

7:30 p.m. The regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees was called to order by Mayor Behnken. A roll call was answered aye by Wilson, Geppert, Feder, Newbold and Politsch. Hamon was absent. Also present were Sandy Stolte, Village Treasurer; Chris Remick, Superintendent of Public Works; and Leo Simburger, Chief of Police.

Mayor Behnken requested a motion to move the Finance and Audit from item 6.2.1 to item 2.1.

A motion was made by Trustee Politsch, seconded by Trustee Newbold, to move the Finance and Audit from item 6.2.1 to item 2.1. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

VISITORS

Brian Otten w/Scheffel Boyle

FINANCE AND AUDIT

Brian Otten went over the annual audit report with the Board of Trustees. There were multiple questions and discussions regarding the report. To sum it up, Otten said their opinion is that the financial statements are correct as of April 30, 2021.

READING OF THE JOURNAL (MINUTES)

Mayor Behnken requested a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes.

A motion was made by Trustee Newbold, seconded by Trustee Feder, to dispense with the reading of the minutes. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

Trustee Newbold noted an error in the August 2nd board minutes that needs to be corrected. He said, "on page 3 under Unfinished Business, paragraph 3 at the beginning of line 4 it reads 'find me the definition' and it should be 'define the definition'."

A motion was made by Trustee Newbold, seconded by Trustee Politsch, to approve the August 2, 2021, board minutes with the noted correction. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION

MAYOR

Mayor Behnken had nothing to report.

VILLAGE CLERK

Nancy Ritter, Deputy Clerk, was present in the Clerk's absence.

Per the audit report, previous transfers from one account to another were not voted on by the Board. The transfers that still need to be approved are \$22,000 from the Water Account transferred to the General Account to cover expenses, \$3,000 from the Water Account to the Cemetery Perpetual Care Account for perpetual care shortage, \$30,000 from the Water Account to the General Account for Van Buren St. project and \$536 from the Water Account to the Cemetery Perpetual Care Account to cover underfunding. It was noted by Mayor Behnken that transfers are supposed to be approved by the Board before they are done but that is not always possible if a transfer is in need before a board meeting.

Trustee Politsch asked that the memo for the transfers be more specific in the future.

A motion was made by Trustee Newbold, seconded by Trustee Politsch, to approve the transfers as were presented. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

TREASURERS TIME

The monthly Treasurer’s Report had been distributed to the Board prior to the meeting.

Mayor Behnken suggested that each month the Board get a year-to-date Treasurer’s report along with the monthly report.

A motion was made by Trustee Newbold, seconded by Trustee Feder, to approve the Treasurer’s monthly report as presented. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

The Treasurer brought up a counterclaim regarding the marina. It was noted that Attorney Kubitscheck received the counterclaim information from Ted Dennis and was asking if the Board wanted to have Dennis continue with this. A few of the board members thought the Board had already decided to have Dennis continue with this. The Deputy Clerk said she would check the previous board minutes to see if any action was voted on concerning this matter.

POLICE CHIEF

Chief Simburger noted there have been some issues getting the Impala fixed as the responsible party may have turned in bad insurance information. The Chief is going to contact our insurance company to see what needs to be done.

SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND BUILDINGS

Chris Remick noted that they need a set of two tracks for the skid steer. He received quotes from Wedge Tire in the amount of \$1,804.98 for both and Mascoutah Equipment in the amount of \$2,500.40 for both. It was recommended to purchase the tracks from Wedge Tire.

A motion was made by Trustee Newbold, seconded by Trustee Wilson, to approve the purchase of two tracks for the skid steer from Wedge Tire in the amount of \$1,804.98. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

AMBULANCE SERVICE DIRECTOR

Director Green was not present.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

STREETS AND ALLEYS

Trustee Geppert stated that the Streets and Alleys Committee met on August 4th to discuss the DCEO sidewalk grant. It was stated that the grant can only be used for the scope of work that was submitted on the grant. Trustee Feder said he would talk to John Krampfer who works for Hank’s Excavating to see what it would cost to have them do this project. It was noted that some engineering fees and a load of rock have already been submitted for this grant.

The drainage issue at the post office was brought up. Remick said he has an idea of what can be done to fix the issue but thinks it should be looked at by an engineer first. Mayor Behnken stated that he doesn't believe it is the Village's problem.

WATER AND SEWER

Nothing to report.

PERSONNEL, PUBLIC SAFETY/ADA

Nothing to report.

PUBLIC PROPERTY AND PARKS

Trustee Newbold stated that he was contacted via Facebook from Bobby Wilson regarding using Okaw Valley Park for a martial arts program. He will schedule a committee meeting and invite Wilson to discuss further.

CEMETERY

Nothing to report.

IMPROVEMENTS AND GRANTS

Trustee Politsch has talked to someone from the Metro East Park and Recreations Department about grants. Someone would be able to help with IDNR grants as well. There was a brief discussion regarding how different grants work and how some require matching funds.

ORDINANCES

Remick would like the Ordinance Committee to meet sometime to go over the ordinance regarding the sidewalks. He stated that the current ordinance in not clear.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Nothing to report.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDERS, AND ORDINANCES

Nothing to report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Chief Simburger noted that no one showed up for the boat sale at the marina. It was recommended that the Village get salvage titles for the two boats.

A motion was made by Trustee Newbold, seconded by Trustee Politsch, to apply for salvage titles for the two boats at the marina. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Trustee Newbold, seconded by Trustee Feder, to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 p.m. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

Nancy Ritter, Deputy Clerk
Joe Behnken, Village President