

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

VISITORS

Vernon Hohenstreet was present for observation. Anne Hohenstreet was present to address concerns over the lack of programs for the elderly in the Village. She also voiced concerns over the trash cans being in the street. Mrs. Hohenstreet would also like public transportation for the elderly. She is concerned about rising taxes as well. She would like to extend thanks to the Patel family for the flag they erected at the gas station.

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 Wilson to approve the September 19, 2022, board minutes. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION

MAYOR

The Mayor discussed his portion during the Water and Sewer section of the meeting.

VILLAGE CLERK

Nothing to report.

TREASURER'S TIME

Nothing to report.

POLICE CHIEF

Chief Simburger reported October 10, 2022 is the date scheduled to remove the boat at the Marina. There were 124 police calls in September.

SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND BUILDINGS

Superintendent Remick was absent. Clerk Benwell provided a quote to the board for purchase of a remote manhole monitor upgrade. A motion was made by Trustee Feder, seconded by Trustee Kearns to purchase the upgraded monitor from Mission Manhole for no more than \$898.00. A vote was answered aye by all members present. Superintendent Remick also requested approval from the board to purchase the Flygt CP 3152 Pump for the South Lift Station. A motion was made by Trustee Feder, seconded by Trustee Kearns to approve the purchase from Vandevanter for \$28,452.00. 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 Kearns reported that he had reached out to Huebner Concrete, but they had not returned his calls.

FINANCE AND AUDIT

The Transfer Request Report was provided to the board prior to the board meeting for review. A motion was made by Trustee Newbold, seconded by Trustee Geppert to approve the transfers. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

The monthly bills were provided to the committee prior to the board meeting for review. A motion was made by Trustee Newbold, seconded by Trustee Geppert to approve payment of the monthly bills as presented. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

WATER AND SEWER

Trustee Feder reported that Superintendent Remick will start checking water meters to see if they are running slow. Trustees Feder and Kearns, along with Superintendent Remick ran a camera through a sample of sewer line to see the state of the line. Once the footage is on a thumb drive, they will share their findings with the board.

Mayor Behnken reported that a consult has been scheduled with Illinois Rural American Water to discuss the water loss issue. They stated that typical water loss is 10%. The Village's water loss during the four-month sample period was 56%. Some loss was attributed to a water leak. Mayor Behnken stated that the average loss in a four-month period equates to 295 users. Trustee Newbold requested a graph of water loss be made. Clerk Benwell will follow up.

PERSONNEL

Superintendent Remick has received six applications for the full time Department of Public Works position.

PUBLIC PROPERTY AND PARKS

Nothing to report.

CEMETERY

There was one residential complaint about weeds between monuments. Trustee Newbold reported that as a whole, the cemetery continues to look nice.

ORDINANCES

A committee meeting is needed to discuss a solar panel ordinance.

IMPROVEMENTS AND GRANTS

Trustee Politsch reported that the park grant has been awarded. The application has been submitted to the county and the contract should be received within the next few days. The Tree City USA application was approved at the state level and is now under review by the Arbor Day Foundation. Trustee Politsch and Mayor Behnken are researching grant options for sewer and water lines.

PUBLIC SAFETY, AMBULANCE & ADA

A prior resident messaged the Mayor about EMS coverage and grant opportunities for EMS. Trustee Geppert reported that Josh Dietz and Andrew Green have been looking into opportunities. Trustee Politsch stated that she has looked into numerous grants as well, but the Village does not always qualify.

MARINA

Ameren has started the process of connecting the electricity at the Marina.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Nothing to report.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDERS AND ORDINANCES

Nothing to report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Streets & Alleys

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

Public Property & Parks

Trustee Politsch updated the board on the status of the drainage system installation project at Okaw Valley Park. Matt Heet and Gary Idecker are planning to check water levels as the next step.

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. Thirty-eight blocks completed as of 9/19/22. Mayor Behnken requested an updated sewer map.

Motion to Adjourn

There being no further business, a motion was made by Trustee Newbold, seconded by Trustee Geppert, to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

Amy Benwell, Village Clerk
Joe Behnken, Village President