

MINUTES

October 9, 2024

The Regular Board Meeting of the Village Board was called to order by Village President, Robert Spurley on Wednesday, October 9, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. at the Village Hall.

Roll Call: John Trace, Denny Rickard, Larry Dale Schultz, Stephen Troester, Jason Cartwright, Robert Spurley.

Absent: None

Employees: Sue Lindner, Randy Kitelinger, Mike Silvers, Alan Schrank

Citizens: Katrina Rickard and Mary Schauff – Iowa-Grant School Board
Patrick Gehl – Pattern Energy

Citizens: Katrina Rickard and Mary Schauff spoke about the Iowa-Grant School referendum to exceed the revenue limit on a recurring basis by \$1,200,000 beginning in the 2024-2025 school year.

Patrick Gehl spoke about the plan for windmills going up around Linden. Pattern Energy will be filing for an application after January 1, 2025. He also said that maps would be coming out in November or December.

Consent Agenda:

- a) Approval of September 2024 Regular Board minutes.
- b) Approval of September 2024 Treasurer's reports.
- c) Approval of August 13, 2024, Building Committee Meeting Minutes.
- d) Approval of August 13, 2024, Park Committee Meeting Minutes.
- e) Approval of October 2, 2024, Health & Safety Committee Meeting Minutes.
- f) Approval of temporary class "B" Fermented Beverage License for Linden American Legion for November 17, 2024.

Motion by Jason Cartwright seconded by Stephen Troester to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

Presidents Correspondence:

Clerk/Treasurer Correspondence:

Sue Lindner reminded the board of the open book on October 31st and the Board of Review on November 12. There is a budget meeting on October 28th with the Budget Hearing to be held on November 21st.

Staff Reports:

Sewer/Water/Public Works

Randy Kitelinger said sludge would be hauled soon. He has two land application sites approved. B&M Technologies completed testing and calibrations for the year. Water hydrant flushing is done, valves are all turned, and salt for the roads has been received. The cemetery and park have been winterized.

Police Correspondence:

Alan Schrank reported there was a hit & run of a sign on Babcock and it has been taken care of. Trees by some of the road signs need to be trimmed back. There is a light out in the community building parking lot.

Committee Reports:

Buildings committee – Looking into a new LED sign for the municipal building. Shampoo the carpet in the municipal building for now instead of replacing. Replace broken windows in the Community Building.

Park committee – The new bleachers are almost finished. Future needs are a new basketball court, replace park sign, add electricity to Legion Pavillion, and fix lights.

Health & Safety – Start setting aside money for building at 660 Main St. and reach out to residents with dilapidated buildings.

Old Business:

- A. Larry D Schultz made a motion and seconded by John Trace put revenue from sale of old F550 into the partnership savings account. Motion passed 6-0.
- B. John Trace made a motion and seconded by Jason Cartwright to have Tri State windows replace the 2 broken windows in the community building for \$2153.27. Motion passed 6-0.

New Business:

- A. There are no plans to replace the Brigadier currently.
- B. Stephen Troester made a motion and seconded by Denny Rickard to purchase a new color copier/printer (option #4) for \$3100 for the municipal building office and split the cost between General, Water, & Sewer. Motion passed 6-0.
- C. Jason Cartwright made a motion and seconded by John Trace @ 8:42 to go to closed session to discuss 2025 Employee Wages. At 9:13 Jason Cartwright made a motion and seconded by Stephen Troester to go to open session. Stephen Troester made a motion and seconded by Larry D Schultz to approve the Personnel Committees recommendation for the following wage increases.
 - Randy Kitelinger \$27.00 to \$28.00
 - Sue Lindner \$24.50 to \$25.50
 - Mike Silvers \$23.00 will increase to \$24.00 when the wastewater basic test is passed.
 - Alan Schrank \$22.50 to \$24.00
 - Garret Faull \$21.50 to \$24.00
 - Jared Weier \$21.50 to \$24.00Roll Call Vote: John Trace-aye; Larry Dale Schultz-aye; Jason Cartwright-aye, Stephen Troester-aye, Denny Rickard-aye; Bob Spurley-aye. Motion passed 5-1.

Motion by Denny Rickard and seconded by Jason Cartwright to approve the October 2024 bill list. Motion passed 6-0.

Motion by Denny Rickard and seconded by Stephen Troester to adjourn @ 9:45 pm.

Sue Lindner/Linden Village Clerk