

**VILLAGE HALL
REMOTE MEETING
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
WEDNESDAY, February 3, 2021
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES #21-03
CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor Richard Schiefer
Clerk Kathy Becker
Chief Gary Kukla

Trustee Tim Elliott
Trustee Jamie Runion
Trustee George Gavlick
Trustee Guideon Richeson
Trustee Derek Ashoff

Absent:

Quorum present
Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND AGENDA

1. Trustee Richeson made a motion to approve the minute's 21-02 for January 20, 2021. Trustee Elliott seconds the motion. Roll call vote, all in favor, motion passed.
2. Trustee Richeson made a motion to approve the agenda 21-03 for February 3, 2021. Trustee Runion seconds. Roll call vote, all in favor, motion passed.

II. COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Clerk Becker swore Dawn Ross in as Trustee.
2. Clerk Becker swore James Craney in as Village Attorney.
3. Mayor Schiefer appointed the revised committee adding Dawn Ross as the chairman of Water & Sewer. Trustee Richeson made a motion to accept the revised committees. Trustee Elliott seconds. Roll call vote, all in favor motion passed.
4. Mayor Schiefer appointed Jamie Runion, Tim Elliott, Guideon Richeson, Marianne Marshall, Ashleigh Johnson, Joe Hrabusicky, Crystal Payne & Mike Nungesser as the 2021 homecoming committee. Trustee Elliott made a motion to accept the appointments. Trustee Runion seconds. Roll call vote, all in favor motion passed.
5. Clerk Becker stated that we receive 2 FOIA's since the last meeting.
 - A. U.S. Insurance for the police department. Chief Kukla stated they requested a list of all calls for Lucky Rooster from 1/01/18 to present.
 - B. Ray Muniz requested a list of all bank accounts that the Village manages from May 1, 2013 to January 26, 2021. Copies of all bank statements for all accounts and the name and titles of all parties authorized to sign checks. Attorney Craney replied requesting additional time.

III. OPEN TO PUBLIC:

IV. TREASURER REPORT:

V. COMMITTEES:

A. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/HEALTH:

1. Trustee Runion reported that the blood drive scheduled for February 10, 2021 is full, but you can put your name on the list in case of any cancellations. She stated that anyone donating will be registered for the chance for give prizes that she was going to purchase from the local businesses, but the business stated that they will donate them.
2. Trustee Runion reported we received the contract from Shotgun Creek band for the homecoming on Saturday night. There is a clause in the contract stating that if the homecoming has to be cancelled there is no fee. Trustee Runion made a motion to approve the contract. Trustee Richeson seconds. Roll call vote, all in favor, motion passed.

B. WATER AND SEWER:

1. Discussion ensued regarding the type of fencing that will be installed around the lift station. Curtis stated that on each side of the lift station 1 resident has a chain link and the other has white plastic.

White plastic fencing will be installed as the installation had been already been approved.

2. Curtis reported that we just had an EPA inspection, and it was all good, but we may need to purchase a generator for the sewer plant.

C. POLICE:

1. Trustee Elliott reported Chief Kukla receive the quote for body cameras for the Officers from Watchguard because we already have the software for the camera in the car. He states the Officer on duty would wear one and the other he thought could be used for the SRO at the school. The quote is for 2 cameras & equipment is \$2400. Trustee Richeson made a motion to approve the purchase of the cameras. Trustee Ashoff seconds. Roll call vote, all in favor, motion passed.
2. Chief Kukla reported since the last minute they 83 calls and issued 12 traffic tickets. Chief also stated that we now have 8 Officers and will have coverage 16 hours a day seven days a week.
3. Trustee Elliott made a motion to approve to hire Leonidas Pararigopoulos as a part time Officer. Trustee Ashoff seconds. Roll call vote, all in favor, motion passed.
4. Mayor Schiefer stated that he received a phone call regarding that the person had met at the Village Hall for the sale of a vehicle and the Chief was professional and he wanted the to thank the Chief for the help.
5. Mayor Schiefer reported that we had applied for the Local Cure Program and was approved and received a reimbursement in the amount of \$44,480.80.
6. Dawn Mersinger addressed the board regarding the St Jacob UCC strawberry festival on 5/16/21, which will be a drive thru. She was requesting approval to have a few stands along Jacob St to try to help with the traffic issues that occurred last year. Dawn will prepare a map for the layout of the route. Chief Kukla stated the police department can help with directing traffic, and told Dawn to give him a call to discuss the matter.

D. ORDINANCE AND FINANCE:

1. Trustee Gavlick reported that a letter was sent to Gateway Business regarding resolving the treasurer issues and we are waiting on a response.

E. PUBLIC GROUNDS & BUILDINGS:

1. Trustee Ashoff reported that he will be meeting with Schneider Painting to get a bid for painting the Activity Center.

F. STREETS AND LANES/MOTOR FUEL TAX:

1. Trustee Richeson reported that he will be meeting with Bob Massa and Curtis next week to discuss 5th & Fern Street repairs, which will be funded through the Rebuild Illinois Grant.
2. Curtis reported that he sent an email to CSX railroad regarding the debris that is piled up at the tracks to be cleaned up. Mayor Schiefer stated that the trees along the tracks also need to be trimmed for the safety of traffic crossing the tracks. Attorney Craney will send a letter to the railroad

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

VIII. CLAIMS:

- A. Trustee Richeson made a motion to approve the claim in the amount of \$44,716.93. Trustee Ross seconds. Roll call vote, all in favor, motion passed.

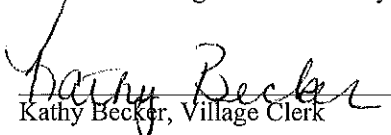
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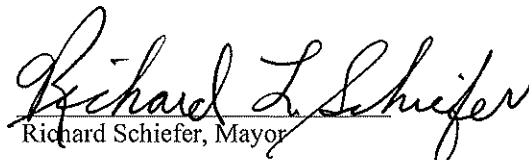
X. ADJOURNMENT:

- A. Trustee Ross made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Ashoff seconds. Voice call vote, all in favor, motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned 7:31 p.m.

The next meeting will be February 17,2021


Kathy Becker, Village Clerk


Richard Schiefer, Mayor