

MINUTES

January 10, 2024

The Regular Board Meeting of the Village Board was called to order by Village President, Robert Spurley on Wednesday, January 10, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. at the Village Hall.

Roll Call: Stephen Troester, Linda Sudmeier, Denny Rickard, Robert Spurley.

Absent: John Trace, Sarah Brindley, Jason Cartwright

Employees: Sue Lindner, Randy Kitelinger, Kevin Liddicoat

Citizens: Larry Dale Schultz, Patrick Gehl

Motion by Stephen Troester and seconded by Linda Sudmeier to approve the December 2023, regular board minutes. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Denny Rickard and seconded by Linda Sudmeier to approve the December 2023, treasurer's reports. Motion carried 4-0.

Citizens:

Patrick Gehl & Larry Dale Schultz

Patrick Gehl came to introduce himself. He is from Uplands Wind Project. They cover Iowa, Lafayette, and Grant Counties. They are currently going through the application process for the windmills around Linden.

Larry Dale Schultz commented on the December 15th fireworks. He said everything went well except the fog. There were a few ruts made from the trucks and Larry Dale offered to have them repaired in the spring if needed. Larry Dale said he would not be organizing the fireworks next year and if anyone would like to take it over, they should contact him. Bob Spurley thanked Larry Dale on behalf of the Village Board for all he did to put on the fireworks in the last few years.

STAFF REPORTS:

Sewer/Water/Public Works

Randy Kitelinger reported that the sewer plant is doing well. PFAS are a little high, so he is changing things up to bring the numbers down. The right wing broke on the plow, Kevin & Randy welded it back up. Randy reminded the board about the 5-year plan for trading the red truck. This will be added to the February agenda.

Kevin Liddicoat switched water sampling to LV Labs from the State Lab of Hygiene for water testing. Every house needs to be checked for lead pipes so he will be sending letters with water bills.

Clerk

Sue Lindner reported she is working with PSC to finish up the Water Rate Case, collecting Taxes and gathering information for the yearly audit.

President

Bob Spurley advised the board that there is a Frolic Meeting on February 13th and he will be attending.

New Business:

- A) Motion by Linda Sudmeier and seconded by Denny Rickard to increase the sewer rates 5.5% to be effective on the February bill. Motion passed 4-0.
- B) Motion by Stephen Troester and seconded by Linda Sudmeier to approve the 2024 Core & Main Software Support Contract. Motion passed 4-0.
- C) Motion by Linda Sudmeier and seconded by Stephen Troester to approve purchasing the new Gravely Lawnmower. Motion passed 4-0.

Motion by Stephen Troester and seconded by Linda Sudmeier to approve the January 2024 bill list. Motion passed 4-0.

Motion by Denny Rickard and seconded by Linda Sudmeier to adjourn the meeting @ 7:11 pm.

Sue Lindner/Linden Village Clerk