

VILLAGE OF MCLEAN

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

SEPTEMBER 11, 2023

President Hammel called the regular meeting of the board to order at 7:00PM. ROLL CALL-Page, Loercher, VanDyke, Wille, Kirby all present. Gordon-absent. Also present: Greg Rutheford, Jennifer Denham, Sgt. Dylan Miller. Visitors: Diane Ludy, Chris Mullis, Neal Stimpert, Reginald Spaulding, Sandy Sheldon, Sharon Leipold, Paul Sweitzer, Dennis Rich, Jean Lane, Stephanie Neumann, Howard Ahlstrom. Lauri Ludy, Curtis Gordon, Brenda McCallister, Henry Dawdy, Susan Cameron. Via Zoom: Mark McGrath, Eric Fulk, Bill Embry.

MONTHLY MINUTES- Wille pointed out there was no "l" in spelling of last name. In regard to the CORE of McLean and planting trees, approval had been given to them by Greg Rutheford, but no approval given by the board. Wille-Motion to approve August regular meeting minutes as amended. VanDyke-2nd. All ayes, motion carried.

MONTHLY BILLS: VanDyke-motion to approve monthly bills as presented. Wille-2nd. All ayes, motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT: Per Hammel, a 5-minute time limit per resident will be enforced during public input. Howard Ahlstrom, 501 County Rd would like to see the Village revert to the old water meter service. Stated he has contacted EJ Water several times, and there is a lack of timeliness in their responses.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

POLICE: Sgt Dylan Miller on behalf of Chief Belvry, as Chief has been out sick. New police Tahoe to arrive early next week and will be set up with a new reporting system. 6.6 Run was a success. Police were able to work with 6 other agencies to ensure the safety of runners/staff. Department assisted Danvers Police with Danvers Days celebration. The department has been working on a notice process to residents, supplement to ordinance violations, and communication seems to be working well at this point. Belvry/Miller attended a meeting/class for new law implementation for the State of Illinois. Hammel requested a rundown of what the police department has done is provided to the board each month. Miller provided the following: 73 extra patrols, 85 business contacts, 67 traffic enforcement. Hammel requested night patrol officers make note of any streets lights that may be out, and report to Ameren. Police Department requests the board investigates building materials, as they are listed nowhere in an ordinance as far as a nuisance. PD has contacted several residents in regard to mowing/cleanliness. All have thus far followed through.

PUBLIC WORKS: NW lift station has been repaired. Guys assisted with 6.6 Run. Still working on sewer inspections, approx. 160 still have not scheduled a time to get this done. Found 2 broken field tiles and replaced them. Well #4 was inspected-replaced motor/pump/riser pipe. Flushed and passed tests. No arsenic reports.

OFFICE: Everything has been switched over to QuickBooks. Everyone that wanted to have been set up on direct deposit.

ATLANTA NATION BANK-Neil Stempert and Chris Mullis were in attendance. Wanted to thank the McLean Police Department for checking in on their staff. Wanted to make the Village aware that they can help obtain grants if needed. They are FDIC insured up to \$250,000. Village currently has \$300,000 above this amount, but the bank is fully collateralized. Wille questioned getting an ATM at the bank. At this time, it is probably not viable at the bank, and would probably have to be at a location closer to 136 with more traffic.

COMMUNITY GARDEN LIABILITY: Village Insurance recommends \$1,000,000 coverage, which would need to be provided by the CORE of McLean. Per the CORE, this is still in the planning stages.

POLICE STATION DOORS-Needs to be sent to public works Committee-Currently have specs and 1 bid.

EMPLOYEE SAFETY TRAINING- Public Works have been busy, will continue training this winter.

SOLAR PANNELS- Wille would like a committee meeting on this to meet with a representative.

NOISE ORDINANCE- Page likes the ordinance that the Village currently has but would like to see times included. Sgt Miller would like to see something with less gray areas. The Police Committee will set a date for this month to have changes sent to Mark before next meeting.

WATER PLANT ROOFING-Rutheford has reached out to 2 people with no response. Will have Jenny post in the paper for bids.

BULK PICK UP: Date set for October 14th. Jenny will send out information and alerts.

AWNING/SIDEWALK REPAIR FOR MCLEAN HARDWARE-Greg is looking into what needs to be done to make this ADA Compliant regarding the step. The hardware store has been given until the end of the year to repair the rear awing. VanDyke questioned if the hardware store was open to go in and make purchases.

VILLAGE TREASURER- Currently Debbie's position is appointed until October 11th, 2023. Jenny has gotten everything up and running. Hammel plans on a recommendation of appointment of Jenny as treasurer with the board's approval. This recommendation will take place on or after October 12th. VanDyke- motion to accept the recommendation by Hammel of Jenny to Village Treasurer with a \$2.00 per hour increase effective after October 12th. 2nd- Wille. Roll: VanDyke, Wille, Page, Kirby, Loercher- all ayes. Gordon-no. Motion carried. Gordon stated he voted no because he thought that \$2.00/hour was not enough.

BIDS FOR STRIPING OF VILLAGE SQUARE- Bid provided by Abbott Brothers Striping. Bid is for prevailing wage. Includes: sweeping of area, re-striping parking, handicaps, curb, and additional parking. Kirby- Motion to accept the bid by Abbott Brothers Striping not to exceed \$1600.00, and to be paid out of TIF funds. 2nd-Gordon. All Ayes, motion carried.

