6:00 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 Trustee Kearns, Politsch, Newbold, Geppert and Feder. Also present was Chris Remick, Superintendent of Public Works. Trustee Fitzgerald was absent. Trustee Fitzgerald showed up late at 6:25 pm

VISITORS

Jason Bohannon, Devin Brown, and Matt Ridlen were here to observe. John Haubrich wanted to check on the status of his situation involving his neighbors, which we are in the process of handling. Dennis Schneider had a question in reference to testing a boat on the water, who would he call for an issue or an emergency. Asked about a solar station if anyone else had an interest in doing so.

READINGOF THE JOURNAL(MINUTES)

The minutes from the Aug 21, 2023, board meeting had been distributed for approval.

A motion was made by Trustee Newbold, seconded by Trustee Kearns, to approve the minutes from the Aug 21, 2023, board meeting with the following changes to be made. Remove Arlene Geppert’s name from the motion to adjourn section. A vote was answered aye by all members present except Trustee Geppert abstained her vote.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION

MAYOR

A request was made by Mayor Behnken to make a motion to move 6.8.1Presentation of Proposal from Heartland Conservancy to after visitors section.

A motion was made by Trustee Feder and seconded by Trustee Newbold to move section 6.8.1 Presentation of Proposal from Heartland Conservancy to after visitors section. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

Heartland Conservancy presented their presentation to the board.

A request was made by Mayor Behnken for the board to add him to the Bank as a signer in order to do the Fidelity transfers. A discussion was made between board members and overall agreement was made by all Trustees except Trustee Feder and Trustee Politsch to add Mayor Behnken as a signer at 1st National Bank of Waterloo. It was also agreed upon all members present to add Trustee Newbold to the Fidelity account.

Mayor Behnken stated he spoke to Sheffel Boyle about the audit and they stated they plan on being at the next board meeting on Sept 18, 2023 to present the audit.

VILLAGECLERK

Nothing to report at this time.

TREASURER’STIME

Nothing to report at this time.

POLICECHIEF

Chief Buehler would like to send Police Officer Renner to the training on Oct 9-13 to become a Sergeant.

SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND BUILDINGS

Superintendent Chris Remick wanted to mention that if anyone has a request or suggestion for the street department they need to follow the proper procedures and fill out and submit a work order. Chris also asked about the mini excavator that was put on hold last year to purchase for ~65,000. A demo is supposed to be dropped off but if it isn’t in the budget and the board thinks it is out of the question he will tell them to hold off on bringing it. The board would like to move forward with having the demo dropped off.

AMBULANCE SERVICE DIRECTOR

Will be discussed in executive session

REPORTOFSTANDINGCOMMITTEES

STREETS AND ALLEYS

Trustee Feder stated they discussed in Committee of the whole about getting a street sweeper from KLM to sweep the roads. He stated it would cost about $178 an hour for a day it would cost approximately $1400.00 it was agreed by all to move forward with this.

FINANCE AND AUDIT

A request was made by Mayor Behnken to approve the monthly bills in audit.

A motion was made by Trustee Newbold and seconded by Trustee Fitzgerald to approve the monthly bills for audit. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

A motion was made by Trustee Newbold and seconded by Trustee Geppert to approve the transfer request for $75.00. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

WATERANDSEWER

Nothing to report.

PERSONNEL

A request was made by Mayor Behnken to move personnel to the last item on the agenda.

A motion was made by Trustee Feder and seconded by Trustee Newbold to move personnel to the last item on the agenda. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

PUBLIC PROPERTY AND PARKS

Nothing to report.

CEMETERY

Nothing to report.

ORDINANCE

Mayor Behnken recommends to approve the changes to the statutes and ordinances that were suggested by Civic Plus who rewrote out ordinance book.

IMPROVEMENTS AND GRANTS

A request was made by Mayor Behnken to vote to approve the contract with Heartland Conservatory to create a comprehensive park and recreation plan, contingent on the granting of St. Clair County Grant and the Metro East Park District to cover 100% of the cost.

A motion was made by Trustee Fitzgerald and seconded by Trustee Newbold to approve the contract with Heartland Conservatory to create a comprehensive park and recreation plan, contingent on the granting of St. Clair County Grant and the Metro East Park District to cover 100% of the cost. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

A request was made by Mayor Behnken to vote to approve to apply for a grant to pay 40% of the comprehensive plan with Metro East Park District.

A motion was made by Trustee Politsch and seconded by Trustee Newbold to approve to apply for a grant to pay 40% of the comprehensive plan with Metro East Park District.

A vote was answered aye by all members present.

A request was made to move forward with the St. Clair County Park and Recreation Grant.

A motion was made by Trustee Politsch and seconded by Trustee Feder to move forward with the St. Clair County Park and Recreation Grant. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

PUBLIC SAFETY/ADA

Discussion was had on the labor cost study for the ambulance.

MARINA

Nothing to report.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Nothing to report.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDERS AND ORDINANCES

A request was made to approve Resolution 2023- Metro east Park District Grant to use for the Heartland Conservancy Master Plan.

A motion was made by Trustee Politsch and seconded by Trustee Fitzgerald to approve Resolution 2023- Metro east Park District Grant to use for the Heartland Conservancy Master Plan. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

A request was made to approve wage Resolution 2023- to increase the ambulance wage to $20 an hour and 0 for ambulance runs.

A motion was made by Trustee Newbold and seconded by Trustee Politsch to increase the ambulance wage to $20 an hour and 0 for ambulance runs. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Nothing to report.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

A motion was made by Trustee Newbold and seconded by Trustee Kearns, to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 pm. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

Joe Behnken, Village President

Amy Ohlendorf, Village Clerk