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6:30 p.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance, the regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees was called to order by Mayor Behnken. A roll call was answered aye by Trustees Feder, Kearns, and Politsch. Trustees Fitzgerald, Geppert and Newbold were absent. Also present were Chris Remick, Superintendent of Public Works and Tim Buehler, Chief of Police.

VISITORS

David Unverferth and Edwin Cockrell, Jr.

David Unverferth was present to observe the meeting.

Edwin Cockrell, Jr. was present regarding the cargo container ordinance. He wanted to know if it was based on the zoning code. He was concerned that the school had one of these storage containers and that part of the school property is zoned residential. It was noted that the ordinance states if the container is in the back of the building, it was allowed.

Cockrell also inquired why there was no longer a zoning board or planning commission. Mayor Behnken noted that they were abolished and replaced with a hearing advisor.

READING THE JOURNAL (MINUTES)

The minutes from the February 18, 2025 Regular Board Meeting was presented to the Board for approval.

A motion was made by Trustee Politsch, seconded by Trustee Kearns, to approve the minutes from the February 18, 2025, Regular Board Meeting, as presented. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION

MAYOR

Mayor Behnken had nothing to report.

VILLAGE CLERK

Nancy mentioned that the Boy Scouts would be doing their annual clothing drive. They will be placing a box at village hall sometime this week or next and it will stay for approximately six weeks.

TREASURER'S TIME

The Treasurer was not present.

POLICE CHIEF

Chief Buehler submitted the activity log for February.

SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND BUILDINGS

Chris Remick noted that the EPA did their inspection on the sewer treatment plant. He stated that there were no violations mentioned, and they were happy with the testing he has been doing as well as his record keeping of data.

Remick mentioned that all of his department, except himself, went to the O'Fallon firehouse for some OSHA approved safety training.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

STREETS AND ALLEYS

Nothing to report.

FINANCE AND AUDIT

The monthly bills were submitted for approval of payment.

A motion was made by Trustee Feder, seconded by Trustee Kearns, to approve the payment of the monthly bills as submitted. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

WATER AND SEWER

Mayor Behnken noted that the water tower improvements were listed for discussion. It was suggested to table that discussion until the next committee of the whole meeting.

A motion was made by Trustee Feder, seconded by Trustee Kearns, to table the discussion regarding repairs to the water tower, until the next committee of the whole meeting. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

PERSONNEL

Nothing to report.

PUBLIC PROPERTY AND PARKS

The board had previously discussed purchasing the property at 1105 Mill St. from St. Clair County for \$786.00.

A motion was made by Trustee Politsch, seconded by Trustee Kearns, to approve the purchase of the property at 1105 Mill St. from St. Clair County in the amount of \$786.00. A roll call vote was answered aye by all members present.

Trustee Politsch noted that the board was doing this in the best interest of public safety.

CEMETERY

Nothing to report.

ORDINANCE

Ordinance 2024-13 was presented for approval. The ordinance is regarding storage and shipping containers on properties. The ordinance has been presented on several occasions and the changes under Section 4, Violations, was reviewed.

A motion was made by Trustee Feder, seconded by Trustee Kearns, to approve **ORDINANCE 2024-13**, regarding storage and shipping containers. A roll call vote was answered aye by all members present.

IMPROVEMENTS AND GRANTS

Trustee Politsch noted that the Arbor Day celebration would be on April 26th.

Politsch also noted that the letters for support and pledges for the T-Mobile grant were sent last week with the help of the girls in the office.

PUBLIC SAFETY/ADA

The board had previously discussed making an appointment for the EMA Coordinator. Trustee Feder felt that they should put this on hold until Trustee Geppert is available.

A motion was made by Trustee Feder, seconded by Trustee Politsch, to table replacing the EMA Coordinator until further discussion at the next committee of the whole meeting. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

MARINA

Trustee Feder noted that a contract with Jordan Womack for the track hoe for the marina clean-up, was no longer necessary. He has moved on elsewhere and the public works department has started cleaning up down there.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Nothing to report.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDERS AND ORDINANCES

Nothing to report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Nothing to report.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Trustee Politsch, seconded by Trustee Kearns, to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 p.m. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

Joe Behnken, Village President

Nancy Ritter, Village Clerk