

## **VILLAGE OF MCLEAN**

### **REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**NOVEMBER 6, 2023**

President Hammel called the regular meeting of the board to order at 7:00PM. ROLL CALL-Page, Loercher, VanDyke, Wille, Kirby, Gordon-all present. Also present: Greg Rutheford, Jennifer Denham, Sgt. Dylan Miller, Chief Belvry. Visitors: Sharon Leipold, Reggie Spaulding, Tom Ludlam, Don Dot, Helen Doty, Jeanie Lane, Candie Rogers, Lauri Ludy, Stephanie Neumann, Chris Neumann, Jeff Hake, Sandy Sheldon, Susan Cameron, Harold Ahlstrom. Via Zoom: Mark McGrath.

Gordon-Motion to accept September Regular Board Meeting minutes, Public Safety Committee Meeting minutes, and Special Board Meeting minutes as presented. Kirby-2<sup>nd</sup>. All ayes, motion carried.

MONTHLY BILLS: VanDyke-motion to approve monthly bills as presented. Gordon-2<sup>nd</sup>. All ayes, motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT: Howard Ahlstrom. Where would money go for water rate increase? Funds would go to only the water/sewer fund. Ordinance set that a 5% increase goes into effect automatically every year, unless board approves different amount. Candie Rogers-Why are the minutes no longer read aloud? They have not been read aloud for years. They are posted on website after they are approved by the board. Sandy Sheldon-Water quality reports, some are not showing on the website. Jenny will investigate this. Reggie Spaulding-Painted lines uptown around square. Is there a no parking sign where inside lines are painted yellow? Can't make the turn with a semi.

POLICE: During October, police targeted traffic enforcement. Unit 14-Tahoe was delivered. Did have some warranty work done. Unit is now operating fine. Unit 16-Durango will be going to have cage, computer, and printer installed. Active shooter training has been completed by all officers. Officer Gunther resigned due to family issues. The Chief will need to replace him. Department received all paperwork from the railroad to work on getting "Quiet Zone" implemented in town. There are some things that the board will need to do. Will get with public safety committee to work out details. A vote will be needed by the board before this can be implemented. Page requested department reach out to daycare about providing a presence during bus loading/unloading time. Page also questioned Chief regarding violations/citations. Citizen receives a notice first, and if they do not comply in a timely matter, a citation is issued.

PUBLIC WORKS: NW lift station is operable. NE lift station is currently being worked on. Fall hydrant flushing has been completed. Still 111 sewer inspections to be scheduled/completed.

OFFICE: Included financial statements in the board members packets. Business district tax check received in the amount of \$10,747.42. Village did roll over 2 CDs at IAA Credit. Will look in December at paying an additional payment on the water tower loan.

ARSENIC: Report back as 7.3.

VILLAGE HANDBOOK: Wille-Motion to send a copy of proposed changes from committee meeting on Village Handbook to McGrath to verify legality of requested changes. Gordon-2<sup>nd</sup>. All ayes, motion carried.

NOISE ORDINANCE: VanDyke-Motion to have McGrath review changes from committee meeting on Noise Ordinance and update these changes. Also, would like to have McGrath research why “No-Jake Brake” signs have been previously removed. Page-2<sup>nd</sup>. Roll- Wille, Gordon-no. Page, Kirby, VanDyke, Loercher-yes. Motion carried.

NUISANCE ORDINANCE: VanDyke-Motion to add “any used or old construction materials” under Section 2-Letter (H) of Nuisance Ordinance. Page-2<sup>nd</sup>. Gordon, Wille, Kirby-No. Page, VanDyke, Loercher-yes. Tie Vote 3-3. Hammel-Yes. Motion carried.

WIRELESS MICROPHONES-Can be used for Zoom meetings to help with sound from the audience. Board can also consider getting a podium and asking visitors to come up to that to speak. Will leave on agenda, and gauge Zoom attendance before purchasing.

TAX LEVY/APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE- Assessed value for 2023 is 7%. In the past, tax was raised by 5% which would be a 2% reduction rate. Social Security is currently at a deficit. Gordon-Motion for no rate increase on tax levy. Kirby-2<sup>nd</sup>. Page, Wille, VanDyke-No. Loercher, Gordon, Kirby-Yes. Tie 3-3. Hammel-No. Motion Failed. Wille-Motion to have McGrath prepare tax levy ordinance at a 3% increase overall, with all allocated to Social Security. VanDyke-2<sup>nd</sup>. VanDyke, Wille, Loercher, Page-Yes. Gordon, Kirby-No. Motion carried.

TERMINATION OF MYERS LEASE: Sent terms of termination to Myers. Have not yet gotten signature back on agreement.

DOGS RUNNING FREE IN TOWN: Need to contact non-emergency number if this is an issue. No one present expressed any concerns.

EJ WATER-WRITE OFF'S: All accounts were those that were submitted to EJ Water when they took over. Accounts have been stagnant with no activity. Gordon-Motion to write off the outstanding balances in the amount of \$633.26. VanDyke-2<sup>nd</sup>. All ayes, motion carried.

RMA-INSURANCE AND DUES: Gordon-motion to pay using Option #1 which is paying in one installment of \$37,906.62. Loercher-2<sup>nd</sup>. All ayes, motion carried.

EMPLOYEE BENEFIT RENEWAL: VanDyke-motion to renew BCBS existing plan currently carried by the Village for employees at a \$4,642.28 premium. Kirby-2<sup>nd</sup>. All ayes, motion carried.

WATER TOWER REMOVAL BID/CORE WATER TOWER PROJECT: Hake, Neumann on behalf of CORE. Provided board members with packet with information from Engineer, Steve Swift, as well as mural estimates, and samples of renderings from Free Sky Studios. According to engineer-rust is superficial, sturdy, and structurally sound. If approved by the board, the CORE would not come to the Village for any money. Have/looking into obtaining additional grants. If grant is received, could be June of 2024,

otherwise if additional funding is needed, looking at possibly 2025 for completion. CORE interested in leasing tower for maybe 50 years, and they would insure. Gordon-motion to accept Clifford Litwiller bid in the amount of \$33,800.00 for removal of old water tower. Kirby-2<sup>nd</sup>. Before roll, McGrath clarified that if project has not been put out for public bid, that a vote of 2/3rds is required for projects over \$25,000.00 which require specs by and engineer. Kirby, Loercher, Gordon, Page-Yes. VanDyke, Wille-No. Motion carried.

WATER RATE INCREASE-Gordon would like to see numbers from the office on what water/sewer is costing the Village before a vote. Hammel stated will need to investigate holding another meeting before December 1<sup>st</sup>, as he believed that's when the rates took effect according to the current ordinance.

CORE-COMMUNITY GARDEN: Per previous conversation with Greg, looking at the land East of the apartments off Route 66. CORE has spoken with J.U.L.I.E and will have to work around existing utilities in the area. Area would have a 5–6-foot fence surrounding it with a gate, shed to store equipment, and raised beds. Would like feed back from the board on creating a lease for use of this land. VanDyke-motion to have McGrath draw up a lease with the CORE for use of land for the food plot. Gordon-2<sup>nd</sup>. All ayes, motion carried.

MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT: VanDyke-Motion to have Hammel/Chief sign mutual aid agreement. 2<sup>nd</sup>-Loercher. All ayes, motion carried.

Gordon-Motion to adjourn meeting at 9:34PM. Kirby-2<sup>nd</sup>. All ayes, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,

Ashley Billington

Village Clerk