

## MINUTES FOR THE MAY 9, 2023 TISKILWA VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

The Tiskilwa Village Board held its regular meeting on May 9, 2023 at the Tiskilwa Fire Station. Answering roll call were Mayor Michael Murray, Trustees Acker, Eiken, Yepsen, Klinefelter, and Funderberg. Trustee Kline was absent. The agenda was approved as presented. Trustee Acker made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 11, 2023 board meeting, with one correction, seconded by Trustee Yepsen. All ayes. Trustee Yepsen made a motion to approve the treasurer's report, seconded by Trustee Eiken. All ayes. Trustee Funderberg made a motion to approve payment of bills totaling \$62,932.16, seconded by Trustee Yepsen. All ayes on a roll call vote.

Public Participation: There were two citizens to observe the meeting and one person with information on water meters and another person with information on weather alerts.

Website comments: Mayor Murray discussed website comments and his response to them. One being a company asking for our interactive current zoning map, one not getting agenda and minutes sent to their emails, another asking who has access to the emails, one a correction on the minutes, a late fee on their water bill, and if we had gotten results from test drilling from a gas station.

### Reports:

Supervisor Report: Rick Funderberg reported winter equipment has been stored, the Silverado has been repaired, and some planters and trash cans have been moved.

Jack Kusek, Village Engineer, updated the Board on the street maintenance program, water main project, and quote on the one-way signs for the Dog Park.

Water Report- Trustee Klinefelter gave the water report as 700,400 gallons of water used, \$7,250.81 as amount of water billed and \$3,822.50 as amount of sewer billed.

Police Report- Mayor Murray gave the Police report as 64 security checks, one 911 call and 33.5 police hours worked.

Trustee Acker stated the Hackberry tree in the creek behind 130 S. Arch street needs removed. Trustee Yepsen made a motion to pay Taylor's Way \$2789.00 for removal of the Hackberry tree in the creek behind 130 S. Arch St, seconded by Trustee Funderberg. All ayes on a roll call vote.

### Old Business:

Dog Park: M.C. Jones has stated he should be working on the concrete for the Dog Park in May. The 10 Airborvitae trees have been planted. Next is Hornbaker Gardens on the landscaping of the Park.

Sidewalk Replacement: M.C. Jones also stated the Galena Street Crosswalk should be started in May.

Electronic Event: May 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. are the dates and times of the electronic event to be held behind the Tiskilwa Fire Station for Tiskilwa residents. Also the Bureau County Electronic Event will be held in Tiskilwa on October 21<sup>st</sup>. More information on that to come.

Village Feral Cats Program: Anyone who sees or knows of feral cats running around are encouraged to contact the Village. We had an issue a few weeks ago with a mother cat that died and kittens were left alone. We currently have a trip scheduled for next Friday in Rock Falls.

Ordinance 14-2 Sidewalks: Trustee Acker stated there needs to be information discussing culverts included in the ordinance and how they should be maintained and operated by the resident. Mayor Murray stated if no further changes to that Ordinance, that it can be presented to our Attorney and finalized for our next Meeting on June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Creek Work/Cleaning- There was a discussion on footings being exposed along Arch Street creek.

Park Restrooms: The East Park restrooms are open. The West Park restrooms are still closed due to the vandalism. Trustee Funderberg will be making a list on what needs ordered for this repair.

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### Old Business, Con't:

Yearly Budget: Mayor Murray will be taking the appropriation changes to our Attorney and be ready to finalize at the next months meeting.

### New Business:

Ordinance 3-1 Alcoholic Beverages-: Our Ordinance states that no one from out of town can own a liquor license. To help our establishments in town to sell or get outside businesses and hopefully help grow our town, Mayor Murray showed changes for the Board to review on Ordinance 3-1-15. The Board was in consensus for Mayor Murray to take changes to our Attorney and finalize at our next meeting.

OSLAD Grant Resolution for Funding: Trustee Acker made a motion to accept the resolution to allow North Central Illinois Council of Governments, our grant administrator, to handle all funding and expenses for the West Park grant at a cost of \$5,000.00, seconded by Trustee Acker. All ayes. The Village has a separate interest-bearing checking for the sole purpose of paying OSLAD grant bills. We will be receiving half of the funding upfront and North Central Illinois Council of Governments will ensure everything is organized and properly handled/kept as well.

Tiskilwa Bond Fund: At the February meeting, the board approved the resolution to have N.C.I.C.G to handle all the funding/expenses for the Arch Street walking bridge construction. Due to the cost being reduced from \$3,500.00 to \$2,500.00 it needed voted on again. Trustee Eiken made a motion to allow N.C.I.C.G, our grant administrator, to handle all funding/expenses for the Arch Street walking bridge construction at a cost of \$2,500.00, seconded by Trustee Yepsen. All ayes

Strong Communities Grant: Trustee Yepsen made a motion to allow N.C.I.C.G. our grant administrator, to apply for this grant that has recently become available at a cost of \$750.00 seconded by Trustee Klinefelter. All ayes. These grant funds will be used for acquisition, demolition, rehabilitation of vacant and abandoned residential properties. Mayor Murray had a list of possible properties for this funding.

Community Tree Planting Program: Mayor Murray presented information on a reimbursement cost for new trees planted in the Village on private properties to the Board for them to look over and consider. It would be similar to how we do our sidewalk reimbursement program as well.

Closed Session: At 9:40 P.M. Trustee Yepsen made a motion to go into closed session to discuss Employee reviews. At 9:55 P.M. Trustee Acker made a motion to go out of closed session.

Trustee Acker made a motion to increase Treasure Ginger Murphy from \$705.00 per month to \$1130.00 and increase water billing clerk Linda Kling from \$720.00 per month to \$1,000.00, seconded by Trustee Yepsen. All ayes on a roll call vote.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Village Clerk, Linda L. Kling

