

Committee of the Whole Minutes

March 25, 2024

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm by Chairman Steve Newbold. In attendance were Mayor Joe Behnken, Board Members John Feder, Arlene Geppert and Debbie Politsch. Corey Funk was present to observe and Nick Bova was present to inquire about the batting cages.

6. Personnel. There are several applicants for the seasonal mowing position of which Chris likes one in particular. He will be placed on the agenda at the next board meeting for hire.

7. Public Property and Parks. John has not met with Matt Heat about getting the diamonds in shape and correcting the drainage issues. John will contact him. I will contact Chris about the lights, electrical issues and base pegs. There was an event at the park last weekend that was not on the calendar. The Middendorfs will be contacted about the need to follow proper protocol to avoid conflicts in scheduling. The batting cages were discussed with Mr. Bova, who has volunteered to help with necessary repairs. The Little League coordinators will be contacted.

8. Cemetery. The clean-up is completed and was mowed during the week. It is looking in good shape.

9. Ordinance. The ordinance book update program is moving very slowly.

10. Improvements and Grants. Wachtel has been contacted about looking at the walking trails. Looking into a grant to see about funding the removal of the RiverHouse. Rep. Kevin Schmidt's Legislative Assistant provided information concerning a Boat Access Area Development Program (Illinois). Deadline is May 17th. Volkert will be contacted for assistance.

11. Public Safety, Ambulance and ADA.

11.1 Procedure and timeline to create market value of ambulance equipment. Mr. Funk provided insight on such items as monitors, vehicles, splints, stair chair, autopulse and radio equipment. No definite plan pending.

11.2 Month and YTD Profit and Loss Statement 2024 (see attachment). There were 22 runs for the month.

11.3 Ambulance Contract with the NAFD (see attachment). Document was reviewed.

11.4 Status of Closure Procedure. Village attorney has been in contact with the NAFD attorney regarding the ambulance closure. Apparently, the Village has no legal obligation to keep the service open until a replacement service is in place. Furthermore, the attorney is taking the position that the Village terminating the current contract immediately is not a violation of the contract. A letter from our attorney to the NAFD will be sent advising of closure of the Ambulance Service effective May 31, 2024.

12. Marina

12.1 IDNR program. See item 10

12.2 Additional business. The Point area is now open and considered a premium location. Debbie to investigate the rate increase adjustment and implementing on RoverPass.

13. Other business

13.1 Termination of Tyler Liefer contract. Executive session requested. After return to open session, the issue will be placed on the agenda for the next Board meeting for action.

14. Motion to Adjourn. Motion made by Debbie and seconded by Arlene. Motion carried with meeting ending at 8:16pm.

Minutes submitted by Steve Newbold