

The February 21, 2023 meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by President Keneipp.

Trustees Present: Foley, Dial, Swartzendruber, Williams.

Trustees Absent: Hoefft, Moore.

Also Present: Chief Weseloh, Kent Graber, Michelle Moriconi, Village Attorney Josh Herman, Bob Benson, Scott & Tacia Dunham, Jonathan & Jeff Gordon, Rick Cross.

Scott Dunham is a small business owner from Stanford that is purchasing K's Cafe. Dunham's business, Macro, is an individual meal prep service that offers a healthy meal, that isn't bland or boring. Dunham reviewed his plans for the building upon completing the purchase as well as his long term plans. His wife, Tacia, also has a small business that will set up shop in the Twice-n-Nice building. Ultimately, Dunham wants to support the community any way he can, and he believes that growing his business will grow the community.

The board inquired about the logistics of his business currently and how that will translate into a brick a mortar shop.

Scott & Tacia Dunham and Bob Benson exit at 6:23 pm.

Chief Weseloh presented his monthly report.

In the area of equipment, the squad car that is on loan to Hopedale should be returned by the end of the month, following the completed repair of Hopedale's squad car that was damaged by a deer.

The new squad car currently has no ETA. Chief Weseloh has begun getting bids for the equipment for the new squad car.

5<sup>th</sup> grade students at Havana Junior High and Olympia West have completed the D.A.R.E. program and a graduation ceremony was hosted by each school to recognize the students' accomplishments. Chief Weseloh has begun teaching the D.A.R.E. program at Delavan Grade School and Olympia North Elementary.

Recruitment for the police explorers has begun.

The Bank of Pontiac and the police department will be hosting another senior safe driving course in April.

Kent Graber presented the Public Works monthly report.

Graber completed his online water class through SIUE and will be taking his water test in the near future.

The dump and burn piles have been cleaned up. Graber noted that cleanup this time of year is difficult due to the equipment being prepared and loaded for snow and ice.

The Public Works Department is continuing to learn the new VFD procedures. Graber reported that it is going well.

All the lights in the Village Hall have been switched to LED bulbs. Ameren provided the LED bulbs, and the Village should see a change in their electric bill soon.

Graber reported that Hoerr was in town to complete phase one of the slip lining project. Phase two will be completed between May and June.

Water loss is down to 11%, which is 6% less than last month. Graber noted that this reflects that the equipment that faulted last month is operating correctly.

Sewer loss is down a little due to the lack of rain this month.

A **motion** was made by Swartzendruber and seconded by Foley to approve the consent agenda. Trustee Foley requested to remove items F, G, I, and L from the consent agenda for further discussion. Approved by role 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 01.17.2023 Board Meeting Minutes.

E. Approval of the transfer of \$9,873.51 from the Clearing Fund Checking to General Fund Checking for the January Garbage Payment.

H. Approval of Sasha Horner's Millage Reimbursement in the amount of \$124.45.

J. Approval of the Intergovernmental Agreement with The Village of Hopedale.

K. Approval of Townwide Cleanup on May 8<sup>th</sup>.

Ayes: Foley, Dial, Swartzendruber, and Williams.

Nayes: None.

Abstain: None.

Rick Cross, Jeff Gordon, and Jonathan Gordon entered at 6:47 pm.

The Board discussed item F, Approval of Resolution #336 "A RESOLUTION

OF THE VILLAGE OF MINIER IN SUPPORT OF TAX INCREMENT FINANCING." The Village Attorney, Josh Herman, informed the board that IML is asking all municipalities to pass this resolution to show support of the laws that currently exist.

A **motion** was made by Swartzendruber and seconded by Dial to approve item F, Resolution #336 "A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF MINIER IN SUPPORT OF TAX INCREMENT FINANCING," of the consent agenda. Approved by role call vote.

Ayes: Foley, Dial, Swartzendruber, and Williams.

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

The Board discussed item G, Approval of the FY22 Audit Report.

A **motion** was made by Foley and seconded by Swartzendruber to approve item G, the FY22 Audit Report, of the consent agenda. Approved by role call vote.

