

## **VILLAGE OF MCLEAN**

### **REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**JANUARY 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2024**

President Hammel called the regular meeting of the board to order at 7:00PM. ROLL CALL-Page, Loercher, VanDyke, Wille, Kirby -all present. Gordon-absent. Page stated she was recording meeting for her own person use. Also present: Jennifer Denham, Sgt. Dylan Miller, Greg Rutheford. Jean Lane, Diane Ludy, Jeff Hake, Katie Funk, Debbie Cochran, Reggie Spaulding, Sandra Sheldon, Howard Ahlstrom, Erik Fulk, Kristen Bernas, Henry Dawdy, Chris Neuman, Stephanie Neuman also in attendance. VIA ZOOM: Mark McGrath, Richard Marvel, Brandon Lyttle.

MONTHLY MINUTES. Page requested a detailed description of public input. VanDyke-motion to approve December 4<sup>th</sup> regular meeting minutes as presented, and December 11<sup>th</sup> Special meeting minutes as amended to reflect the exact time Page left and returned to room. Wille-2<sup>nd</sup>. All ayes, motion carried.

MONTHLY BILLS: Wille questioned 12/1 statement line item to Immense Impact for \$605 which was listed as a credit. Per Treasurer, this should have been a debit. Page questioned what TIF Payments were for. One was for lift station pump, others to IVC and Olympia HS. Wille-motion to pay bills as amended. VanDyke-2<sup>nd</sup>. All ayes, motion carried.

POLICE- Per Sgt. Miller-Activity report provided to the board. Have targeted speeding again on Route 136. Department made 1 DUI arrest. Axon cameras were ordered. Will start with IT and Axon Jan 24<sup>th</sup> to make sure systems are working and ready.

PUBLIC WORKS-Guys used up all remaining vacation hours in December. Ummel got Covid and has been out. Prepping for incoming snow. Arsenic submitted-no results yet. Greg had water inspection done. Village needs to install 3 more sites to test from. Due to new mandates, Village will need to purchase new machine for testing of water.

TREASURER-W-2's are done. Dorsey (accountant) was in.

SEWER INSPECTIONS- Only 3 left who have not responded or been completed. Mark suggested the Village send out a letter describing ordinance, fines, and that legal action will be taken by February board meeting if have not completed.

DANGEROUS/UNSAFE BUILDINGS: Wille-asked Sgt Miller to get with Chief Belvry on a list of addresses around town that need to be addressed.

PURCHASE OF SEWER JETTER- City of Galva IL selling 1994 Shamrock Sewer Jetter at price of \$2000. Comparable units are \$6800-14000. Currently cost for Village to obtain a jetter when needed is approx.\$1000 for 2 hours of use. Kirby-motion to purchase water jetter from City of Galva, price not to exceed \$2000. Loercher-2<sup>nd</sup>. All ayes, motion carried.

VILLAGE WEBSITE- Jenny has been looking at other sites who are more user friendly than what the Village uses now. Civic Plus is one option presented, who also Hosts and could provide email. Villages current site auto-renewed in January. Will look at a few other options to present in upcoming months.

AUDIT REPORT-Kirby-motion to accept Audit Report from SKCO Certified Public Accountants. VanDyke-2<sup>nd</sup>. All ayes, motion carried.

PAYCOURT COLLECTION AGREEMENT- Agreement between Village of McLean and the Clerk of the Circuit Court of McLean County regarding collections for ordinance violations. Fines prior to going to court can be paid at the Village office. Once having gone to court, fines must be paid through the Circuit Clerk. VanDyke-motion to sign the PayCourt Collection agreement between the Village of McLean, and the Circuit Court of McLean County. Loercher-2<sup>nd</sup>. All ayes, motion carried.

FOIA DIRECTORY- Pat McGrath who is currently the Village FOIA Officer updated the FOIA Directory. Per Wille-a couple of the dates for currently board members are incorrect. McGrath will get corrected. Will table until next months meeting.

IL PAID LEAVE ACT-Hammels suggests an HR Committee meeting to discuss how to handle as far as if time is accrued, or given up front, and in what forms of increments can it be taken. Jenny plans to attend webinars currently offered.

MIGRANT BUS AND PROTOCOL- Fire Chief Erik Fulk shared an email with the Village he had received from McLean County Emergency Management on protocol regarding migrant buses. McGrath provided an ordinance from another Village on how they are handling. Wille requested time to look over Ordinance and speak with residents on the issue. Will keep on agenda for next month.

CORE-CONTRACT FOR WATER TOWER- Richard Marvel, Marvel Law, drafted and provided to the Village a Proposal for Preservation of the Historic McLean Water Tower on Behalf of CORE. Page questioned what if CORE Dissolution? Per Proposal and Marvel, assets are distributed to another 501(c)(3). Currently CORE is working with IL Route 66 Scenic. Meeting set for January 18<sup>th</sup> for them to further discuss them becoming CORE successor. Page feels proposal doesn't have enough detail, such as how much would be put into Escrow in the first year. Laurie Ludy stated financials had been obtained, and that can be provided in negotiations with lawyers. Page stated she had reached out to the historical society, who stated it can take up to 12 months for a decision. Ludy stated she had been in contact with Hydrovision Engineering who offered to clean and paint the tower for the CORE free of charge. Page asked what CORE's current financial balance is. Per Hake-it had previously been provided but stated at current: \$33,913.47. Katie Funk stated would like to see project completed prior to the Centennial if an agreement is made. VanDyke-motion to enter negotiations with CORE regarding old water tower. Willie-2<sup>nd</sup>. Loercher, Wille, VanDyke, Page-aye. Kirby-no. Motion carried.

LITWILLER CONTRACT-Will leave on agenda.

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT GRANT REQUEST- Owner, Brandon Lyttle, requesting grant for Velvet Cup Coffee Company, to be located at 417 S Clinton Street, McLean. Village currently has approx.

\$36,000 in account. Lytle requested \$15,000 to be used to pay contractors and payroll, and to open by February 5<sup>th</sup>. Per McGrath, money can't be used to pay for contractors after because they would have had to have been paid at prevailing wage. Usually, money is granted for exterior work, and typically applied for before work starts. Money can be used to help with material costs not yet purchased. Hammel can work with requestors on items that would apply to bring to the board. Per Mark, will need to make sure to have completed application/documentation.

SUMMARY OF WAGES FOR FULL TIME- Statement of benefits Includes wages and insurance; health, dental, vision, and life of full-time employees were provided in board packet.

PUBLIC IMPUT- Erik Fulk-\$34,000 bid in 2023, and in 2017 to tear down the water tower. \$100,000 cost is no longer a number to throw around for demolition cost, that was the price to renovate the old tower. Henry Dawdy-Would like to thank the board for entering negotiations with the CORE on the old water tower. Asked about the Hardware Store-having been given until the first of the year to fix the awning, but nothing has been done. Hammel will get with Chief Belvry on that and other unsafe buildings. Sandra Sheldon-Are ordinances/violations from police and public works? Or are they complaint driven? Howard Ahlstrom- If had been given the rate increase from EJ Water-Per Hammel the Village has not yet been given the increase amount. Reggie Spaulding- Hardware store, how many people patronize it?

McGrath will be late to next months board meeting. In the past McGrath has charged 1 flat hour for meetings. Will begin to charge actual length of meetings. Due to Zoom, no travel time will be charged.

Kirby-Motion to adjourn meeting at 9:10PM. VanDyke-2<sup>nd</sup>. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

Ashley Billington

Village Clerk