

VILLAGE OF MCLEAN

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

NOVEMBER 15, 2023

President Hammel called the regular meeting of the board to order at 6:00PM. ROLL CALL-Page, Loercher, VanDyke, Wille, Kirby, Gordon-all present. Also present: Jennifer Denham, Sgt. Dylan Miller, Chief Belvry, Mark McGrath. Numerous members of Village residents, Route 66 Associate of Illinois representatives, Steve Swift-Engineer.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Jeff Hake (VP CORE), Paul Loercher, Howard Alhstorm, Michael Allen, Robin Homler, Laurie Ludy, Cheryl Wendland, Reggie Spaulding, Penny Small, Dwight Cannon (President of Route 66 Association of Illinois), Tom Ludlam, Kristen Bernas, Susan Cameron, Grant Breakville, Ivy Craig, Tim Walsh (Route 66 Association of Illinois), Mark Lane, Diane Ludy, Debbie Latham, Katie Funk (President of CORE), Chip Denham, David Wolf, Stephanie Neumann, Gisele Hamm (WIL University) were all allotted 5 minutes to speak to the board in regards to the water tower.

RECONSIDERATION OF THE TOWER REMOVAL:

VanDyke-board needs to reconsider and go with the will of the people. The large amount of residents who have voiced their concern should say something. VanDyke asked Jeff Hake if the CORE would be willing to accept all liability and enter into a lease with the Village in regards to the tower. Hake said absolutely.

Loercher-Voted to take down the tower down-limitations according to the engineering report. Is afraid the tower could fall at any point, causing shrapnel.

Steve Swift, engineer on behalf of CORE stated he did do a visual inspection. Information in which Loercher was asking for would cost upwards of \$10,000.00. According to Swift, the workmanship is solid. Concrete is stable with no cracking. During public input was stated that Farnsworth had previously stated that tower was structurally unsound, Swift stated he would go against this assumption. Hammel stated in conversation with Litwiller, there was no bubbling or buckling of the tower. Kirby stated he had given Litwiller permission to climb the tower to do the inspection.

Page questioned if the tower is taken over by Illinois State Historic Preservation Office on the Historic Register if we have any control? Also stated none of the 102 grants available are guaranteed. Asked the CORE if with all the projects they have planned, if there will be enough money to do them all.

VanDyke-motion to rescind accepted quote from Cliff Litwiller for the removal of the water tower. Wille-2nd. VanDyke, Wille-Yes. Page, Loercher, Gordon, Kirby-no. Motion failed.

Brief Recess. Called meeting back to order at 8:14. ROLL CALL-Page, Loercher, VanDyke, Wille, Kirby, Gordon-all present.

WATER RATE INCREASE

Cost for EJ Water last year was approximately \$4,400. Last 12 months, on average of 1.6 million gallons/month for a total of about 18 million gallons for the last year. Minimum charge of \$28.50 at 2000gal is making moved. Those customers between 2001-6000gal, the village is losing money.

Gordon-motion to direct Mark McGrath to prepare an ordinance for a 2% increase on level between 2001-6000gal on water only. Kirby -2nd. Gordon, Kirby, Page, Willie, Loercher-yes. VanDyke-no. Motion carried.

Kirby-Motion to adjourn meeting at 9:06PM. Gordon-2nd. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

Ashley Billington

Village Clerk