

6:30 p.m. The special meeting of the Village Board of Trustees was called to order by Mayor Behnken. A roll call was answered aye by Wilson, Geppert, Feder, Newbold and Politsch. Hamon was absent. Chris Remick, Public Works Superintendent was present.

Mayor Behnken asked for a motion to move public comments from number 5 to number 2.

Trustee Newbold made a motion, seconded by Trustee Geppert, to move public comments from number 5 to number 2. All voting aye, the motion carried.

**VISITORS**

No visitors present.

**READING OF THE JOURNAL (MINUTES)**

Mayor Behnken asked for a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes.

Trustee Newbold made a motion, seconded by Trustee Feder to dispense with reading of the minutes. All voting aye, the motion carried.

Trustee Geppert made a motion, seconded by Trustee Politsch to accept the minutes as presented. All voting aye, the motion carried.

**REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION**

**MAYOR**

Mayor Behnken reported St. Clair County Public Health Department asked if the Village would be interested in providing a location for their mobile Covid-19 vaccination program. Mayor Behnken recommended holding it July 24<sup>th</sup> and August 14<sup>th</sup> at the community building.

Trustee Politsch made a motion, seconded by Trustee Newbold to approve the St. Clair County Health Department hold a Covid vaccination program at the community building July 24<sup>th</sup> and August 14<sup>th</sup>.

**VILLAGE CLERK**

Nothing to report.

**TREASURERS TIME**

Nothing to report.

**POLICE CHIEF**

Nothing to report.

**SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND BUILDINGS**

Discussion with Chris Remick. Chris noted Michelle and Nancy do a whole lot more work than a lot of people give them credit for. Chris said they have been helping and answering lot of questions. Chris also said the guys are hard workers. Mayor discussed the daily work sheet where hours and equipment are tracked by MFT, sewer, water, and such. Mayor Behnken asked about the weekly sewer plant reports and said if Tyler was taking care of them and where they are filed. Chris said a company is going to bring a root cutter for the sewer jet machine to demo one day next week. Chris plans to implement a preventative maintenance plan to clean out sewer lines every three months or so for the problem areas. Mayor Behnken said work orders from the trustees will be funneled thru Trustee Feder to give to Chris, so he is only dealing with one board member. Chris asked if he could take the truck home to do maintenance on the truck by cleaning it and doing regular oil changes and such. The board did not have a problem with it occasionally but did not want him to take it home every day. Mayor Behnken brought up the workers comp insurance and stated our rate is 119% of standard rates. In the last five years we have had \$66,000 in worker compensation claims. Mayor Behnken thought it was with the water and sewer department. Chris has plans to start a program to set up safety meetings. Chris also plans to get his sewer license.

**AMBULANCE SERVICE DIRECTOR**

Nothing to report.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

**Streets and Alleys**

Nothing to report.

**Finance and Audit**

Nothing to report.

**Water and Sewer**

Nothing to report.

**Personnel, Public Safety/ADA**

Nothing to report.

**Public Property and Parks**

Nothing to report.

**Cemetery**

Nothing to report.

**Improvements and Grants**

Trustee Politsch noted the Resolution 2021-05 applying to St. Clair County for Funding Cycle 27 of the St. Clair County Parks Grant Commission needs to be approved. Trustee Politsch will drop it up Friday morning.

Trustee Politsch made a motion, seconded by Trustee Newbold to approve Resolution 2021-05 applying to St. Clair County for Funding Cycle 27 of the St. Clair County Parks Grant Commission needs to be approved. Geppert, Feder, Wilson, Newbold and Politsch voted aye.

**Ordinances**

Nothing to report.

**REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

Nothing to report.

**COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDERS, AND ORDINANCES**

Nothing to report.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

The tree at 206 North Market Street was discussed. Three bids were received: American Tree for \$2600, Baker Tree Service for \$2800 and Hudson for \$6000. Michelle noted it was not on the agenda to vote on it. Mayor Behnken stated it is not illegal to vote on something that is not on the agenda.

Trustee Newbold made a motion, seconded by Trustee Feder to approve the low bid \$2600 from American Tree to remove the tree and grind the stump. Geppert, Feder, Wilson, Newbold and Politsch voted aye.

Trustee Newbold made a motion; seconded by Trustee Feder to adjourn at 8:02 p.m. All voting aye, the motion carried.

Michelle Neff Village Clerk  
Joe Behnken Village President