

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, Geppert, Feder, Newbold, Politsch and Hamon. Also present were Chris Remick, Superintendent of Public Works and Leo Simburger, Chief of Police.

VISITORS

N/A.

READING OF THE JOURNAL (MINUTES)

The minutes from the previous board meeting had been distributed for approval.

A motion was made by Trustee Newbold, seconded by Trustee Feder, to approve the board minutes as were submitted. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION

MAYOR

Mayor Behnken had nothing at this time.

VILLAGE CLERK

Deputy Clerk, Nancy Ritter sat in for the Village Clerk. There were a few items on the agenda under 'Village Clerk' that Ritter said could wait until the Village Clerk returned.

TREASURERS TIME

The Treasurer was not present.

Mayor Behnken created and distributed the monthly report.

A motion was made by Trustee Newbold, seconded by Trustee Hamon, to accept the monthly Treasurer's Report as was submitted. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

POLICE CHIEF

Chief Simburger noted that he reviewed the dispatch calls for 2021. There were 202 calls that he is disputing before we receive a bill.

SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND BUILDINGS

Superintendent Remick said he is getting prices for pumps and will get back to the Board when he has that information.

Remick wanted to thank Bill Wilson, John Feder, Tyler Liefer and Curtis Schwartzkopf for their assistance with the water breaks.

Mayor Behnken thanked Chris and his team for doing a phenomenal job.

Trustee Feder stated that Tyler Liefer volunteered his time helping with the leak but was thinking about what the Village would do in the future about compensation for outside help. Mayor Behnken suggested that Liefer's current contract with the Village be reviewed. Deputy Clerk Ritter explained

that Liefer’s current contract took effect January 1st. Instead of being paid by the hour he will be getting a flat fee of \$500 per month.

AMBULANCE SERVICE DIRECTOR

Director Green was not present.

Trustee Politsch set up a personnel/public safety meeting for Thursday, January 20th at 6:30 p.m.

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

There was a discussion regarding Debbie Main’s salary. Trustee Politsch asked if Debbie requested taxes to be taken out of her check. Mayor Behnken said she asked him if this could be changed. It was advised that currently no taxes are taken out of her check, and she receives a 1099 each year. There was a brief discussion regarding this matter, and it was recommended to make her a part-time employee. Deputy Clerk Ritter mentioned that the current policy does not have a job description for that position so the ordinance may have to be updated.

A motion was made by Trustee Newbold, seconded by Trustee Hamon, to change Debbie Main’s cleaning position from a contracted status to a part-time position. A vote was answered aye by all members present, except for Trustee Geppert, who voted present.

There was some discussion regarding the upcoming personnel meeting regarding the ambulance service. The Board was looking for recruitment ideas and the possibility of a paid administrator position for the service.

Chief Simburger suggested a personnel meeting for police. It was decided to have a personnel meeting regarding police on Wednesday, January 26th at 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC PROPERTY AND PARKS

Trustee Newbold stated that a meeting will need to be set up later to establish a plan for the marina.

Newbold reminded the Board of the COVID-19 vaccination clinic on January 25th and February 15th at the community hall. All vaccines, including boosters, will be available for adults and children.

CEMETERY

Trustee Newbold noted that Steve Kinzinger asked about mowing bids for this year. He will put something on the agenda for the next meeting.

IMPROVEMENTS AND GRANTS

Trustee Politsch noted that the grant application for Rebuild Illinois was mailed on January 7th.

Mayor Behnken thanked Trustee Politsch and Laura Wildermuth for working on the grant. Behnken also noted that he has some calls into the office of Senator Terry Bryant to maybe get some guidance regarding this grant.

Trustee Politsch mentioned that there were some minor issues with the reporting on the DCEO sidewalk grant that have been corrected. Politsch spoke with the grant administrator about the overall project and was told that there's nothing that can be done right now but we can get back with them sometime in March.

Trustee Newbold and Trustee Feder met with Jim Alfeldt, the owner of the laundromat, regarding concerns on the shape of the building. The owner questioned using some of the money the Village received for COVID-19. It was mentioned that each individual business had the opportunity to get some help themselves via COVID-19 grants. Newbold and Feder plan on having a second meeting with Alfeldt.

ORDINANCES

Trustee Politsch noted that she will try to get a committee meeting together in a few weeks.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Nothing to report.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDERS, AND ORDINANCES

Nothing to report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

MARINA

Chief Simburger noted that the boat at the marina still has not been removed. It was suggested that we send the owner a certified letter stating that he will be charged \$300 per month for rent due on the 15th of each month until he has the boat removed from the premises.

Mayor Behnken noted that the Village received a payment from Ervin Smith for \$56,462.50.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Trustee Geppert, seconded by Trustee Newbold, to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 p.m. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

Nancy Ritter, Deputy Clerk
Joe Behnken, Village President