

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING – October 2nd, 2023, PAGE 1

The Friendship Village Board meeting was called to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance by all present. President Tony Sindelar called the meeting to order and roll call was taken. Present were Trustees Bob Berry, Brad Oberbeck, Ernie Klicko, Jason Pierce, Amanda Schwabe, Melvin Waller, and President Sindelar. Also present were Public Works Director Brent Frank, Attorney Flanagan, Clerk/Treasurer Lori Hustad, Office assistant Rebecca Reuter.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Berry, seconded by Klicko to approve the September 11th, 2023, Village Board minutes, motion carried.

TREASURER REPORT IF AVAILABLE

Water and Sewer Fund / General Fund for August 2023. **MOTION** by Schwabe, seconded by Klicko to approve the Water and Sewer reports and the General Fund reports for August 2023. Motion carried.

PAYING OF BILLS

MOTION by Klicko, second by Schwabe to approve September vouchers in the amount of \$70,006.54. Motion carried. September vouchers 26,828 – 26,871. Motion carried.

CITIZEN INPUT

Nadine Ashworth asked the board if they had their walk through yet with the East Lake St. property. Also, she would like to know when the clean-up is going to take place. With it being warm outside she said the property is starting to smell.

REPORT FROM COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE RICK PEASE

Was not in attendance.

SETTING THE TRICK OR TREAT HOURS

Trick or Treat hours were discussed, and set for October 31st from 4-7

MOTION by Berry, seconded by Schwabe to set the hours for that time. Motion Carried.

CONNECT COMMUNITIES APPLICATION

A decision was made to go through with the Connect Communities Application. The Village of Friendship will split the cost with the City of Adams. Costing both \$100.00. **MOTION** by Klicko to join with the City of Adams, seconded by Berry. Motion carried. Klicko volunteered to start going to the RPN meetings.

UPDATE BY PRESIDENT SINDELAR REGARDING CLEANUP OF EAST LAKE STREET PROPERTY, AND CONTRACTOR START DATE

The East Lake Street property will be done the week of October 16-20th by Fenner's. Beforehand Fenner's will meet with our Public Works Director, President Sindelar, and the homeowner to do the walk through. After it is cleaned up, we will monitor it to make sure it doesn't get that bad again. There is a signed agreement that once it's cleaned up the homeowner will keep it clean, and it will not become a nuisance property again.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT

Pierce said that the Public Works Department is working with the City of Adams to rent their leaf vac, and truck for leaf pick-up again this year. A **MOTION** by Pierce was made to do leaf pick-up on November 15th-17th, seconded by Berry. Motion carried.

Pierce brought up the winter Salt & Sand cost. We have two prices. One from the county, and one from Fenner's. Public Works would like to go with Fenner's. **MOTION** by Pierce to go with Fenner's for \$1,750.00 a ton, seconded by Berry. Motion carried.

In discussing the 2024 budget Pierce said they would like to put in an extra \$5,000.00 to the equipment fund because we are going to need to replace some of the vehicle we currently have.

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CORRESPONDENCE

All the Board Members were given a copy of the Downtown Improvement Survey from Adams County Rural Partners Network (RPN). RPN is working with the community to see what we as citizens think would help improve our county.

Vertical Illusions sent in a letter asking if the Village would consider selling him the 1.85 acres of property that butts up to his. Parcel#126-00023-0000. His property is being vandalized. He is hoping that by purchasing this property it will help protect his business and preserve the mound from future vandalism. Attorney Flanagan said he would work with the Village Clerk/Treasurer to ask the Register of Deeds for a little bit of history on this property to see if it's even something we can sell.

FRIENDSHIP LAKE DISTRICT REPORT

Nothing to report.

FIRE DISTRICT REPORT – FIRE DISTRICT BUDGET

Adams County Fire District Budget for 2024 is \$303,613.00. It's a 10% increase from last year. The Village of Friendship' payment total would be \$25,773.34. **MOTION** by Klicko to approve the 2024 Fire District Budget, seconded by Berry. Motion carried. The next Fire District meeting is October 12th.

AMBULANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Nothing to report.

SET AGENDA ITEMS FOR NOVEMBER 6TH MEETING

Update on East Lake Street property
Setting 2024 Budget meetings

Being no further business to come before the board, **MOTION** by Berry seconded by Schwabe to adjourn, motion carried. Meeting ended at 6:26

Rebecca Reuter
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