

7:30 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 Wilson, Feder, Newbold, Geppert, and Kearns. Trustee Politsch was absent. Also present were Leo Simburger, Chief of Police, Sandy Stolte, Treasurer, and Chris Remick, Superintendent of Public Works.

VISITORS

Mark Schreder was present for observation. Kyle and Jeff Wetzel came to address the board over a defamation issue. Justin Majzel attended to discuss the homecoming.

READING OF THE JOURNAL (MINUTES)

The minutes from the previous board meeting had been distributed prior to the meeting for approval.

A motion was made by Trustee Newbold, seconded by Trustee Feder, to approve the June 06, 2022 board minutes. A vote was answered aye by all members present, except Trustee Geppert, who voted present.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION

MAYOR

Mayor Behnken reported the Public Hearing for Annual Appropriations is scheduled for June 30, 2022. The hearing notice was posted in the Freeburg Tribune and on the village website.

VILLAGE CLERK

Nothing to report.

TREASURER'S TIME

Mayor Behnken presented the Monthly Treasurer's Report. There was an operating surplus of \$52,000.00. The surplus was attributed to \$45,000.00 in the general fund from the State of IL revenue share being larger than budgeted. The overall surplus for the month was \$28,000.00. The ambulance fund lost money and will continue to do so. Water & sewer revenue was 96% of the budget. A motion was made by Trustee Newbold, seconded by Trustee Geppert to approve the Monthly Treasurer's Report. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

POLICE CHIEF

Chief Simburger reported that two men were arrested for the murder outside of Lenzburg. He stated that it was a targeted burglary. Trustee Newbold mentioned reports of children roaming around HiWay Lumber late at night. Chief Simburger will follow up.

SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND BUILDINGS

Superintendent Remick requested permission to purchase a replacement seal for the sewer plant. A motion was made by Trustee Geppert, seconded by Trustee Kearns to purchase the Chesterton 442-20 Rebuild kit for \$2750.00 from Cardinal Pump. A vote

was answered aye by all members present.

AMBULANCE SERVICE DIRECTOR

Director Green was not present.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

STREETS AND ALLEYS

Trustee Politsch sent an email last week to check the status of the Huebner sidewalk contract. Trustee Kearns would like the project complete prior to the start of the school year. There was a meeting with IDOT to discuss combining grants for the Spotsylvania resurfacing project to decrease the village contribution. The village is moving forward with the project and should know within sixty days if the grants can be combined.

FINANCE AND AUDIT

Video Gaming Terminal fees will be discussed at an upcoming committee meeting.

WATER AND SEWER

Superintendent Remick repaired several water leaks in recent weeks.

PERSONNEL

The Personnel Committee recommended the hiring of Matt Hunter as an EMT, effective 06/21/2022. A motion was made by Trustee Newbold, seconded by Trustee Geppert to hire Mr. Hunter. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

PUBLIC PROPERTY AND PARKS

Trustee Feder and an associate cleaned the medical building. Trustee Feder reported that a second dehumidifier needs to be installed.

CEMETERY

Trustee Newbold indicated that he had checked on the cemetery and it looked nice. He would like signs ordered reminding residents of the need to clean up after pets.

ORDINANCES

Mayor Behnken requested a schedule from MuniCode outlining their process for the recodification project.

IMPROVEMENTS AND GRANTS

Nothing to report.

PUBLIC SAFETY, AMBULANCE & ADA

Mayor Behnken presented an Ambulance Fund Utility Tax Increase plan to keep the Ambulance Fund solvent in the future. Mayor Behnken projects \$475,000.00 in losses over the next ten years. Through increasing the utility tax rate from 2.5% to 4%, effective May 2025, the Ambulance Service would remain financially stable. The

increase would, on average, raise a resident's cost by \$0.11 per day, or \$39.97 annually. The board will discuss at a later date.

MARINA

Trustee Newbold stated the deadline for Marina proposals was June 15, 2022. One proposal was received. Jeff Tucker will be finishing the electrical work at the Marina soon.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Nothing to report.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDERS AND ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 2022-02, Outlining Residential Refuse Collection Procedures was presented to the board. A motion was made by Trustee Newbold, seconded by Trustee Geppert to approve the ordinance. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

Resolution No. 2022-02 Authorizing the Mayor to Invest Proceeds from Matured CDs 05/22/22, 06/12/22, and 06/22/22 in Obligations of the United States and Other Investments Insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation was presented. A motion was made by Trustee Newbold, seconded by Trustee Geppert to approve the investment policy. A vote was answered aye by Trustees Newbold and Geppert. Trustees Feder, Kearns, and Wilson replied nay. The motion failed to pass.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Public Property

Marina

Chief Simburger reported the boat is still at the Marina.

The electrical outlet and structure renovation is two-thirds completed at the Marina. An electrician has been contracted. The contractor ordered a 400-amp panel, one-third of the campground is "hot". A ladder has been added and Ameren granted preliminary approval.

Streets & Alleys

Sewer Cleanout Project- Eight blocks completed as of 10/04/21. Eighteen blocks completed as of 11/01/2021. Twenty-three blocks completed as of 01/03/2022. Twenty-four blocks completed as of 02/07/2022. Twenty-six blocks completed as of 03/21/2022. Thirty-one blocks completed as of 05/16/22.

Trustee Feder purchased the pipe needed to repair the water line collapse at 108 North Market. He will attempt to install it.

PUBLIC PROPERTY & PARKS

Trustee Feder and Trustee Newbold talked to Matt Heet, a local drainage contractor. They discussed installing a complete drainage system, when the soccer season is over,

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VILLAGE OF NEW ATHENS

at Okaw Valley Park.

Trustee Feder and an associate applied a solution to the areas that had mold at the medical building.

Motion to Adjourn

There being no further business, a motion was made by Trustee Newbold, seconded by Trustee Kearns, to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 p.m. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

Amy Benwell, Village Clerk
Joe Behnken, Village President