6:30 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 Newbold, Politsch, Geppert, Wilson, and Feder. Also present were Chris Remick, Superintendent of Public Works, Andy Fauth, Village Treasurer and Chief of Police Leo Simburger. Absent- Gary Kearns

VISITORS

Mary Jo- here to observe.

Terry Politsch- spoke about the Lions Club donating trees to be planted along side of Van Buren St, and also wanted to see about getting the lights replaced on the sign at the entrance to town on Van Buren he stated it would cost approximately $790 materials & labor for new 12-volt LED lights.

READINGOF THE JOURNAL(MINUTES)

The minutes from the March 6, 2023 board meeting had been distributed for approval.

A motion was made by Trustee Newbold, seconded by Trustee Feder, to approve the minutes from the March 6, 2023, board meeting as presented. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION

MAYOR

A request was made to appoint Van-Lear Eckert as Village attorney.

A motion was made by Trustee Feder, seconded by Trustee Newbold, to hire mayoral appointment Van-Lear Eckert as the Village attorney. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

A request was made to approve the contract with Van-Lear Eckert P.C. for legal services at a rate of $150 per hour.

A motion was made by Trustee Politsch, seconded by Trustee Newbold, to hire Van-Lear for legal services. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

A request was made to approve the Treasurer’s Report.

A motion by Trustee Newbold, and seconded by Trustee Politsch to approve the treasurer’s report.. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

VILLAGECLERK

The Village Clerk had nothing to report.

TREASURER’STIME

The Treasurer had nothing to report.

POLICECHIEF

Chief Simburger nothing to report.

SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND BUILDINGS

A request was made to approve the contract with American Tree to remove 3-4 trees on the street next to the burn pile for $1900.00 and to be paid by MFT fund.

A motion was made by Trustee Newbold and seconded by Trustee Geppert to hire American Tree to cut the trees alongside the street next to the burn pile. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

A request was made to approve contract with Deterding Tree Service to cut down tree only at 1200 Priscilla Dr. for $1000, Frank Srogus will pay for half in the amount of $500.00 (payment was submitted) and the remaining balance will be paid by the village out of General Fund.

A motion was made by Trustee Newbold and seconded by Trustee Geppert to approve the contract with Deterding. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

A request to approve the rebuilding of sewer plant spare blower at an estimated cost of $2000.00 by Universal Blower.

A motion was made by Trustee Feder and seconded by Trustee Politsch to approve the rebuilding of the sewer plant spare blower. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

A request was made to rehire Don Hall part time to mow grass for the 2023 mowing schedule.

A motion was made by Trustee Politsch and seconded by Trustee Feder to approve the hiring of Don Hall. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

A request was made to hire additional part-time employee for the 2023 summer season.

A motion was made by Trustee Politsch and seconded by Trustee Newbold to hire a part-time employee for the summer season. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

A request was made to enter into a Mutual Aid Agreement with KWD to assist each other with labor and/or equipment in the event of an emergency.

A motion was made by Trustee Newbold and seconded by Trustee Politsch to approve to enter into a Mutual Aid with KWD. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

AMBULANCE SERVICE DIRECTOR

Director Green was not present.

 REPORTOFSTANDINGCOMMITTEES

STREETS AND ALLEYS

Nothing to report.

FINANCE AND AUDIT

Nothing to report.

WATERANDSEWER

Nothing to report.

PERSONNEL

A motion was made by Trustee Newbold and seconded by Trustee Geppert to table the approval of the transcription of the Dec 5, 2023 board minutes. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

PUBLIC PROPERTY AND PARKS

Nothing to report.

CEMETERY

Steve Kinzinger will be in to sign the cemetery maintenance agreement.

ORDINANCE

Nothing to report.

IMPROVEMENTS AND GRANTS

Arbor Day is April 29th from 9-12

PUBLIC SAFETY/ADA

A request was made to hire Rylee Shown for EMT.

A motion was made by Trustee Geppert, seconded by Trustee Politsch, to hire Rylee Shown for EMT. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

MARINA

A request was made to enter into negotiations with Stan Sirtak to use the Marina pavilion and surrounding areas (not to include the campgrounds) for music events and boat races. At a cost of $500 per event and the village attorney will prepare such documents.

A motion was made by Trustee Newbold and seconded by Trustee Feder to approve the negotiations with Stan Sirtak. A vote was answered aye by all members except Trustee Geppert voted nay.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Nothing to report.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDERS AND ORDINANCES

A motion was made by Trustee Politsch and seconded by Trustee Newbold to eliminate the location of residence requirements in the revised Code of Ordinance (2021), Sections 1-3-56, 1-3-63, 1-3-69, 1-3-75, and 11-3-56. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Trustee Geppert stated that she cancelled the order from Wireless USA and said they are going to look into going with a different company.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

There being no further business, a motion was made by Trustee Geppert, seconded by Trustee Newbold, to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

 Joe Behnken, Village President

Amy Ohlendorf, Village Clerk