

## **VILLAGE OF MCLEAN**

### **SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**

**MAY 22, 2023**

President Hammel called the special meeting of the board to order at 6:00PM. ROLL CALL-VanDyke, Wille, Page, Loercher, and Kirby. Absent: Gordon. Also Present: Greg Rutheford, Jennifer Denham, and Chief Belvry. Visitors: Don Doty, Helen Doty, Sandra Sheldon, Sherri Hester, Reggie Spaulding, Henry Dawdy, Jeff Hake, Katie Funk, Chad Marceilles, Kari Wurth, Alyssa Wurth, Warren Ribley (Zoom), and Eric Fulk (Zoom).

Colton Gordon arrived after Roll Call.

CORE OF MCLEAN PLANNING SESSIONS: Western IL facilitated free sessions offered by grant money if held prior to end of June, and at least 25 members attend sessions. 4 sessions to be held beginning June 1<sup>st</sup> at Mt Hope-Funks Grove Park District Building. Katie Funk will send a text alert and Facebook post to remind people to sign up. CORE has asked for Village to help sponsor planning sessions. Per Hammel, Village can't sponsor, but can grant the money to help. Warren Ribley has offered any support that they can be to help CORE through the process.

Motion by VanDyke-2<sup>nd</sup> Willie to grant the CORE of McLean \$1000.00 to help cover costs of planning sessions with money coming from Hotel/Motel Tax. All ayes-motion passed.

TREASURER POSITION: A couple of applications have been submitted for the position but will wait until the cut-off date of June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Page has shared on several platforms.

15 MINUTE PARKING: Page has suggested placing time limits on spots in front of the Village Office/Post Office, limiting to 15 minutes. Kirby suggested 2 spots. No current ordinances per Chief Belvry dealing with time limits. Suggestion is to send to the Public Safety Committee to discuss and bring a recommendation back to the board.

STRIPING VILLAGE SQUARE: Greg will add towards to of to-do list to repaint lines.

PROMOTION OF DYLAN MILLER TO SERGEANT: Chief Belvry was approached by Officer Dylan Miller who would like to take on a bigger role. Chief does agree and would like Officer Miller to receive more specialized training (ie...leadership development). MTU's do provide training, and there are several additional programs Officer Miller can be sent to. The Chief would like to see a \$2.00 per hour raise to be considered for Officer Miller now in addition to yearly increases. Raises are on the June agenda.

Motion by VanDyle-2<sup>nd</sup> Willie to promote Dylan Miller to Sergeant with a \$2.00 pay increase to begin next pay period. All Ayes-Motion Carried.

HIRING PART TIME POLICE OFFICER: Chief Belvry's recommendation is to replace officer Chambers with Robert Joe Gunther. Gunther is willing to work weekends which the department can't find right now.

Motion by VanDyke-Kirby 2<sup>nd</sup> to hire part time officer Robert Joe Gunther to fill Officer Chambers vacancy. All Ayes-Motion Carried.

Page would like to see officers on duty from 10pm-6am. The Chief stated that they are having staffing issues now, and it is hard to get officers to work 3<sup>rd</sup> shifts. Eric Fulk said that if there was a committee meeting that he would be glad to add information on the subject.

EJ WATER: Kirby asked about contract end date. Hammel stated that it is a 60-day notice to terminate the contract with them. Kirby stated he has heard of people having issues with their bills. Also, per Greg there has been some miscommunication between the Village and EJ Water. Gordon asked about repercussions if Village does break ties with EJ Water, there is a fee for the software as well as a Fee for the ACH through the bank. Page would like to know if it is possible to meet with a representative of EJ Water before the contract is set to be renewed/cancelled. Hammel stated that is a definite possibility to be able to talk about concerns. Eric Fulk wanted to make the new board aware of what EJ Water does, and that everyone fully understands. Hammel will reach out to EJ Water to set up a Public Works Committee Meeting for everyone to come, and then hold a public forum.

SPEED BUMPS ON ROADS: Page questioned speed bumps on North Road or Cemetery Road coming into and leaving town. Probably can't do speed bumps per Hammel but can ask the Chief to make a greater presence in the areas to deter traffic speeds. Eric Fulk suggested flashing speed signs or speed trailer. Chief can obtain quotes for signs/trailer as a deterrent.

Motion by VanDyke-2<sup>nd</sup> Gordon to adjourn the meeting. All Ayes-Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:36PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Ashley Billington

Village Clerk