

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

VISITORS

Mark Schreder was present for observation.

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 Politsch, to approve the July 18, 2022, board minutes. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION

MAYOR

Nothing to report.

VILLAGE CLERK

Nothing to report.

TREASURER'S TIME

Treasurer Stolte was not present.

POLICE CHIEF

Chief Simburger reported that there were one hundred twenty-three calls for service for the month of June. He spoke with Lowell Brown, the owner of the boat at the Marina. Mr. Brown has a contract with a company to move the boat.

SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND BUILDINGS

Superintendent Remick reported that Moore Asphalt would be sealing Hidden Lakes subdivision the week of July 18, 2022. The electrical work at the Marina was approved and will be connected in seven to ten days. Superintendent Remick requested permission to hire EcoAnalysts to complete the Kaskaskia River Mussel Survey required by the Environmental Protection Agency. A motion was made by Trustee Newbold, seconded by Trustee Feder, to approve the contract with EcoAnalysts for \$9,985.00. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

AMBULANCE SERVICE DIRECTOR

Director Green was not present. Trustee Geppert inquired on the status of the ambulance door being repaired. Superintendent Remick reported that the repair was not complete yet, but he would follow up.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

STREETS AND ALLEYS

Trustee Kearns spoke with Huebner Concrete to inform them that additional staking would need to be completed. Trustee Kearns is waiting to hear back from Huebner Concrete.

FINANCE AND AUDIT

The Finance and Audit Committee met prior to the board meeting to review the monthly bills. A motion was made by Trustee Newbold, seconded by Trustee Feder to approve payment of the monthly bills as presented. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

WATER AND SEWER

Nothing to report.

PERSONNEL

Trustee Politsch requested to go into executive session at the end of the meeting to discuss police personnel.

PUBLIC PROPERTY AND PARKS

Trustee Newbold asked if the dehumidifier had been installed at the medical building. It was confirmed that it had been installed. A committee meeting was scheduled for August 3, 2022 to discuss the rental contracts at the medical building.

CEMETERY

Trustee Newbold reported that signs were installed at both ends of the cemetery reminding residents to clean up after their pets.

ORDINANCES

Nothing to report.

IMPROVEMENTS AND GRANTS

Trustee Politsch reported on the St. Clair County Park Grant for funding cycle twenty-eight. The park grant is for \$30,000.00 and can be used to increase park safety, create or improve public trails, enhance disabled access, or to improve, expand and restore local parks. Trustee Politsch inquired about lighting, but due to cost, a minimal amount would be covered. She discussed playground equipment, a pickle ball court, drainage on the ball fields, or a splashpad as projects. Trustee Newbold asked if the grant could be used to clean up some of the walking trails. It was decided a committee meeting would take place to further discuss. The application is due August 22, 2022.

Trustee Politsch also reported that Heartland Conservancy is working on a proposal for a Comprehensive Plan for the village. There is a meeting scheduled September 2, 2022 to complete the Tree City USA application.

PUBLIC SAFETY, AMBULANCE & ADA

Nothing to report.

MARINA

Jay Patel has reached out to a company in St. Louis to inspect the Marina.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Nothing to report.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDERS AND ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 2022-04: Municipal Tree Ordinance was presented by Trustee Politsch. A motion was made by Trustee Politsch, seconded by Trustee Kearns, to approve Ordinance No. 2022-04, with an edit to section 7A. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Marina

Power is currently not on at the Marina. Ameren granted approval. Jeff Tucker will be working on the project in the coming weeks. One boat remains at the boat slips. The owner is paying rent.

Streets & Alleys

Superintendent Remick will be retrenching the ditch for Dan Stevens on North East Street to address drainage concerns.

Water & Sewer

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. Mayor Behnken is researching USDA loan information in conjunction with grant information to consider opportunities to move forward with projects as the village faces a workforce shortage.

Trustee Feder purchased the pipe needed to repair the water line collapse at 108 North Market. He will attempt to install it. Trustee Feder reported that he will soon work on the project.

Implementation of Illinois Sustainable Technology Center recommendations for energy savings was discussed. Clerk Benwell and Superintendent Remick will continue with the project, contracting out when necessary for the efficiency upgrades. Trustee Politsch will work on grant opportunities in the fall. Mayor Behnken stated that the increase in utility bills is concerning.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Trustee Politsch, seconded by Trustee Feder, to enter into executive session at 8:09 p.m. to discuss police personnel.

A motion was made by Trustee Politsch, seconded by Trustee Newbold to exit executive session at 8:18 p.m.

Motion to Adjourn

There being no further business, a motion was made by Trustee Newbold, seconded by Trustee Kearns, to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 p.m. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

Amy Benwell, Village Clerk
Joe Behnken, Village President