

VILLAGE OF MCLEAN

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

MAY 1, 2023

President Hammel called the regular meeting of the board to order at 7:10pm. ROLL CALL-VanDyke, Wille, Page, Gordon, Loercher, and Kirby. Also Present: Greg Rutheford, Jennifer Denham, and Officer Dylan Miller. Visitors: Don Doty, Helen Doty, Scott Sheldon, Sandra Sheldon, Ashley Billington, Sherri Hester, Reggie Spaulding, Henry Dawdy, Charles Denham, Tom Ludlum, Susan Cameron, Amy Adair, Mark Lane, Jeannie Lane, Greg Ummel, Amy Ummel, Chuck Marsalles, Dawn Marselles, Mark McGrath (Zoom), and Ron Macek (Zoom).

Via Zoom, Mark McGrath swore in Wille, Loercher, Gordon, Page, and Kirby as new acting Village Trustees.

Hammel recommended Ashley Billington as recorder of meeting for May meeting. All ayes.

Page asked about by-laws for new trustees. Per Mark McGrath, villages don't have by laws, they follow Illinois by-laws.

Motion by Vandyke, 2nd by Wille to approve January 25th meeting minutes with the amended time of 7:00 PM. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Vandyke, 2nd by Willie to approve the March 20th Special Meeting minutes, as well as the April 3rd Regular Board Meeting minutes. All ayes, motion carried.

Gordon questioned the Visa and Lowes charge accounts in the bills. Per Hammel, the guys use the card and submit receipts. Page questioned whether payments to Katie Funk were monthly, or annually. Per Hammel this is a monthly charge based off what she is asked by the Village to do regarding the website.

Motion by Wille, 2nd by VanDyke to approve the monthly bills. All ayes, motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT: Reggie Spaulding stated he had been notified by the Chief that there had been 4 different complaints about where he parks his truck at Rungee's lot. Chief was not present, Hammel will speak with Chief to have him follow up with Spaulding. No attention has been brought to the department per Officer Dylan Miller. Henry Dawdy questioned hours of the Village Office, and not being able to come in during that time. Suggestion of opening back up the drop box, and if possible, for the office to have afternoon hours at least 1 day per week. Mardell Bottles questioned if the Treasurer or Clerk had yet been appointed. Hammels said the Treasurer would be talked about later in the meeting, and that a Clerk would be appointed. Spaulding questioned about the truck route or curb-cut off 136. This is up to IDOT as to where curbs are to be cut. Officer Miller spoke to this as a follow up to information prior Chief Blair had gathered that IDOT said nothing would be able to be cut as the roadway of 136 has been established. Per Mark McGrath, Village can not do or pay for anything on 136.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

PUBLIC WORKS: Concrete has been re-poured at Park District. One more water meter at Dixie to install. Have been working on the lift station. Delivery date for the new pump is the end of May. At that time would pull the old one out to see if its warranty covered.

POLICE REPORT: None, Chief out sick.

OFFICE REPORT: Will begin work on job posting for the Treasurer position.

DANGEROUS BUILDINGS: 108 W. Franklin-Roof falling in on garage. Will follow up on this. Scott Sheldon asked why not let the garage go until time lapses for the house trailer to be removed. Per Hammel, its in the ordinances and they need to be followed. 114 Park Street- complaints of awning falling off on rear of building. Gordon asked Scott Sheldon what plans were for the awning, as he did see that it did appear rotten, but didn't see it as a danger. Sheldon said he wasn't sure of his plans but was trying to wait until the price of lumber decreased. He stated he allows people to bring scrap metal to be dis-assembled and placed at the rear of the building. Hammel will look into the TIF District, and Business Development District ordinances to see if any assistance is available but would like to see the awning taken care of before the end of the calendar year. Gordon brought up the sidewalk in front of the Hardware store. Greg said that he can look at it but will have to be ADA compliant when they do replace it. Page asked how dangerous buildings were brought to the board's attention. Per Hammel, the Chief will go to inspect if there is a complaint prior to any action being taken by the Village Board.

NEW BUSINESS: Committee assignments have been given. Will ask for the Human Resource committee to work on drafting hiring for the Treasurer position as outlined by the Village Ordinance. Gordon asked if it is cheaper to hire an employee of the Village, or to outsource. Per Hammel, this can be investigated, but will depend on the job scope required by the position.

Estimate from Chief Belvery was provided regarding body cameras for the Police Department from Axon Enterprises. This includes all upgrades to the system, warrant to cameras, and storage with a 5-year commitment. Motion by VanDyke, Loercher 2nd to purchase Cameras from Axon Enterprises in the sum of \$24,475.49 over the next 5 years. All ayes, motion carried.

Ron Macek (via Zoom) spoke on behalf of bringing Fiber-optic to McLean provided by Rise Broadband. There would be 7 miles of projected path in Mclean which would be done by directional boring. This project could start as early as Spring of 2024, they would also need to place a 4x4 concrete pad to place cabinet and would need to enter into a right-of-way agreement to allow Rise to market in McLean. Wille asked if there are any guarantees on rates for service. Rise Broadband said no. Wille has reached out to other fiber companies, but none thus far have shown intent to come to McLean.

NEW TRUSTEES: A village email will be assigned to all trustees to be used for Village information. No more than 2 members are allowed to meet at the same time, 3 or more constitutes as an illegal meeting.

DEPOT LOT: The Village has received the deposit, signed agreement, and first month's rent. We are still awaiting building plans from Annie Myers. All plans will have to be architecturally engineered and

approved before building begins. Myers will have the first option to buy at the end of the lease, price to be based on appraisal at the time of sale.

WATER FLOW ANALYSIS: No cost yet for the engineering for the water flow analysis yet, will be a few weeks. Will also ask for study to include ground water in the scope of reports. Public Works needs to complete the sanitary hook-up inspections first.

SOLAR PANELS: Wille stated that the meeting is still two weeks out. Will set the meeting up for during the day.

INTERNAL BUDGET FY2024: Budget to include May 1, 2023-April 30, 2024 and will take Internal Budget then add 5% to set for the appropriations ordinance. Employee salaries based on the amount of 4%. This amount is an across-the-board total, not necessarily per employee. Wille questioned the amount set for the Treasurer was currently at \$0, board recommends \$30,000. Motion with amendment made by Wille, VanDyke 2nd. All ayes, motion carried.

ROUTE 66 SIGNAGE: To be delivered by early June and installed by the end of June to receive the money for reimbursement, including labor. Specs have been received for guys to install pad.

ROUTE 66 BIKE TRAIL: Grant has been approved for the trail to be completed from Funks Grove to McLean.

PUBLIC WORKS/POLICE DOORS: This will be sent to the Public Works Committee to work on alternative quotes for both buildings. Doors in both buildings do need replaced to include walk-in doors, crash bars, and electronic keypads. Will also get a bid for the rear office door.

WATER PLANT ROOFING BID: Per Mark, the last specs for roofing bid was done by Ross Gould. He will check to see if this is something that he is still doing. Greg would like to see the project finished with a metal roof before the end of summer.

ELECTRIC CHARGING STATIONS-Road Ranger has submitted grants.

VILLAGE CLERK: Hammel recommends Ashley Billington for Clerk position until the end of his term. Motion Wille, VanDyke 2nd. All ayes, motion carried.

Page asked to accept motion about moving meetings to accommodate the growing number of attendees. This will be considered.

Motion by Wille to adjourn the meeting, Gordon 2nd. All ayes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:15PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Ashley Billington

Village Clerk