WATER SEWER RATES- Effective 12/1/2023 there will be an automatic 5% increase to water and sewer per village ordinance. Can look at analysis next month of a per gallon charge so the board can decide whether to increase the full 5%.

MARKETING OF OLD SCHOOL LOT- Bill Embry with Henderson Weir Agency (Via Zoom) submitted a proposal for possible marketing. This agreement is commission based. CORE is willing to help provide information and spearhead a possible survey to show what interests the village members have or would like to see in town to assist in finding a possible buyer for the lot. VanDyke-Motion to work with Bill Embry at Henderson Weir Agency to market the old school lot at a 10% commission for 1-year, effective October 1st. 2nd-Wille. ROLL- Page, Kirby, VanDyke, Wille, Loercher-all ayes. Gordon-no. Motion carried.

APPLICATION FOR TAX EXEMPT STATUS-Wille-Motion to authorize the Village to file a form for tax exempt status, authorizing Hammel to sign affidavit for 2023 taxes, payable in 2024 for old school lot. 2nd-Gordon. All ayes-motion carried.

WCR CONTRACT PAYMENT-After reviewing the WCR Contract, it did state that there was a 60 day out if cancelled by either party. VanDyke-Motion to pay WCR \$4900 to fulfill cancellation of contract to be paid out of TIF. 2nd-Wille. ROLL: VanDyke, Wille, Page, Loercher, Kirby-all ayes. Gordon-no. Motion carried.

SIGNAGE- Samples provided to the board members on behalf of CORE of McLean. Signs to be placed on village rights-of-way. Signs will be paid for by the CORE but would like help from the public works to install the signs. They worked with Greg on placement of all signs. Wille-Motion to approve allowing CORE to purchase landmark signs while public works install them. 2nd-VanDyke. All ayes, motion carried.

COMP TIME VS OVERTIME- Kirby would like to see going back to allowing overtime for public works or giving the option of comp vs. overtime. Per Hammel, the handbook states that Village President sets hours which is based on 40 ours per 7 days of work. In the past years Village has paid a lot in overtime. Hammel suggested the board can look at the handbook and make changes if they see fit. Per Hammel according to the power of President, village will keep comp time as is.

COMPANY EMAIL-Many members have had issues with GoDaddy site currently being used. Page offered to investigate alternative host as replacement.

EJ WATER-No information has been received on rate increase for new year. Hammel will reach out. Board can do a cost analysis once the Village receives numbers from them.

RAILROAD FLOWING ON FISHER STREET-200-212 N Fisher Street. Chief Belvry was able to speak with some of the railroad employees. They stated debris has been cleared out and weeds sprayed in the ditch behind the high-speed fence. Board members requested Mark McGrath to prepare a letter on Village letterhead for the village to review and mail out to necessary parties for further assistance.

MEETING CALANDER IF MONDAY IS A HOLIDAY-2023 schedule has been set. The board will vote in December on schedule for 2024 dates.

JOINT REVIEW MEETING- Meeting set for October 30th at 6:00PM with other taxing bodies to go over what TIF money is being spent on. President and Village Clerk will attend. All others are welcome.

COUNCIL TRAINING-A couple of board members asked if there was any kind of training for board members. Wille stated that the IL Municipal League has many videos out on their website for this purpose. Kirby-Motion to set up a special meeting in person with Mark McGrath for a training session for board members. 2nd-Gordon. ROLL: VanDyke, Page, Gordon, Loercher, Kirby-all ayes. Wille-no. Motion carried. Meeting set for October 9th at 6:00pm

MONTHLY AGENDA-All requested agenda items need to be submitted to Jenny in the Village Office by Wednesday at noon prior to the meeting posting on Friday before the meetings.

LIVE STREAMING OF MEETINGS-Hammel suggested having someone investigate what it would take, including cameras and costs. McGrath will check on retention policy. Page volunteers to check costs.

CORE UPDATE ON OLD WATER TOWER-An artist has been out to inspect the tower who has done work on previous towers. Will keep the board updated with any news.

PACKARD ACCOUNTING PRICING- Initial bill from Packard was \$1600.00 to get things set up. The rate going forward will be \$150/hour. Village will budget in for 2-3 hours per month for any future needs.

RODENT CONTROL-Gordon said he has been contacted by multiple residents who have had skunk issues. The Village does have traps that residents can borrow. The State does require a trapping permit if on person property. Sgt Miller suggested revisiting the nuisance ordinance for cleanup, materials, etc. to reduce the possible homes of these animals.

USE OF VILLAGE EQUIPMENT ON LEASED PROPERTY-Public works has been mowing 2 lots that are leased to Annie Myers. Per Hammel, no direction was given to them not to mow it. Myers 2 lots will not be moved by the Village, but the lots for the Depot and signs around there will be.

ACCOMIDATIONS FOR SEWER INSPECTIONS- Hours for sewer inspections have been extended to include 7AM-12PM on Saturdays. The board will decide in the next month or two in regards of next steps for those who have not signed up.

VanDyke set a police department committee meeting for October 2nd at 6:00PM to discuss the noise ordinance.

VanDyke-Motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:04PM. Gordon-2nd. All ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

Ashley Billington

Village Clerk

