

JANUARY 20, 2020 VILLAGE OF NEW ATHENS 905 SPOTSYLVANIA PAGE 1

7:30 p.m. The regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Trustee Ruhmann in Mayor Klein's absence, who led the Pledge of Allegiance. A roll call was answered aye by Wilson, Newbold, Hamon, Geppert, Ruhmann and Boden. Sandy Stolte, Village Treasurer, Leo Simburger, Chief of Police, Officer Brad Penet and Andrew Green, Ambulance Director, were also present.

The board reviewed the minutes from the January 6, 2020 board meeting. Trustee Newbold noted a correction under visitors.

A motion was made by Hamon; seconded by Boden, to approve the board minutes with the correction as noted. A vote was answered aye by Hamon, Wilson, Newbold, Ruhmann, Boden and Geppert.

VISITORS

Joe Behnken, John Feder, Debby Politsch and Mark Schreder.

Joe Behnken was present to ask about a marina hearing update as well as a grant update for resurfacing Van Buren Street.

Debby Politsch commented the majority of the police cars should be marked since they are taxpayer funded vehicles.

FINANCE & AUDIT

Nothing to report at this time.

WATER & SEWER

Tyler Liefer and Gary Idecker need to attend the annual water conference in Effingham to receive credits towards their water license. The cost of the conference is \$175 per person. The conference is February 18 thru 20 and they will need hotel rooms.

A motion was made by Hamon; seconded by Geppert, to approve Tyler Liefer and Gary Idecker attend the water conference and hotel stay. A vote was answered aye by Hamon, Wilson, Newbold, Ruhmann, Boden and Geppert.

STREETS & ALLEYS

Nothing to report at this time.

CEMETERY

Nothing to report at this time.

PUBLIC PROPERTY & PARK

Trustee Newbold reported someone is inquiring about renting an office in the medical building.

PUBLIC SAFETY & ADA

Nothing to report at this time.

POLICE

Chief Simburger presented Officer Penet with a letter of accommodation for rescuing subjects trapped inside their vehicle on a flooded road and putting them in his squad car to prevent hyperthermia on January 11th.

PERSONNEL

Trustee Geppert recommended hiring Colton Grote for part-time EMT.

A motion was made by Geppert; seconded by Hamon, to approve hiring Colton Grote as part-time EMT. A vote was answered aye by Hamon, Wilson, Newbold, Ruhmann, Boden and Geppert.

IMPROVEMENTS & GRANTS

Nothing to report at this time.

ORDINANCE REVIEW

The attorney did not have the 2019-09 ordinance and deed ready for tonight's meeting.

There was a discussion on occupancy permits, ordinances and fines. Chief Simburger said most cities do house inspections and larger cities have their own department with a certified housing inspector employed. It was said the Village does not have a certified housing inspector. The board will look into updating the ordinances.

TREASURERS TIME

Sandy Stolte handed out the monthly treasurer's report prior to the meeting.

A motion was made by Hamon; seconded by Boden, to approve the treasurer's report as presented. A vote was answered aye by Hamon, Wilson, Newbold, Boden, Ruhmann and Geppert.

CLERKS TIME

Nothing to report at this time.

MAYOR'S TIME

Nothing to report at this time.

OTHER BUSINESS

Trustee Ruhmann requested executive session for litigation.

A motion was made by Geppert, seconded by Boden, to enter into Executive Session at 7:56 p.m. regarding litigation. A vote was answered aye by Newbold, Wilson, Hamon, Boden, Ruhmann and Geppert.

A motion was made by Hamon, seconded by Newbold, to return to Regular Session at 8:05 p.m. A vote was answered aye by Hamon, Geppert, Newbold, Boden, Ruhmann and Wilson.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Michelle Neff
Village Clerk

Richard Klein
Village President