

November 18, 2024,

VILLAGE OF NEW ATHENS

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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 Geppert, Feder, Newbold, Kearns, Fitzgerald, and Politsch. Also present were Chris Remick, Superintendent of Public Works, Tim Buehler, Chief of Police, Patrolman Jason Berry and Deputy Clerk, Jessica Weidemann.

VISITORS

Mark Schreder

Schreder was present to see if the Board had discussed the issue with the storage container. He was advised that the discussion will be held at the next Committee of the Whole meeting on November 25th.

READING THE JOURNAL (MINUTES)

The minutes from the November 4, 2024, Regular Board Meeting was presented to the Board for approval.

A motion was made by Trustee Newbold, seconded by Trustee Geppert, to approve the minutes from the November 4, 2024, Regular Board Meeting as presented. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

The minutes from the October 28, 2024, Committee of the Whole Meeting was presented to the Board for approval.

A motion was made by Trustee Politsch, seconded by Trustee Newbold, to approve the minutes from the October 28, 2024, Committee of the Whole Meeting as presented. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

The minutes from the October 3, 2024, Special Board Meeting was presented to the Board for approval.

A motion was made by Trustee Politsch, seconded by Trustee Geppert, to approve the minutes from the October 3, 2024, Special Board Meeting as presented. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION

MAYOR

Nothing to report.

VILLAGE CLERK

Nothing to report.

TREASURER'S TIME

The Treasurer presented the Board with the October Treasurer's Report.

Trustee Politsch asked if the Board could receive the report the Friday before the board meeting so they can have time to review it.

Trustee Feder questioned if the campground was paying out any expenses. It was noted that, at this time, no expenses are coming out of that account.

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

POLICE CHIEF

Chief Buehler submitted the activity log for the first half of November.

Buehler noted that Cody Powell's last night to work will be this Thursday, November 21st. Powell saved a person's life on November 15th by administering Narcan and CPR.

George Makricow got his waiver back last week.

Buehler also noted that the squad cars will have their graphics from Total Eclipse put on this week.

Chief Buehler asked the Board if Sgt Renner would be allowed to use his patrol vehicle while he goes for training with St. Clair County. The consensus of the Board was to allow him to do so.

SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND BUILDINGS

Chris Remick mentioned that most of the Christmas lights are up. There are some issues with some of the light poles. Mayor Behnken asked if Ameren has been contacted about these issues. Remick said he will contact them tomorrow.

Remick stated that Spotsylvania St. is almost complete. Some painting and striping still need to be done. He said he received a quote to have Van Buren St. restriped in the amount of \$2,168.00. He did not know if they could still do it this year yet. It was decided to wait until spring to discuss this more.

There was a brief discussion regarding selling parts and pieces of the marina/old Riverhouse. The discussion had come up at a previous meeting and was determined to sell what we could. The smoker in the old Riverhouse was brought up. Remick did not know if it was still salvageable.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

STREETS AND ALLEYS

Nothing to report.

FINANCE AND AUDIT

Nothing to report.

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WATER AND SEWER

Nothing to report.

PERSONNEL

Nothing to report.

PUBLIC PROPERTY AND PARKS

Nothing to report.

CEMETERY

Nothing to report.

ORDINANCE

Nothing to report.

IMPROVEMENTS AND GRANTS

Trustee Politsch said the park grant was delivered on Friday. She thanked everyone that helped. She will be working on a Tree USA application soon.

PUBLIC SAFETY/ADA

Trustee Geppert requested the Onsolve emergency phone system be put on the agenda for the November 25th Committee of the Whole meeting.

MARINA

Nothing to report.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Nothing to report.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDERS AND ORDINANCES

Ordinance 2024-12 was presented regarding the Tax Levy.

A motion was made by Trustee Politsch, seconded by Trustee Geppert, to approve **ORDINANCE 2024-12** regarding the 2024 Tax Levy. A roll call vote was answered aye by all members present.

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 6:55 p.m. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

Joe Behnken, Village President

Nancy Ritter, Village Clerk