

The November 15, 2022 meeting was called to order at 6 pm by President Keneipp.

Trustees Present: Hoeft, Foley, Dial, Moore, Swartzendruber, Williams.

Trustees Absent: None.

Also Present: Chief Weseloh, Kent Graber, Michelle Moriconi, Ron Macek, Gary McDaniel, and Attorney Josh Hermann.

Gary McDaniel attended the meeting to discuss electronic disposal within the Village. McDaniel stated that electronics are everywhere and expressed his concern for the lack of proper disposal available to the Village. Chief Weseloh informed McDaniel of electronic disposal locations in the area. McDaniel suggested that the Village offer an electronic collection for disposal at the Village Hall once a week and charge for disposal if necessary. President Keneipp will be looking into this concern further.

McDaniel extended thanks to those who completed the clean up of the building downtown.

McDaniel exited the meeting at 6:08 p.m.

Ron Macek of Rise Broadband Internet attended the meeting to discuss the services that Rise Broadband Internet offers and the company's desire to service Minier. The company provides wireless and fiberoptic internet and is wanting to provide fiberoptic internet to Minier. Macek discussed the procedure, benefits, cost, and the responsibilities the Village, the residents, and Rise Broadband would have in the process of connecting the Village to fiberoptic internet. Rise Broadband has provided fiberoptic internet to other rural towns in Illinois and is eager to do the same for Minier and its surrounding communities. The Board, President Keneipp, Kent Graber, and Village Attorney Josh Hermann discussed their concerns and questions with Macek. Macek will be presenting his proposal to the Executives of Rise Broadband and will be in touch with the Village on if and how they decide to proceed. This issue will be discussed further.

Macek exited the meeting at 6:34 p.m.

Chief Weseloh presented his monthly report.

Weseloh stated that 15 pounds of prescription drugs were disposed of at the DEA Takeback Day in October. The Village Hall will continue to collect unwanted prescription drugs in the secure collection container and is now able to collect sharps in the sharps disposal container provided by Hopedale Medical Complex.

Trustee Moore inquired if Weseloh was able to follow up with the residents that requested a "Speed Zone Ahead" sign be added to Stringtown, just outside of town. Weseloh stated that the residents are pleased with the flashing sign and recommends the Village add another sign on Stringtown on the other side of town.

Weseloh reviewed the cost of the downtown cleanup with the Board.

Several inquiries were made to Weseloh regarding various available lots in Minier for the development of rental units. Weseloh will keep the board informed of any updates to the inquiries.

The Police Explorers assisted with the parking of cars at Trunk or Treat at the Assembly of God on Halloween, as well as in Marquette Heights at Spook Hollow for three weekends in October.

The Police Department assisted with the fire and tornado drills at Olympia West.

Weseloh reported that the new squad car was ordered and will be delivered in April of 2023.

Kent Graber presented the Public Works Department report.

In the area of equipment, Graber reported that due to the cleanup of the building downtown, Public Works conducted various maintenance tasks on Village Equipment. Graber reported that the zero-turn mower was returned to Cross Implement for the season.

Graber stated that water loss was down to 11% but noted that it could be more or less as the calculation was an estimate due to the flushing of water mains. Sewer is up due to the extra rain this month.

The water tower was repaired and maintenance at the Lift Station will begin and be completed hopefully before the snow arrives.

Public Works has been keeping up with the leaf disposal at the burn pile.

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

1. Approval of monthly bills as presented and allowed.
2. Approval of the transfer of \$30,000.00 from Illinois Fund Checking to General Fund Checking.
3. Approval of the transfer of \$23,000.00 from Clearing Fund Checking to Operation and Maintenance Checking.
4. Approval of the 10.18.2022 Board Meeting Minutes.

5. Approval of the transfer of \$18,797.24 from the Clearing Fund Checking to General Fund Checking for the September and October Garbage Payment.
6. Approval of Resolution #331, "A Resolution Authorizing Kent Graber the Issuance of Visa Credit Card for Purchases Made for the Village of Minier."

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

Nayes: None.

Abstain: None.

A **motion** was made by Hoeft and seconded by Swartzendruber to approve the purchase of Fire-Resistant File Cabinet, not to exceed \$5,000.00.

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

Nayes: None.

Abstain: None.

The consideration of motion to approve the quote for Hoerr Construction Inc. in the amount of \$377,941.20 for 2022 CIPP Sanitary Sewer Lining Project was **tabled** to allow for edits to be made to the quote.

The consideration of motion to approve the purchase of solar lights for Westside Park Dog Park not to exceed \$8,000.00 was **tabled** to search for other options.

Michelle Moriconi presented the Clerk's Report.

The Bulk Pickup prices will increase from \$15.00 to \$18.00 effective January 1, 2023.

In the area of unfinished business, President Keneipp reported that the County RLF Closeout Grant is back in the works.

Regarding the mailbox ordinance, the Village Attorney is waiting for a response from USPS and will be sending a follow up. Attorney Hermann suggested a letter be sent to Representative Darin LaHood regarding the issue. The Board discussed and agreed that this would be beneficial. Attorney Hermann will be sending the letter to LaHood soon.

President Keneipp reported that the Community Claus Spaghetti Dinner will be held on Thursday, November 17th from 4:30-6:30 for dine-in and carry-out.

A **motion** was made by Hoeft and seconded by Swartzendruber to Adjourn to Executive Session at 7:33 p.m. Pursuant To 2(C)1 of the Open Meetings Act to Discuss Employment and Salaries of Personnel.

Approved by roll call vote.

Ayes: Hoeft, Foley, Dial, Moore, Swartzendruber, Williams.

Nayes: None.

Abstain: None.

A **motion** was made by Foley and seconded by Hoeft to Move to Open Session at 8:10 p.m.

Ayes: Hoeft, Foley, Dial, Moore, Swartzendruber, Williams.

Nayes: None.

Abstain: None.

In the area of new business, Trustee Foley inquired about various properties in Minier that may be violating an ordinance. Chief Weseloh has looked at these properties. This issue will be investigated further.

Trustee Dial stated that the Village should consider purchasing new American Flags as the current flags are looking tattered. Dial urged the Village to purchase flags that are American made- he suggested purchasing from Valley Forge or Annin. The Board discussed this and will revisit this issue early next year.

A **motion** was made by Swartzendruber and seconded by Hoefft to adjourn at 8:21 p.m.

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

Nayes: None.

Abstain: None.

Michelle Moriconi, Deputy Clerk

Neill Keneipp, Village President

