffer. Also present: Wayne Gift, Brandt Esling, Lindsay Buss, Ken Thruman, Kory Polhill, Louise Workinger, Derek Thompson, Joanne Snyder

Call to Order

1) The Committee of the Whole meeting of July 22, 2024 was called to order by President Buss at 6:00pm.

Approval of Minutes – June 24, 2024

2) On a motion by Peight second by Smith to approve the meeting minutes from June 24, 2024. ALL AYE.

Public Participation

3) Ken Thruman wanted the Board to take into consideration an ordinance change allowing scooters within Village limits. Bigger cities have made battery powered 15-20mph scooters unlawful this year, and he feels that is not necessary in Lena. He found this would be rewarding to allow kids to learn the rules of the road before age 16, and offered that safety courses may be a good requirement.

Discuss Food Truck Days, Permit and Ordinance

4) Buss stated the permit has been updated; the permit fees are \$25 a day, five days \$100. The ordinance will be drafted following the permit, including a penalty for not having a permit and days allowed to solicit. Buss stated food truck revenue does not stay in the Village currently, but this will be amended. It was offered to have local restaurants present as well as allowing outside food trucks for the events once a month in the municipal lot from 5-8pm. Village insurance will not cover food truck liability and would need to be covered by the organization holding the event. Garbage concerns would need to be addressed as Gills won't take garbage cans that are overflowing. Joanne Snyder was present on behalf of the Farmers Market.

Discuss Cost Estimates for Oak Street Water Main and Street Improvements

5) Derek Thompson stated the following: Oak Street will have a temporary water service above ground on either side of the road. This could be done in 2-4 days rather than taking the whole sidewalk out and taking trees down, all driveways, is less expensive and faster.

Discuss Additional Engineering Services for the Lena Drive Inn

6) This was discussed under 2025 Street Projects.

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7) The following discussion was held: Thompson stated Milfred Street designs are complete and will be bid for 2025. Main Street was an alternate this year, the plans were shortened and the designs are complete. Helm is going to be working on Butternut Drive; an assessment will be done on the side streets that core samples were not taken from yet.

Discuss Criminal Code Ordinances

8) Gift provided a draft for an ordinance that will be up for approval at the August Board Meeting.

Discuss Part Time Police Help

9) Gift stated there are three candidates for part-time help.

Discuss Mowing Oak View Terrace Vacant Lots

10) The lots have been mowed as of today. Gift is reviewing the current ordinance to be sure this is covered. If not, it will be amended.

Discuss Storm Sirens

11) Buss presented estimates for storm siren services. It was discussed whether additional sirens should be installed near Sullivan's and Oak View Terrace to be sure all residents can hear it. Baldauf expressed concern over people knowing what the fire whistle alerts mean. The Siren is ran by the Fire Department and County working together.

****Executive Session ****Pursuant to the exception set forth in section 2 (c) (1) of the Open Meetings Act concerning personnel. On a motion by Smith second by Peight to adjourn to Executive Session at 7pm. No action was taken during Executive Session. On a motion by Peight second by Rood to adjourn the Executive Session and come back to the July Committee of the Whole Meeting at 7:15pm. ALL AYE.

Welfare of the Village

Adjournment

12) On a motion by Peight second by Smith to adjourn the July 22, 2024 Meeting at 7:18pm. ALL AYE.

Submitted by Claudia Simpson, Village Clerk