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Committee of the Whole Meeting

December 23, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Chairperson Steve Newbold. Members present were Mayor Joe Behnken, Trustees Arlene Geppert, John Feder, and Debby Politsch. No visitors were present.

3. Streets and Alleys

3.1 Water main replacement on Clinton approximately between South and Kaskaskia Streets. Public Works Supt. Chris Remick brought this up at the last regular Board meeting. The Illinois EPA loan program is a method of obtaining a low interest loan with possible forgiveness of between 10-15% up to 70%. The process is a year-long event involving about \$20,000 in engineering costs with the deadline for 2026 being March 2025. It is not likely that this could be accomplished by Volkert Engineering in this time period. It was suggested to see if Blankenship Engineering out of Murphysboro could be utilized in the future. Combining the Clinton Street water main project with the Market Street storm sewer was also discussed. It was decided that more follow-up is required with Chris.

3.2 Grading swale between the sidewalk and road due to water pooling issue on new sidewalk between Johnson and Clinton along Spotsylvania (attachment). The response from Dave Ogle, P.E. from Volkert Engineering was reviewed and found to be unacceptable (see attachment). Members of the CoW feel that this is not the Village's responsibility. A meeting with Dan Sommers (IDOT engineer), Dave Ogle, Supt. Chris Remick and possibly others is to be set up. Joe will arrange for the meeting.

6. Personnel Matters

6.1 Executive Session Personnel Matters. Entered at 7:33pm and returned to regular session at 7:50pm.

9. Ordinance

9.1 Municipal Grocery Occupation Tax Ordinance(attachment). The new Ordinance allows a 1% municipal sales tax on retailers of grocery stores replacing the existing Ordinance to be placed on the agenda for the next regular Board meeting for voting.

9.2 Cargo Container Prohibition Ordinance. The new Ordinance to be placed on the agenda at the next regular Board meeting for voting. The new Ordinance addresses the use of storage containers in residentially zoned properties.

10. Improvement and Grants

10.1 CDBG application for 2025 ADA sidewalks discussion and plan. Elected to forego at this time due to substantial Village costs despite being a grant. Possibilities of Village workers replacing bad sections of sidewalk rather than whole blocks.

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12.1 Restricted Funds discussion. The Campground has been doing quite well and currently has a balance of \$77,325.78 per the Treasurer's Report of November 2024. Heretofore, the Village has

incurred all costs including all utilities as well as making the campground suitable for hookups. It was discussed making the fund unrestricted. A resolution will be added to the agenda for the next regular Board meeting that going forward the fund may be used to pay utilities, repairs and upgrades.

12.2 Campsite rental rates (attachment). Currently the weekly rate is less than the monthly rate when figured. Chris proposed the change per the attachment. This item will be place on the agenda for voting at the next regular board meeting.

14. Motion to adjourn. With no further business, meeting adjourned at 7:50pm on a motion from Arlene and second from John.

Minutes submitted by Steve Newbold