

**VILLAGE HALL  
213 N DOUGLAS  
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
WEDNESDAY, March 3, 2021  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES #21-05  
CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Present: Mayor Richard Schiefer  
Clerk Kathy Becker  
Chief Gary Kukla

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

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 21-04 for February 17, 2021. Trustee Elliott seconds the motion. Roll call vote, all in favor, motion passed.
2. Trustee Richeson made a motion to approve the agenda 21-05 for March 3, 2021. Trustee Runion seconds. Roll call vote, all in favor, motion passed.

**II. COMMUNICATIONS:**

**III. OPEN TO PUBLIC:**

**IV. COMMITTEES:**

**A. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/HEALTH:**

1. Trustee Runion purposed a suggestion from a resident Josh Hancock to have a St. Patrick's Day parade. She stated that it would be a small parade held on March 14, 2021 @ 3pm, it would be open to all street legal vehicle. Trustee Runion will post flyers and handle the sign up. Discussion ensued regarding the parade route and street closures. The only cost to the village would be for beads to throw out. Trustee Richeson made a motion to approve the parade, weather permitting. Trustee Ross seconds. Roll call vote, all in favor, motion passed.
2. Health project at the park tabled to later meeting when more information is available.

**B. WATER AND SEWER:**

1. Trustee Ross stated she is getting bids together for a generator for the sewer plant.

**C. POLICE:**

1. Trustee Elliott had nothing to report. Chief Kukla reported that they self-initiated or received 67 calls and collected \$250.00 for a tow release. Chief reported that the body cameras are ordered and that the theft of a gun from a resident on 5<sup>th</sup> St a year ago was recovered by E. St. Louis Police department.

**D. ORDINANCE AND FINANCE:**

1. Trustee Gavlick made a motion to accept the Audit proposal for the fiscal year-end from Loy Miller Talley, PC in the amount of \$6,550. Trustee Richeson seconds. Roll call vote, all in favor, motion passed.

**E. PUBLIC GROUNDS & BUILDINGS:**

1. Trustee Ashoff reported that the Activity Center is being painted and should be finished and ready for inspection by March 12.

**F. STREETS AND LANES/MOTOR FUEL TAX:**

1. Trustee Richeson presented a quote to replace the tracks on the skid loader and stated that the equipment is 7 years old and needs new tracks. Trustee Richeson made a motion to approve the purchase not to exceed \$2520.00. Trustee Gavlick seconds. Roll call vote, all in favor, motion passed.

**V. REPORTS:**

A. Engineer Report-Nothing to report.

B. Village Attorney-Attorney Craney was not present but sent a report.

1. I recently reviewed contracts that have been provided to the Village by bands who we have approached to play at homecoming. I provided Trustee Runion with language I have approved, relating to possible cancellation or delay of the event in light of COVID. She will take that and propose it to the bands and indicate we would like that in all contracts. The language would protect the Village's interests, as we discussed at the last meeting.

2. The Village has received a Freedom of Information Request from Rich Schiefer. He has requested a copy of an Independent Auditor's Report, dated 7/25/14. That Forensic Audit was previously performed by Kenneth E. Loy & Company, for the Village. The Audit looked at the fiscal year ending March 31, 2013. Due to the potentially sensitive nature of the findings of that report, I am continuing to review the Freedom of Information Statute to determine whether the Audit falls within one of the exceptions, and whether it may or may not be released. I anticipate returning a final opinion by Monday.

3. The Village has received a second Freedom of Information Request from Rich Schiefer. That Freedom of Information Request identifies a notation from the Village Board minutes in 2013. Those minutes refer to the same Independent Audit just mentioned above. The minutes discuss the findings of that Independent Audit, and problems noted in that report from 2012-2013. The Freedom of Information Act asks "[h]ow much in time and dollars did this cost the taxpayers of St. Jacob, Il., to correct?" I am reviewing this FOIA request as well, to determine whether it is appropriate to respond.

4. The Village has received a Freedom of Information Act request from "Illinois Open the Books," a special interest group that compiles open-source data on federal, state, and local spending. They have asked for payment transactions from the village, for the fiscal year 2020. This appears to be a fairly routine request from this group, that is requesting spending information all throughout Illinois. Kathy has put together the information, and we will be answering it before Friday.

C FOIA request- Clerk Becker stated 3 FOIA's were received and was mentioned in the attorney report,

D. Building Inspector- Nothing to report.

E. Planning Commission-Nothing to report.

F. Zoning Officer- Nothing to report

G. Public Works -Curtis reported that they are waiting on new street signs and should be here in a few weeks.

**VI. OLD BUSINESS:**

**VII. NEW BUSINESS:**

**VIII. CLAIMS:**

A. Trustee Richeson made a motion to approve the claim in the amount of \$22,720.70. Trustee Ashoff seconds. Roll call vote, all in favor, motion passed.

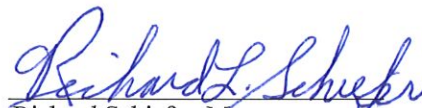
**IX. OPEN TO PUBLIC**

**X. ADJOURNMENT:**

A. Trustee Richeson made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Runion seconds. Voice call vote, all in favor, motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned 7:03 p.m.  
The next meeting will be March 17, 2021

  
Kathy Becker, Village Clerk

  
Richard Schiefer, Mayor