

VILLAGE OF MCLEAN

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

JULY 19, 2023

President Hammel called the regular meeting of the board to order at 6:02PM. ROLL CALL- Page, Loercher, Gordon, VanDyke and Kirby present. Willie-Absent. Also Present: Greg Rutheford, Jennifer Denham, Debbie Cochran. Visitors: Don Doty, Helen Doty, Sandra Sheldon, Charles Denham, Sharon Leipold, Debbie Giesel, Stephanie Neumann, Mandy Webster, Jean Lane, Mark Lane, Candie Rogers, Katie Funk (Zoom), Bill Teichmiller (Zoom), and Eric Fulk (Zoom).

GRANT FOR CORE OF MCLEAN:

Per Katie Funk on behalf of Core of McLean, the grant would help cover the cost of T-shirts, tent rentals, porta-potties, and DJ for Route 6.6 Run. Motion by VanDyke to give Core of McLean \$2500.00 grand requested for the Route 6.6 run to be paid out of the Hotel/Motel tax. Kirby 2nd. VanDyke-yes. Page, Kirby, Loercher, Gordon-no. Motion failed.

HENRY'S HEROS IN THE PARK

Requested due to the amount of people, the uptown square road in front of the old grocery store to be closed off on July 30th from noon-3pm for their event. Motion by Vandyke to close Village Square from noon-4PM on July 30th. Page-2nd. All Ayes, motion carried.

VILLAGE OF MCLEAN WEBSITE

Hammel reached out to Brad Cole with Illinois Municipal League. Cole responded that municipalities do require more regulations for their websites and agrees with Mark McGrath that we should not do it in-house. Village does use a 3rd party to host the site currently, but it can be updated by Village. Page Contacted 10 towns, all of which stated that their site is done in-house by village members. The current rate with Katie Funk is \$40.00/hour. Gordon-Motion to place Village Office Manager in charge of the website with treasurer as back up effective July 19th. Kirby-2nd. All ayes-motion carried.

EJ WATER:

Bill Teichmiller (via Zoom) on behalf of EJ Water. Per Hammel and Denham, there were no issues from the Village office currently including payments, reports, and gallons used. VanDyke asked Rutheford if he has been receiving proper reports for his needs. Greg agreed he is receiving all necessary information. According to reports, over 2/3 of village residents are currently paying via ACH/Credit card. (ACH-160, Credit Card-66). No cash for water bills is currently coming thru the Village office, which looks better for office on audits. Current bill from EJ Water does not break out the charge for the tower fee, however it is shown on the reports. Notes or reminders can be added to bills if requested. Once on the new system, bills will be full sheet within an envelope.

Page questioned the response time for leaks, as some thought it was quicker than a next day report read. Meter reads are currently done one time per day, to help conserve batteries on meters. New software coming hopefully around the end of October will include a customer portal to help with the notification process that should be automated.

If it is requested to move the billing back to the Village office, there will have to be a cost for the software, as well software alterations, but per EJ Water it can be done. Currently paying EJ Water \$1/meter, per month, plus postage for the 361 meters. There is a possible increase in the rate coming. EJ Water will turn rates over to Village as soon as they come across.

Page also had a question about the 1 adjustment done per lifetime. VanDyke-previous board adopted most of EJ Water's guidelines, but the board has the final decision as to additional write-downs if needed.

WCR

It had been requested for Warren Ribley to join the Special Meeting. Warren emailed Aaron that he projected that the board would not re-up his contract. There is a 60-day out. Page did not feel for \$3000 a month that the village was getting a good deal. Per Aaron, Warren was to take direction from the board. Eric Fulk said he has reached out to Warren several times and received a great deal of help from him. Motion by Gordon to void contract with WCR. 2nd-Kirby. Page, Kirby, Gordon-yes. VanDyke, Loercher-no. Motion carried.

Motion by VanDyke-2nd Loercher to adjourn the meeting. All ayes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:50PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Ashley Billington

Village Clerk