

The September 19, 2023 meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by President Keneipp.

Trustees Present: Hoefft, Foley, Dial, Moore, Swartzendruber, and Williams.

Trustees Absent: None.

Also Present: Lorinda Billington, Andrew Blancaflor, Chief Weseloh, Kent Graber, Village Attorney Josh Herman, and Clerk Horner.

Billington attended the board meeting to discuss the current Golf Cart Ordinance in town. Billington had purchased a model of ATV that was stated to be their golf cart model, but it was not allowed by the current ordinance. Chief Weseloh stated that the serial number was titled under UTV and not a golf cart and, thus, was not allowed under the current ordinance. Weseloh stated he would provide the Board with information about including UTV's at the next board meeting.

Andrew attended the board meeting to discuss an incident where a tree at 612 South Main was cut down by Oak Brothers tree service without his request or permission. The request for tree removal was made via email by an unknown person. The tree was on the Village of Minier's right-a-way but provided his home with shade and curb appeal. Andrew is requesting that the board

enforce the removal of the stump, cleanup of his yard and request a mature shade tree be planted in its place by Oak Brothers. He would also like the Village to consider other vendor options for our future Village business. Andrew noted that Graber stated that it would not be worth using Village resources to proceed with legal action against Oak Brother's but would like the Village's support in remedying the situation.

Trustee Moore stated he should keep in contact with Graber regarding the progress.

Chief Weseloh stated he had no written report for this month's meeting.

Chief Weseloh stated there was an incident over Labor Day weekend. During the incident Parkison was in pursuit of a suspect that was trying to leave the scene after hitting the Hopedale squad car and was moving at a high rate of speed when the Durango was not able to get over a certain rate of speed. The Durango is currently under warranty and has been in for several service repairs at no cost to the Village. Weseloh has submitted the service records to Dodge to find a remedy. The Durango has failed on four occasions and there have been times when the squad would not start. Weseloh does not feel comfortable putting officers in the vehicle and does not feel it is safe for the community. Weseloh stated that we did not include the cost of the new squad in this fiscal year's budget.

Clerk Horner stated that even though he did not budget for a new squad, the Village would be able to do an appropriation transfer to the line item for the cost of a new squad.

Trustee Swartzendruber stated that she is concerned about the safety of officers and residents and if we have the funds available, we should replace the Durango with something more reliable.

Weseloh stated he is currently doing D.A.R.E. at Olympia West.

Christenberry has been working on the camera system. Mediacom still does not have internet access installed for the offsite camera system.

Chief Weseloh would like to do the board interviews for the Chief position before the next board meeting.

Kent Graber presented the Public Works monthly report.

Graber stated Public Works completed the drainage tile work at the Westside Park playground. The tile will mitigate standing water on the playground.

Graber stated the upcoming projects for the Public Works Department will include finishing the sidewalk on School street. Graber added that he would like to do 8" white rock shoulders on Minier Ave as well.

Graber stated that Public Works has sprayed for mosquitoes. Bagby has finished the sign board at the Dog Park that will be used to display the donors of the Dog Park.

Graber stated the IEPA audit that happens every 3 years will be starting tomorrow. Mike Schopp will be present for the audit.

Graber stated the water loss is up. This could be due to the amount of time it has taken to read meters without the auto-read system and there is a small main leak at East Central and Eastern Ave.

Trustee Foley inquired about the time tracking application. Graber stated he had contacted QuickBooks and they stated they are aware of the problem with the GPS data. He is looking into other options that would be cheaper as he would not like to go back to paper timecards.

Billington and Blancaflor exit the meeting at 6:46pm.

Trustee Foley inquired about an update on the slip lining incident report. Graber stated the Village insurance covered the slip lining incident.

Trustee Foley stated there is tree on a Village right-a-way with a dead limb overhanging. Graber stated he would take care of it and added that there may be two trees that need to be removed completely.

Trustee Moore inquired about the status of Graber's Water operator application. Graber stated he has received his letters and has mailed in his application.

A **motion** was made by Dial and seconded by Swartzendruber to approve the consent agenda.

Approved by roll call vote.

