VILLAGE HALL 213 N DOUGLAS

PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2024

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES #24-02

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Present: Mayor Richard Schiefer Trustee Nathan Schmidt

Kathy Becker Trustee George Gavlick
Chief Kukla Trustee Curtis Kinnick
Trustee Dawn Ross

Trustee Guideon Richeson

Absent: Trustee Tim Elliott

Quorum present Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

- 1. Trustee Richeson made a motion to approve minutes 23-24 for December 20, 2023. Trustee Schmidt seconds. Roll call vote, all in favor, motion passed.
- 2. Trustee Richeson made a motion to approve the agenda for 24-02 for January 17, 2023. Trustee Schmidt seconds. Roll call vote, all in favor, motion passed.

II. COMMUNICATIONS:

1. A letter from the National Road Association of Illinois invited the Mayor and Board to an open house on February 10, 2024, in honor of their 15th anniversary.

III. TO THE PUBLIC

IV. TREASURER:

November

Net Assets are almost \$1.5 million. That is about the same as they were at the first of the fiscal year. For the month of November, the village is in the hole by over \$5000. This is not too surprising in as much as our real estate taxes are small amounts. The two funds that are not in the red are the audit fund and the insurance fund. The sewer fund and the trash fund are also in the black for the month. As they should be Because once again, they are proprietary funds and should be run like a business.

For the seven months that end in November, the village is in the black. But only by a little less than \$3000. By way of comparison, last year the village was \$186,000 in the black. At the end of November of 2022, the village was \$59,000 to the good.

The streets department. There is a large expenditure in professional services of over \$8000. That was the cost of refitting light poles to accommodate new Christmas lights. There is also a capital expenditure for \$3550. That was the cost of for the salt spreader.

Public grounds. Again, professional services are more than we usually see. This also involved the new Christmas lights. Electrical boxes were added to avoid using extension cords.

I want to make note of the Social Security fund and the IMRF funds for the month these are both running the deficit. Again, this goes back to the diminished real estate taxes.

The debt service fund. We've paid the annual interest payment of \$6,000.

The water fund. There is an atypical deficit for the month. It's small but it wanted to make a note of the expenditures for supplies. Trustee Schmidt made a motion to approve the November treasures report as presented. Trustee Gavlick seconds. Roll call vote, all in favor, motion passed.

V. COMMITTEE:

- A. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/HEALTH:
 - 1. Trustee Kinnick had nothing to report.
- B. WATER AND SEWER:
 - 1. Trustee Ross had nothing to report on the water tower.
 - Trustee Ross had a committee meeting and they recommended to go ahead with the sewer lining loan application to have it in place. Trustee Gavlick made a motion to approve the loan application for the sewer lining. Trustee Richeson seconds. Roll call vote, all in favor, motion passed.
 - 3. Discussion ensued for a letter to be sent to all residents regarding the new water meters to explain the dome on the top of the lid and to draft an ordinance to hold residents responsible for damage to the meters. Trustee Richeson made a motion to have the attorney draw up an ordinance to put in place for negligence to meters. Trustee Gavlick seconds. Roll call vote, all in favor, motion passed.

C. POLICE:

- 1. Trustee Elliott was not present.
- 2. Chief Kukla reported that they had no incidents, issued 5 tickets, and collected \$540 in fines.

Chief stated that the new part-time Officer Thornton rode along with Officer Hewitt and himself this past week and did well.

Chief stated that Triad School district agreed to pay half of the new radio Officer Hewitt will have at the school.

- D. ORDINANCE AND FINANCE:
 - 1. Trustee Gavlick had nothing to report.
- E. PUBLIC GROUNDS & BUILDINGS:
 - 1. Trustee Schmidt had nothing to report.
- F. STREETS AND LANES/MOTOR FUEL TAX:
 - 1. Trustee Richeson stated Nick Timmons will be discussed in closed session.t

V. REPORTS:

- A. Village Attorney- Nothing to report.
- B. Engineer Report- Nothing to report.
- C. FOIA request- Nothing to report.
- D. Building Inspector- Nothing to report.
- E. Planning Commission-Nothing to report.
- F. Zoning Officer-Nothing to report.
- G. Public Works- Nick report that they read the new meters for the first time this week and it took under an hour, and they are working well. There was 3 meters that froze up due to the cold weather, but the lids were off, he is waiting to see if they will be replaced at no charge. They scrapped all the old meters and got just under \$4600 for them.

There is a problem with a resident on Stonebrook their aeration system is draining into the water meter pit. Nick is to get with the Attorney to draft a letter to the resident to fix the problem.

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

VIII. CLAIMS:

- A. Trustee Richeson made a motion to approve the claims from January 4, 2024, in the amount of \$152,122.75. Trustee Schmidt seconds. Roll call vote, all in favor, motion passed.
- B. Trustee Richeson made a motion to approve the claim for January 17, 2024, in the amount of \$101,009.96. Trustee Schmidt seconds. Roll call vote, all in favor, motion passed.

IX. OPEN TO PUBLIC:

X. CLOSED SESSION:

Trustee Richeson made a motion to into Closed Session for the purpose of discussion the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees. (5 ILCS 120/2© 1) and pending litigation. Trustee Schmidt second. Voice call vote all in favor, motion passed.

XI. OPEN SESSION:

A. Trustee Richeson made a motion to promote Nick Timmons to superintendent of public works with the expectation of all the requirements, Trustee Gavlick seconds. Roll call vote, all in favor, motion passed.

X. ADJOURNMENT:

A. Trustee Richeson made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Gavlick seconds. Voice call vote, all in favor, motion passed.

Meeting adjourned 7:14 p.m.

Kathy Becker

Richard I Schiefer