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6:30 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 Trustees Newbold, Politsch, Fitzgerald, Feder, and Kearns. Trustee Geppert was absent. Also present were Chris Remick, Superintendent of Public Works and Tim Buehler, Chief of Police.

VISITORS

Tomas Garcia and Amber Walsh

Tomas Garcia was present to see if the Village has a limit on how many different businesses can operate gaming machines. It was not known if there was a limit as to how many are allowed, only that there are limited liquor licenses available for certain things.

The Clerk will check to see how many are allowed and how many are registered.

Amber Walsh was present to request permission for the New Athens School PTO to have a cow at Okaw Valley Park for a "cow patty" bingo, which will be a fundraiser for the PTO. They would like to do this during the Fall Festival on September 28th.

The Board agreed that it would be okay for them to do the fundraiser at the park.

READING OF THE JOURNAL (MINUTES)

The minutes from the August 19, 2024 regular board meeting was submitted to the Board for approval.

A motion was made by Trustee Newbold, seconded by Trustee Fitzgerald, to approve the minutes from the August 19, 2024 regular board meeting as presented. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

The minutes from the August 8, 2024 special board meeting was submitted to the Board for approval.

A motion was made by Trustee Politsch, seconded by Trustee Newbold, to approve the minutes from the August 8, 2024 special board meeting as presented. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION

MAYOR

Mayor Behnken received a quote from CompuType for a new warranty on the server. The cost for a two-year warranty would be \$850.00.

A motion was made by Trustee Feder, seconded by Trustee Fitzgerald, to approve the two-year warranty for the server from CompuType in the amount of \$850.00. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

VILLAGE CLERK

Nothing to report.

TREASURER'S TIME

Not present.

POLICE CHIEF

Chief Buehler submitted the activity log.

Buehler discussed that the in-car laptops will need internet connections. Verizon Communications System would charge \$305 per month. This would also include the police cell phones.

A motion was made by Trustee Feder, seconded by Trustee Politsch, to approve the in-car internet and police cell phones through Verizon Communications System at \$305.00 per month. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND BUILDINGS

Remick stated that sidewalks had been poured on S. Clinton St.

They have been digging a waterline by the wedge but are unable to find the actual leak.

Remick stated that he has received his Class C water license recently.

The water tower inspection was completed with several items needing to be fixed. Trustee Feder suggested discussing this matter further at the next Committee of the Whole meeting. He asked Remick to bring the results from the most recent inspection plus results from the previous inspection.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

STREETS AND ALLEYS

The Bullpen is having their second annual BP Days event on October 26th and are requesting the road to be closed on Kaskaskia St. between Van Buren St. and Benton St.

A motion was made by Trustee Feder, seconded by Trustee Politsch, to authorize the closure of Kaskaskia St. between Van Buren St. and Benton St. for the Bullpen's BP Days event on October 26th. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

FINANCE AND AUDIT

The monthly bills were submitted for approval of payment.

A motion was made by Trustee Newbold, seconded by Trustee Fitzgerald, to approve the payment of the monthly bills. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

WATER AND SEWER

Nothing to report.

PERSONNEL

The Board had discussed paying the Deputy Clerk the Village Clerk's salary until a new clerk is hired.

A motion was made by Trustee Feder, seconded by Trustee Politsch, to approve paying the Deputy Clerk the Village Clerk's salary until a new clerk is hired. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

PUBLIC PROPERTY AND PARKS

Nothing to report.

CEMETERY

Nothing to report.

ORDINANCE

Nothing to report.

IMPROVEMENTS AND GRANTS

Nothing to report.

PUBLIC SAFETY/ADA

Nothing to report.

MARINA

There was a discussion regarding the smoker oven that is in the old Riverhouse. It was noted that several people may be interested in buying the smoker. It was decided to put off voting on selling as we may need to put out for bids.

Feder mentioned that Justin Majzel contacted him regarding electric upgrades at the park. Remick will look into this sometime this week.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Nothing to report.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDERS AND ORDINANCES

A resolution amending the previous wage rate resolution has been presented. Resolution 2024-09 is adding the police department's special event pay for \$29.51 per hour.

A motion was made by Trustee Fitzgerald, seconded by Trustee Politsch, to approve **RESOLUTION 2024-09** adding the police special event pay to the current wage rates. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Trustee Newbold asked Chief Buehler about citations for the old laundromat and 202 St. Clair St. Chief Buehler said he is currently working on these.

Trustee Feder asked if Deputy Clerk Nancy Ritter was interested in the Village Clerk's position. She stated that she would be interested if that is what the Mayor and the Board would like. Mayor Behnken said he is okay with that and would have to advertise for a Deputy Clerk.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Joe Behnken, Village President

Nancy Ritter, Deputy Clerk