A. Approval of monthly bills as presented and allowed.

B. Approval of the transfer of \$30,000.00 from Illinois Fund Checking to General Fund Checking.

C. Approval of the transfer of \$23,000.00 from Clearing Fund Checking to Operation and Maintenance Checking.

D. Approval of the 08.15.2023 Board Meeting Minutes.

E. Approval of the transfer of \$ 10,721.27 from the Clearing Fund Checking to General Fund Checking for the August Garbage Payment.

F. Approval the Trick-or-Treating hours for Tuesday, October 31st 6pm-8pm.

G. Approval of Resolution #343 "A Resolution for Investment of Funds"

H. Approval of Resolution #344 "A Resolution for Investment of Funds"

I. Approval of Resolution #345 "A Resolution for Investment of Funds"

Ayes: Hoeff, Foley, Dial, Moore, Swartzendruber, and Williams.

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

A **motion** was made by Moore and seconded by Foley to approve Robin Talley's Resignation.

Ayes: Hoeff, Foley, Dial, Moore, Swartzendruber, and Williams.

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

A **motion** was made by Foley and seconded by Swartzendruber to approve, as amended, the Certified Water Operator Contract with Mike Schopp.

Ayes: Hoeff, Foley, Dial, Moore, Swartzendruber, and Williams.

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

The **motion** to approve Ordinance #879 "AN ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO REIMBURSEMENT OF NECESSARY EXPENDITURES AND TRAVEL, MEAL AND LODGING EXPENSES" was TABLED.

A **motion** was made by Moore and seconded by Foley to approve Ordinance #880, "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF CERTAIN PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE VILLAGE"

Ayes: Hoefft, Foley, Dial, Moore, Swartzendruber, and Williams.

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

A **motion** was made by Foley and seconded by Moore to approve the quote from Core & Main not to exceed \$4,250.00.

Ayes: Hoefft, Foley, Dial, Moore, Swartzendruber, and Williams.

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

A **motion** was made by Moore and seconded by Hoefft to approve Ordinance #881, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF MINIER, ILLINOIS ESTABLISHING PREVAILING RATES OF WAGES IN CONSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC WORKS"

Ayes: Hoefft, Foley, Dial, Moore, Swartzendruber, and Williams.

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

A **motion** was made by Foley and seconded by Moore to approve, as amended, the Employment Manual effective September 22nd, 2023.

Ayes: Hoefft, Foley, Dial, Moore, Swartzendruber, and Williams.

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Clerk Horner presented her monthly report.

Horner stated she would not be in the office October 11th – 13th. Horner will be attending Clerk Academy. Moriconi will be filling in those days.

Unfinished business.

Attorney Herman discussed repealing the mailbox ordinance that prevents residents from installing their own mailbox. The Board has agreed to repeal the mailbox ordinance at the November board meeting.

Trustee Foley stated she has received several complaints about the appearance of the town. Weseloh stated that several ordinance violations have been served and they have complied. Trustee Williams inquired what the complaints were regarding. Trustee Foley stated that it was not specific.

Trustee Foley inquired about a Beautification Committee.

President Keneipp stated November 4th will be the Kiwanis Area garage sale at St. Johns.

The Minier Christmas Parade will be December 2nd, 2023.

Graber exited the meeting at 8:28 pm.

A **motion** was made by Foley and seconded by Swartzendruber to Adjourn to Executive Session Pursuant To 2(c) of the Open Meetings Act to Discuss Employment and Salaries of Personnel 8:28 pm.

Approved by roll call vote.

Ayes: Hoefft, Foley, Dial, Moore, Swartzendruber, and Williams.

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

A **motion** was made by Swartzendruber and seconded by Moore to Move to Open Session at 8:28 pm.

Ayes: Hoefft, Foley, Dial, Moore, Swartzendruber, and Williams.

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

A **motion** was made by Hoefft and seconded by Swartzendruber to Adjourn at 8:28 pm.

Ayes: Hoefft, Foley, Dial, Moore, Swartzendruber, and Williams.

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Sasha Horner, Clerk

Neill Keneipp, Village President