Ayes: Foley, Dial, Swartzendruber, and Williams.

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

The Board discussed item I, Approval to file lien on property at 207 S. Eastern Ave. President Keneipp reminded the board that the property is a trailer unit that the Village mowed and completed a cleanup. Chief Weseloh added that there has been no successful communication with the property owner and the lien is to cover the expenses of the cleanup and dumpster, and is to be filed with the county.

A **motion** was made by Dial and seconded by Swartzendruber to approve item I, the lien on 207 S. Eastern Ave. of the consent agenda. Approved by role call vote.

Ayes: Foley, Dial, Swartzendruber, and Williams.

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

The Board discussed item L, Approval of Dog Park Grand Opening on June 4<sup>th</sup>.

Trustee Swartzendruber inquired if the Dog Park will be completed by the proposed date. Graber assured the board that it will be ready.

Trustee Foley inquired about lighting for the Dog Park. Chief Weseloh stated that he is still looking for a lighting solution.

President Keneipp expressed concern with competing with soccer on a Sunday. Chief Weseloh stated that there is no soccer on Sunday and there should be no conflict.

A **motion** was made by Dial and seconded by Swartzendruber to approve item L, the Dog Park Grand Opening on June 4<sup>th</sup>, of the consent agenda. Approved by role call vote.

Ayes: Foley, Dial, Swartzendruber, and Williams.

Nayes: None.

Abstain: None.

The board discussed the logistics of the Electronics Recycling. Pricing and more information will be discussed soon.

A **motion** was made by Swartzendruber and seconded by Foley to Approve Quote from Republic Service for Electronic Recycling. Approved by role call vote.

Ayes: Foley, Dial, Swartzendruber, and Williams.

Nayes: None.

Abstain: None.

The motion to Approve Pricing for Residents Electronic Recycling was tabled.

Michelle Moriconi Presented the Clerks report.

The audit is complete.

There is no new information regarding the County RLF Closeout Grant.

Regarding the mailbox ordinance, Attorney Herman has had no recent communication with USPS, but has been in communication with Representative Darrin LaHood's office regarding the issue. More information is expected to be available soon.



Chief Weseloh stated that he met with local entrepreneurs to discuss possible business developments. He added that interest is progressing, and the Village will continue their Spotlight program on Facebook.

Attorney Herman presented the board with a booklet covering TIF. Herman reviewed the pros and cons of a TIF District, other options, and the process of creating a TIF District.

Jonathan Gordon addressed the board. Gordon purchased the remaining lots of Johnson Heights. He plans to develop those properties with duplexes. Gordon is in favor of a TIF district due to the property expansion made possible by the funding of a TIF. Gordon added that though he purchased five lots in total, with roads and utilities added, there could be a total of twelve lots.

Jonathan Gordon, Jeff Gordon, and Rick Cross exit at 7:31 pm.

Trustee Foley inquired about a survey to gauge the communities interest and needs as far as new businesses. Chief Weseloh stated that a survey will be available in the future.

The Business Development Committee was tabled but the logistics of this committee will be established soon.

The board discussed the Employee Manual. Further discussion will be done in the upcoming meetings.

Kent Graber and Attorney Josh Herman exited at 7:52 pm.

A **motion** was made by Dial and seconded by Swartzendruber to Adjourn to Executive Session Pursuant To 2(c)1 of the Open Meetings Act to Discuss Employment and Salaries of Personnel at 7:53 pm. Approved by roll call vote.

Ayes: Foley, Dial, Swartzendruber, and Williams.

Nayes: None.

Abstain: None.

A **motion** was made by Swartzendruber and seconded by Foley to Move to Open Session at 8:30 pm.

Ayes: Foley, Dial, Swartzendruber, and Williams.

Nayes: None.

Abstain: None.

A **motion** was made by Dial and seconded by Swartzendruber to Adjourn at 8:31 pm.

Ayes: Foley, Dial, Swartzendruber, and Williams.

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

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Michelle Moriconi, Deputy Clerk

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