Committee of the Whole Minutes



July 22, 2024

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm by chairman Steve Newbold. In attendance were Mayor Joe Behnken, Board Members Arlene Geppert, Gary Kearns, John Feder and Debby Politsch. Visitors present were Ashley Floyd and Jason Bohannon.

Ms. Floyd is requesting the tree on Village easement at her residence be cut down due to alleged damage to her roof. She states that she cannot afford half of the cost as is required by the Ordinance. She is okay with having the tree trimmed back at this point. Supt. Chris Remick will be contacted to begin this process. Mr. Bohannon is observing.

3. Streets and Alleys

- 3.1 Tree removal 104 N. Johnson. Chris will look at this tree as well as 301 N. Johnson for a similar request
- 3.2 Tree issue Village Hall. There are 3 trees on Village property that need trimming and possible one to be cut down affecting the property adjacent to the Village Hall (pharmacy building). Chris to contact Dean Deterding for a bid and will be placed on the Agenda for the August 5 meeting.

7. Public Property and Parks

7.1 Fall Carnival Event. Justin Majzel was contacted by phone as he could not attend in person. The dates are September 12, 13 and 14 at Okaw Valley Park. He is intending to have Swyear Rides with the Fire Dept having a beer stand and the Little League having the food stand. Other organizations will be invited to have stands as well. He is requesting that the Village provide police protection, dumpsters, insurance and waive the park rental fee. The Homecoming Committee will provide bands, stage, cleanup etc. Item to be placed on the August 5, 2024 agenda for approval.

9. Ordinance

- 9.1 Fireworks Ordinance Enforcement. There were quite a lot of fireworks shot off over the Fourth of July weekend. Noise on some nights extended well past 10:30pm with multiple complaints being called in. As a result, some displays were shut down. A review of the ordinances shows that there is a permit and procedure in place to lawfully be able to have displays. The Chief of Police will issue a statement advising of such.
- 9.2 Laundromat and Old School building. Broken door and window areas present potentially hazardous situations. Police officers will be reminded to enforce the ordinance.

10. Improvements and Grants

10.1 Comprehensive Park and Trail Plan. There are grants available for development of trails and such but a plan is required. Heartland Conservatory's plan would cost about \$18,000. Most grants are 60-40 with the Village paying the 40%.

12. Marina

- 12.1 Reservation Process When Campground is closed. The Village staff was very helpful in advising and assisting campers during the recent evacuation event. Money will be refunded for days lost. Phone support for Chris and Paula will be provided to the RoverPass website for \$319.00 per year.
- 14. Motion to Adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.

Minutes submitted by Steve Newbold