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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.

Mayor Behnken requested a motion be made to move agenda item 6.7.1 Use Variance Application to discuss after the visitor's section.

A motion was made by Trustee Feder, seconded by Trustee Politsch, to move agenda item 6.7.1 Use Variance Application to discuss after the visitor's section. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

VISITORS

Karen Zimmerman, Linda Schneider, Pam Woodward, Steve Woodward, Sue Ann Werner, and Bruce Luthy

Steve Woodward asked the Board if the Historical Society could place their official sign with the rest of the local organizations on the sign at the entrance to town.

Trustees Newbold and Feder did not think a vote was needed. They agreed to allow the sign. The signs were given to Chris Remick so he could post them where needed.

Woodward asked about the windows at the old village hall. He stated that the Historical Society will pay for the windows if the Village installs them. It was decided to discuss further at the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

Sue Ann Werner was present to show her support regarding the Use Variance request for 901 Spotsylvania St. She noted that there needs to be more housing for the elderly in the community and that is what this property will be used for if approved.

Bruce Luthy was present regarding the Use Variance Application for 901 Spotsylvania St.

Trustee Newbold asked if he had a timeline when to have the building ready. Luthy said his target is within 45 – 60 days to have both sides renovated.

A motion was made by Trustee Feder, seconded by Trustee Politsch, to move agenda item 8.1, ordinance granting Use Variance to after the visitor's section. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

Ordinance 2024-08 was prepared for approval, regarding the Use Variance for 901 Spotsylvania St., allowing the property, which is in the Business Zoning district, to be used for a multi-family dwelling.

A motion was Trustee Newbold, seconded by Trustee Fitzgerald, to approve **ORDINANCE 2024-08**, accepting the Use Variance application per the recommendation from the zoning officer per Bruce Luthy's request for 901 Spotsylvania St. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

READING OF THE JOURNAL (MINUTES)

The minutes from the September 3, 2024 regular 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 September 3, 2024 regular board meeting as presented. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

The minutes from the August 26, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting was submitted to the Board for approval.

A motion was made by Trustee Newbold, seconded by Trustee Politsch, to approve the minutes from the August 26, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting as presented. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION

MAYOR

Mayor Behnken announced his mayoral appointment of Village Clerk will be Nancy Ritter.

A motion was made by Trustee Politsch, seconded by Trustee Kearns, to appoint Nancy Ritter as Village Clerk. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

VILLAGE CLERK

Mayor Behnken swore Nancy Ritter in as Village Clerk.

Nancy stated that the copier lease is set to expire in November and Watts Copy Systems has prepared a lease for a new machine. Trustee Feder stated that the old lease states that we can purchase the current copier for \$1.00. It was stated that the old one can be put in the police department.

A motion was made by Trustee Newbold, seconded by Trustee Politsch, to approve the copier lease agreement with Watts Copy Systems and to purchase the current copier for \$1.00. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

Nancy advised the Board that about eight applications/resumes had been received for the Deputy Clerk's position. She picked out three applications to interview and asked if the Board wanted to do the interviews at the next Committee of the Whole meeting. It was advised to schedule the interviews about fifteen minutes apart starting at 6:00 pm.

TREASURER'S TIME

The Treasurer submitted the August Treasurer's Report to the Board for approval.

A motion was made by Trustee Newbold, seconded by Trustee Fitzgerald, to approve the August Treasurer's Report as presented. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

POLICE CHIEF

Chief Buehler submitted the activity log.

Chief Buehler said the Fall Carnival went well. There were no incidents.

Cody Powell has started his second session of the transition course.

Buehler stated that he has started his 20th year of teaching D.A.R.E. at the school.

SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND BUILDINGS

Remick stated that he and the mayor attended a preconstruction meeting with IDOT regarding the Spotsylvania St. project. They should be starting this week, and the projected finish date is December 13th.

Remick said that he was going to rent a concrete breaker for the excavator at \$750 per day for the sewer they are going to fix on Van Buren St. at Spotsylvania St. He stated that Steve Galle said we could use his at no cost.

Remick stated that they have been working on the Riverhouse/marina removal.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

STREETS AND ALLEYS

Nothing to report.

FINANCE AND AUDIT

Nothing to report.

WATER AND SEWER

Nothing to report.

PERSONNEL

Nothing to report.

PUBLIC PROPERTY AND PARKS

Remick mentioned some of the trees have been removed at Okaw Valley Park.

CEMETERY

Nothing to report.

ORDINANCE

Nothing to report.

IMPROVEMENTS AND GRANTS

Nothing to report.

PUBLIC SAFETY/ADA

Nothing to report.

MARINA

Nothing to report.

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 Fitzgerald, seconded by Trustee Newbold to adjourn the meeting at 7:04 p.m. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

Joe Behnken, Village President

Nancy Ritter, Deputy Clerk