

# **MINUTES**

## **February 8, 2023**

The Regular Board Meeting of the Village Board was called to order by Village President, Robert Spurley on Wednesday, February 8, 2023, at 6:32 p.m. at the Village Hall.

Roll Call: Robert Spurley, Denny Rickard, Jason Cartwright, Sarah Brindley, John Trace, Jake Johnson, Jim Wardell

Absent: None

Employees: Sue Lindner, Kevin Liddicoat, Alan Schrank

Citizens: None

Motion by Sarah Brindley and seconded by Jake Johnson to approve the January, regular board minutes. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by John Trace and seconded by Denny Rickard to approve the January, special Water & Sewer committee board minutes. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Jason Cartwright and seconded by Sarah Brindley to approve the January 2023, treasurer's reports. Motion carried 7-0.

### **Citizens:**

### **STAFF REPORTS:**

#### **Sewer/Water/Public Works**

Kevin Liddicoat reported that everything is running as it should. Abandonment of Well #1 is complete and everything looks good. Kevin asked about tearing off the back portion of the well house and selling the motor. The board advised Kevin into looking into selling the motor in the spring. John Trace brought up tearing down the whole building and turning the spot into handicap parking stalls. It will be revisited in the spring and the water & sewer committee can review.

#### **Clerk**

Taxes are all collected, and February settlement is complete. Preparing for the audit on March 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>.

#### **Police**

The fire department was awarded a FEMA grant for \$36,883.80 with the village matching 5% (\$1844.20) to use to purchase 8 portable radios. The fire department will hold off on ordering the new radios due to possibly having to upgrade. The \$1,844.20 will be added to the 2024 budget.

**President**

Bob Spurley reported that he attended a listening session and made a statement about the Village's concerns about the substantial increase in cost that Mineral Point EMS is charging this year.

**Old Business:**

Motion by Jim Wardell and seconded by Sarah Brindley to approve the sewer hookup for Larry D & Amanda Schultz's new property. Motion passed.

**New Business:**

- A) Motion by John Trace and seconded by Jake Johnson to approve the agreement from the village attorney allowing Larry D & Amanda Schultz to dig their own well. Roll Call vote: John Trace -aye, Jake Johnson-aye, Sarah Brindley-aye, Jim Wardell-aye, Denny Rickard-aye, Jason Cartwright-aye, Bob Spurley-aye. Motion passed.
- B) The board discussed extending the sewer line across Hwy X. Randy Kitelinger and Kevin will work on getting bids for a licensed plumber & permits.
- C) No discussion needed for Larry D & Amanda Schultz's invoice for soil test & site evaluation. Bill has been taken care of.
- D) A motion was made by Jason Cartwright and seconded by Jim Wardell to order dumpsters and have John Trace take the buildings down at 826 Franklin St, with Kevin Liddicoat and Randy Kitelinger helping as needed with cleanup. Roll Call vote: Jake Johnson-aye, Sarah Brindley-aye, Jim Wardell-aye, Denny Rickard-aye, Jason Cartwright-aye, Bob Spurley-aye, John Trace-abstain. Motion passed.
- E) The board discussed the need for a full rate case study for the water utility. A motion was made by Jim Wardell and seconded by Jake Johnson to have Johnson & Block move forward with a full rate case study for the water utility for the Village of Linden. Roll call vote: John Trace-aye, Jake Johnson-aye, Sarah Brindley-nay, Jim Wardell-aye, Denny Rickard-aye, Jason Cartwright-nay, Bob Spurley-aye. Motion passed 5-2.

Motion by Jason Cartwright and seconded by Sarah Brindley to approve the February 2023 bill list. Motion passed.

Motion by Sarah Brindley and seconded by John Trace to adjourn the meeting @ 7:45 pm. Motion passed.

Sue Lindner/Linden Village Clerk