

MINUTES

December 14, 2023

The Regular Board Meeting of the Village Board was called to order by Village President, Robert Spurley on Thursday, December 14, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. at the Village Hall.

Roll Call: John Trace, Sarah Brindley, Stephen Troester, Jason Cartwright, Linda Sudmeier, Denny Rickard, Robert Spurley.

Absent: None

Employees: Sue Lindner, Randy Kitelinger, Kevin Liddicoat, Alan Schrank.

Citizens: None

Motion by Sarah Brindley and seconded by Denny Rickard to approve the November 2023 regular board minutes. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Denny Rickard and seconded by Sarah Brindley to approve the November 2023, treasurer's reports. Motion carried 7-0.

Citizens:

STAFF REPORTS:

Sewer/Water/Public Works

Randy Kitelinger reported that the sewer plant is doing well. The electric motor on the sander has been replaced.

Kevin Liddicoat commented that he is switching to LV Labs from the State Lab of Hygiene for water testing. Five samples sent through the post office didn't make it to the State Lab on time and by switching to L.V. Labs we can avoid this. Mueller implement will be locking in the price on the new lawn mower so that we can purchase it in the spring. The old Ferris will be cleaned up and sold in the spring.

Police

Alan Schrank reported that he will be issuing warnings/tickets for alternate side parking violators. He is still working on getting junk removed from yards.

Clerk

Sue Lindner reported that that taxes will be mailed out by Monday December 18th. The PSC hearing will be held on January 4th and notification was posted in all three places on 12/13/2023.

President

Bob Spurley commented that the park committee is meeting to prioritize projects needed at the park. Bob said he will contact the Frolic committee and invite them to the January meeting.

New Business:

- A) Motion by Sarah Brindley and seconded by Linda Sudmeier to approve the 2024 Water budget. Motion passed 7-0.
- B) Motion by Jason Cartwright and seconded by Sarah Brindley to the 2024 Sewer budget. Motion passed 7-0.
- C) Motion by Denny Rickard and seconded by Sarah Brindley to approve a \$50 bonus for the village employees.
- D) Motion by Jason Cartwright and seconded by Sarah Brindley to adopt Resolution # 2023-05 appointing Hilary Troester, Midge Cutler, Shelly Bull, Sally Hartwig, Penny Rickard, Stephen Troester, Linda Sudmeier, Maggie Oehlke, & Robin Lindner as poll workers serving January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2025. Motion passed 5-0. Stephen Troester & Linda Sudmeier abstained.
- E) Motion by Jason Cartwright and seconded by John Trace to set the Caucus date as January 10, 2024 @ 6:00 pm. Motion passed 7-0.
- F) Sue Lindner presented a proposal to add dental insurance as a benefit for village employees. The employees would be paying 100% of the premiums for 2024. Motion by Jason Cartwright and seconded by Sarah Brindley to approve adding dental insurance as a benefit for village employees in which the employees will pay 100% of premiums in 2024. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion by Linda Sudmeier and seconded by Stephen Troester to approve the December 2023 bill list. Motion passed 6-0. John Trace abstained.

Motion by Jason Cartwright and seconded by Sarah Brindley to adjourn the meeting @ 7:28 pm.

Sue Lindner/Linden Village Clerk