

Committee of the Whole minutes

October 23, 2023

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm by Chairman Steve Newbold. In attendance were Mayor Joe Behnken, Board Members Gary Kearns, Arlene Geppert, John Feder and Debbie Politsch. Jason Bohannon was present as a visitor to observe.

4.0 Finance and Audit. In the absence of a Village clerk as the third signature for financial documents and money transfers, it was discussed to proceed with the signatures of the Treasurer and myself as Vice President until a Clerk is hired.

5.1 and 5.2. Contract with outside entity to install the leaking fire hydrant at the school and fix the sewer line on Van Buren. Supt. Remick implied that the job might be too extensive for the village Worker's schedule at the last board meeting. I will meet with Chris to discuss his plans.

5.3. Discuss Leak Detection Services. Chris will be informed to proceed with the proposal and it will be placed on the agenda for approval.

6.1. Personnel. Amy Ohlendorf resignation. Discuss with Nancy the possibilities of utilizing ADP for payroll.

10. Improvements and Grants. Heartland Conservatory update and fee verified.

12. Marina

12.1. Restrict use of revenue from the Marina to Marina improvements resolution. The Board would prefer that the resolution be worded to say from Marina and Campground to Marina improvements. At some point the revenue could become unrestricted and be used in the general fund.

13. Other Business

13.1. Increase private pay and miscellaneous rates for ambulance services. The billing rates were adjusted as it has been a few years since that was done. The new rates will be given to Andrew and Josh for review. Medicare and Medicaid are already capped out.

13.2. Resolution to prohibit elected officials from operating Village owned equipment. Recently an elected official used a piece of equipment to make an improvement at the Campground with permission from the Superintendent. There was a concern about insurance liability. As elected officials are deemed employees of the Village, it was determined that there is no issue with coverage. It was agreed that equipment is not to be used for personal use.

13.3. Increase property tax levy 10% to defray ambulance operating losses. This action will require a public hearing. It was agreed to pursue this levy.

13.4. Ford and Tucker Property dispute issue. There is some confusion on how the Village should proceed. Further information is being sought.

13.5. Executive Session to review. No documents were provided by Village Clerk so no action taken.

13.6. Lots 116 and 200 Van Buren Street Model homes. A proposal was discussed to allow residential park model homes to be placed on these two lots. An ordinance change may be required. A diagram on how the placement would look will be provided and then a decision could be made.

Motion to adjourn made by Debbie and seconded by Arlene. Motion carried and adjourned at 8:27pm.

Minutes submitted by Steve Newbold