

Committee of the Whole minutes

February 27, 2023

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Steve Newbold at 6:30pm. Members present were Mayor Joe Behnken, Board members Arlene Geppert, John Feder, Bill Wilson and Debbie Politsch. Ambulance Director Andrew Green was also present.

3.1 Streets and Alleys. (1) Tom Klopmeier voiced a complaint to Village Superintendent Chris Remick concerning a water drainage issue. This has been addressed several times before and it is determined that this is on private easement and not a Village problem. No further action required at this time. (2) A complaint on a social media Facebook about tax dollars being spent at the NAIL business. A Village employee was present in the area repairing holes in the alley and sidewalk which are the town's responsibility. As there was excess fill material, the employee repaired several minor holes in the Nail's parking lot in a short period of time as well. The Village desires to support its businesses whenever possible and the Committee concluded that no further action was needed at this time. (3) Joe reported he had spoken to several members of IDOT in regards to the State's road leading into Van Buren Street. Mr. Tim Price told Joe that the State has no plans to resurface said area, only patching at this time. Joe proposed taking over this area after the concrete patching is completed using MFT funds.

3.3 Water and Sewer. John provided a list (attached) of fire hydrants that are in various degrees of repair/replacement. He will meet with the Fire Dept. to see if they will share the expense of this project.

3.6 Ordinances The existing Ordinance has a 20 mile restriction in it for Village employment. It was recommended to remove all mileage limitations.

3.8 (1) Andrew Green reported that we are no longer required to provide service to Lenzburg addresses that are beyond the New Athens Fire District. Joe will send a certified letter to Lenzburg's mayor advising of such. (2) Andrew will take over the EMT class along with Josh Pitts due to difficulties with instructor. (3) Radios and AED arrivals are delayed due to supply issues. (4) The Ambulance Service is requesting that it switches from the Memorial system to St. Elizabeth's system due to multiple advantages to the St. E's system.

3.9.1 Marina Stan Sirtak will be at the March 6th regular meeting to present a proposal. The proposal will be part of the packet.

3.9.2 Campground. Debbie has checked into several software reservation programs. There is the RoverPass system for \$99/month which includes advertising. IDNR has a system as well that Debbie is waiting to hear the details.

3.4 Personnel Executive Session requested. Motion to enter ES made by Bill and seconded by John. Motion carried at 7:36pm. Regular session resumed at 7:53pm.

Meeting adjourned at 7:53pm on a motion by Arlene and second by John. Motion carried.

Minutes submitted by Steve Newbold