

**VILLAGE HALL
213 N DOUGLAS
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21, 2024
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES #24-16
CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Present: Mayor Richard Schiefer
Clerk Kathy Becker
Chief Gary Kukla
Trustee Dawn Ross
Trustee George Gavlick
Trustee Nathan Schmidt
Trustee Guideon Richeson
Trustee Derek Ashoff

Absent: Trustee Tim Elliott

Quorum present
Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

1. Trustee Richeson made a motion to approve minutes 24-15 for August 7, 2024. Trustee Schmidt seconds. Roll call vote, all in favor, motion passed.
2. Trustee Richeson made a motion to approve the agenda 24-16 for August 21, 2024. Trustee Schmidt seconds. Roll call vote, all in favor, motion passed.

II. COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Mayor stated that the Village received an invitation to a ribbon cutting & open house DeMange Farm on September 13, 2024.

III. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

IV. TREASURER REPORT:

June and July Report minutes

In June, net assets were \$1.1 M. Property tax revenues came in and there was a small amount received. There was a deficit of \$6K for the month. There is a year-to-date deficit of \$32 K. There were legal fees in Ord and Fin of \$2700 for work on special use permit. In the police fund there was an expenditure of \$3600 for dispatching. There was a \$5200 expenditure in the water for periodic maintenance of the water tower.

In July net assets are \$1.2 mil due to larger Property Tax revenues. For the month of July, there was a surplus of almost \$97 K. For the first 4 months there was a surplus of \$64K. The auditor's fee of \$9500 was paid. That's up from \$8300 from last year or almost 14%. There was an atypically large professional services expenditures in the sewer fund. An engineering firm was paid for services in connection to relining sewer lines.

V. COMMITTEE:

A. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/HEALTH:

1. Trustee Elliott was not present. Nothing to report.

B. WATER AND SEWER:

1. Trustee Ashoff had nothing to report.

C. POLICE:

1. Trustee Ross had nothing to report.
2. Chief Kukla reported that school has started, and Justin is back as the SRO. The department purchased supplies for Justin to teach the DARE program at St Jacob and

Marine elementary schools. The Chief reported that in the last month they have issued twenty-eight tickets and collected \$1214 in fees and fines.

D. ORDINANCE AND FINANCE:

1. Trustee Gavlick asks that the raffle license ordinance be removed from the agenda.
2. Fence ordinance tabled to next meeting.
3. Trustee Gavlick made a motion to hire JD Kirkpatrick from part-time to full-time at the rate of \$23.50 per hour. Trustee Ashoff second. Roll call vote, all in favor, motion passed.
4. Discussion ensued as to the trustee and mayor's yearly pay. Trustee Gavlick made a motion to have our attorney draft an amended ordinance to raise the trustee pay to \$100 per meeting and for special meetings the rate would be \$150 per meeting. The mayor's annual pay to \$7500 per year. Trustee Richeson second. Roll call vote, all in favor, motion passed.
5. Hiring of part-time person to be discussed in closed session.

E. PUBLIC GROUNDS & BUILDINGS:

1. Nick received 4 bids for tree removal ranging from \$4,650 -\$14,000. Trustee Schmidt made a motion to approve the bid to remove the tree at the activity center from Big Timber Tree Service in the amount of \$4,650. Trustee Ashoff second. Roll call vote, all in favor, motion passed.

F. STREETS AND LANES/MOTOR FUEL TAX:

1. Sidewalk from daycare to Oylvia St. was tabled.
2. Master bicycle plan proposal was tabled.

VI. REPORTS:

- A. Village Attorney- Nothing to report.
- B. Engineer Report- Nothing to report.
- C. FOIA request-Nothing to report.
- D. Building Inspector- Keith submitted his monthly report to the board.
- E. Planning Commission-Nothing to report.
- F. Zoning Officer-Nothing to report.
- G. Public Works- Nick reported that the JD went and picked up the roller that we purchased from Sunbelt, and they changed out the water meters at the school today. The lead survey that is required by the EPA guidelines was sent out last Friday.
Nick stated that he found a new supplier to purchase hydrants from that have a 25-year warranty for about the same price as the ones we purchase now.

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

IX. CLAIMS:

- A. Trustee Gavlick made a motion to approve the claims in the amount of \$39,409.93. Trustee Richeson seconds. Roll call vote, all in favor, motion passed.

X. OPEN TO PUBLIC:

1. Stephanie Malench stated that the village did not get the T-Mobile grant.

XL. CLOSED SESSION:

Trustee Gavlick made a motion to go into Closed Session for the purpose of discussion the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees. (5 ILCS 120/2© 1) and pending litigation. Trustee Schmidt. second. Voice call vote all in favor, motion passed.

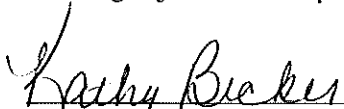
XII. OPEN SESSION:

Trustee Gavlick made a motion to hire Paul Jones at the hourly rate of \$20 per hour for the first 90 days then to full time position and the rate of \$23.50 per hour with full benefits. Trustee Richeson second. Roll call vote, all in favor, motion passed.


XIII. ADJOURNMENT:

A. Trustee Schmidt made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Gavlick seconds. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned 7:13 p.m.



Kathy Becker



Richard L. Schiefer