

7:30 p.m. The regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees was called to order by Mayor Behnken. A roll call was answered aye by Wilson, Feder, Newbold and Politsch. Hamon and Geppert was absent. Mayor Behnken declared a quorum. Chris Remick, Sandy Stolte and Chief Simburger were also 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 Feder, to move public comments from number 5 to number 2. All voting aye, the motion carried.

VISITORS

Martha Laumbattus and Doug Laumbattus

Martha Laumbattus and Doug Laumbattus were present regarding the sewer back up in Martha's basement this past March and wants a resolution to the problem soon.

READING OF THE JOURNAL (MINUTES)

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

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

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

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION

MAYOR

Nothing to report.

VILLAGE CLERK

Nothing to report.

TREASURERS TIME

The board was previously given the June Treasurers report to review.

Trustee Feder made a motion, seconded by Trustee Newbold to approve the June Treasurer's report as presented. All voting aye, the motion carried.

POLICE CHIEF

Chief Simburger reported they had 17 criminal trespasses to vehicles and 11 burglaries to motor vehicles one-night last week. They are busy with the reports and viewing videos to get possible charges. All four suspects were caught and identified.

SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND BUILDINGS

Chris Remick noted he booked the classes for getting a sewer license.

AMBULANCE SERVICE DIRECTOR

Nothing to report.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Streets and Alleys

A final pay request and change order was turned in by Christ Brothers Asphalt for resurfacing Van Buren Street. St. Clair County IGD paid \$70,000 per the grant. The Village's portion is \$82,114.43.

Trustee Newbold made a motion, seconded by Trustee Wilson to approve to pay \$82,114.43 to Christ Brothers Asphalt. All voting aye, the motion carried.

Finance and Audit

Nothing to report.

Water and Sewer

Mayor Behnken asked for a motion to install a backflow preventor at 503 South Benton Street.

Trustee Feder made a motion, seconded by Trustee Newbold to install a backflow preventor on the property at 503 South Benton Street. Discussion: Trustee Feder said Chris Remick is going to start doing regular maintenance on that sewer line and other lines in the Village as well. Trustee Newbold said if a backflow preventor was put in for Mrs. Laumbattus, we would have to put one in for everyone in town. Trustee Politsch stated a back flow preventor could cause issues for the resident by keeping their water from flowing properly from their home to the sewer line. Chris Remick said they make a backflow preventor for floor drains. Wilson, Politsch, Newbold and Feder all voted nay.

Personnel, Public Safety/ADA

It was discussed to hire a full-time police officer since residency requirement was not met for a current full-time police officer.

Trustee Politsch made a motion, seconded by Trustee Feder to hire Corey Kraus as full-time police officer effective July 20th, 2021. All voting aye, the motion carried.

Public Property and Parks

Nothing to report.

Cemetery

Nothing to report.

Improvements and Grants

Trustee Politsch reported the park grant application was delivered and the County board meets on the 26th.

Ordinances

Mayor Behnken said Ordinance 2021-06 repealing the adoption of the appropriations Ordinance 2021-05 needs to be approved tonight, a public hearing will be held July 26th and Ordinance 2021-05 will be readopted July 28th.

Trustee Feder made a motion, seconded by Trustee Newbold to approve Ordinance 2021-06 repealing adoption of ordinance of Ordinance 2021-05. Wilson, Politsch, Newbold and Feder all voted aye.

Mayor Behnken said Ordinance 2021-08 amending chapter 38 of the revised code of ordinances by increasing the water and sewer rates needs to be voted on.

Trustee Newbold made a motion, seconded by Trustee Politsch to approve Ordinance 2021-08 amending chapter 38 of the revised code of ordinance by increasing the water and sewer rates. Wilson, Politsch, Newbold and Feder all voted aye.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Nothing to report.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDERS, AND ORDINANCES

Nothing new to report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Chief Simburger reported letters were sent to two of the three boats left at the marina, the other boat owner was spoken to and was given a month to move the boat off the property.

Trustee Feder will be scrapping the walkway to the marina.
Trustee Feder and Chris Remick are working to get a quote from Bello for afterhours emergency repairs.

Trustee Feder made a motion; seconded by Trustee Newbold to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. All voting aye, the motion carried.

Michelle Neff Village Clerk
Joe Behnken Village President