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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, Newbold, and Politsch. Trustee's Fitzgerald, Feder and Kearns were absent. Also present were Chris Remick, Superintendent of Public Works, Tim Buehler, Chief of Police and Patrolman Jason Berry.

VISITORS

Mark Schreder

Mark Schreder was present to see what the Board decided to do regarding the ordinance for storage containers. Trustee Newbold stated that the Board was going to discuss this later.

READING THE JOURNAL (MINUTES)

The minutes from the November 18, 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 November 18, 2024, regular board meeting as presented. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION

MAYOR

Mayor Behnken noted that a proclamation for Arbor Day needed to be approved. The date for 2025 will be April 26th.

A motion was made by Trustee Politsch, seconded by Trustee Newbold, to approve the proclamation for Arbor Day 2025 to be April 26th. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

VILLAGE CLERK

The Board had previously discussed purchasing gift cards for the employees for Christmas. It was decided to give each of the full-time employees a \$50.00 gift card and to give each of the part-time employees a \$25.00 gift card from the restaurants in town.

A motion was made by Trustee Newbold, seconded by Trustee Politsch, to give the Village employee's gift cards for Christmas from the restaurants in town. The gift cards will be \$50.00 for full-time employees and \$25.00 for part-time employees. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

TREASURER'S TIME

Not present.

Trustee Feder arrived at 7:35 p.m.

POLICE CHIEF

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

It was discussed that the decal's on the Chief's vehicle and the part-time vehicle did not match the new police vehicle's decals. It was decided that they should be uniform with the others and to have decals put on those vehicles. The cost would be \$500.00 per vehicle.

A motion was made by Trustee Politsch, seconded by Trustee Geppert, to approve the Chief's vehicle and the part-time police vehicle to have new decals be put on to match the new vehicles. The cost would be \$500.00 per vehicle. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

Chief Buehler noted that he has two different applicants for the full- time position. They are both certified.

SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND BUILDINGS

Chris Remick mentioned that they were able to sell parts of the docks. A man from Waterloo took what he needed and paid \$1,971.00 for it.

There are three trees that need to be removed at 305 S. Jackson St. and another tree needs to be trimmed at 104 N. Johnson St. A bid from American Tree came in at \$4,500.00 for the entire job.

A motion was made by Trustee Newbold, seconded by Trustee Feder, to approve the quote from American Tree to remove three trees at 305 S. Jackson St. for \$4,000.00 and trim the tree at 104 N. Johnson St. for \$500.00. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

One of the two-way radio's was dropped in the chipper of the leaf vac and needs to be replaced. The cost of replacing the radio at Warner Communications is \$310.00.

A motion was made by Trustee Newbold, seconded by Trustee Politsch, to replace the damaged two-way radio through Warner Communications for \$310.00. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

STREETS AND ALLEYS

Nothing to report.

FINANCE AND AUDIT

The Audit Committee met prior to the regular board meeting to review the monthly bills.

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

A transfer request was put in regarding a transfer from the Ambulance Fund to the General Fund in the amount of \$25,000.00 to help with the cost of engineering fees.

A motion was made by Trustee Newbold, seconded by Trustee Geppert, to approve the transfer of \$25,000.00 from the Ambulance Fund to the General Fund to help with the cost of engineering fees. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

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 noted that the girls in the office are putting data together for the Tree USA application.

PUBLIC SAFETY/ADA

Trustee Geppert received a quote from Onsolve for our emergency telephone alert system. The cost for three years would be \$8,397.38.

A motion was made by Trustee Geppert, seconded by Trustee Politsch, to approve the quote from Onsolve for the telephone emergency alert system for a three-year period in the amount of \$8,397.38. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

MARINA

Nothing to report.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Nothing to report.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDERS AND ORDINANCES

A resolution was presented to the Board, approving Nancy Ritter to become the Authorized Agent for IMRF.

A motion was made by Trustee Politsch, seconded by Trustee Geppert, to approve **RESOLUTION 2024-13**, making Nancy Ritter the Authorized Agent for IMRF. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

A resolution was presented to the Board allowing the Village Hall office to close at noon on New Year's Eve and to approve the Village Clerk and Deputy Clerk to receive their normal pay during this time.

A motion was made by Trustee Newbold, seconded by Trustee Politsch, to approve **RESOLUTION 2024-14**, authorizing the closure of the Village Hall office at noon on New Year's Eve and to pay the Village Clerk and the Deputy Clerk their normal wages for the entire day. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There were various comments made regarding how nice Spotsylvania St. looks, as well as the Christmas lights and decorations. Trustee Newbold noted that the Lighted Christmas Parade was nice, as well.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Trustee Newbold, seconded by Trustee Geppert, to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

Joe Behnken, Village President

Nancy Ritter, Deputy Clerk