

7:30 p.m. The regular board meeting of the Village Board of Trustees was called to order by Mayor Klein. A roll call was answered aye by Wilson, Ruhmann, Newbold, Geppert and Boden. Hamon was absent. Also, in attendance in person was Attorney Dennis and Chief Simburger. Andrew Green arrived at 7:59 p.m.

The board reviewed the minutes from the April 5th board meeting. It was noted to make a correction under visitors and a clarification under improvements and grants.

A motion was made by Newbold; seconded by Geppert, to approve the April 5th board minutes as amended. A vote was answered aye by Newbold, Ruhmann, Geppert, Boden and Wilson.

VISITORS

Joe Behnken, John Feder, Greg Pitchford, Debby Politsch, John Kennedy III, Mark Schreder and Kyle Wetzel

Greg Pitchford of 1030 Spotsylvania Street was present regarding the water leak he had in his yard. He had the yard dug up and water line fixed. Greg noted the bill would not have been as high if it were not estimated the month before. It was discussed to issue sewer credit of \$210 and credit on the water usage by splitting the difference, because the meter was not read the prior month and the bill was estimated.

A motion was made by Newbold; seconded by Wilson, to approve the sewer credit of \$210 and split the difference on water usage because of the estimated water bill the prior month. A vote was answered aye by Newbold, Ruhmann, Geppert, Boden and Wilson.

Debby Politsch asked for an update on the marina, medical building rental, and Van Buren Street project. Attorney Dennis stated we are in possession of the marina. There is judgement against the Smiths for \$158,000 with 9% interest and we are waiting on a ruling from the appellate court. Attorney Dennis suggested to get the campground up and running to bring in some income. Trustee Newbold is waiting to hear back from the pharmacist on the medical building. The Van Buren Street project is scheduled to start mid-May.

FINANCE & AUDIT

Nothing new to report.

WATER & SEWER

Trustee Geppert reported the committee met April 15th regarding the sewer back up at 503 South Benton Street. The committee decided to install a check backwater valve, but camera the village's sewer line first. The committee wants a note on the back of the water bills and put over the on the phone system to not flush things that should not be flushed because it is causing our sewer lines to clog. Trustee Newbold suggested it also be put on the police's Facebook page.

The property at 908 North Mill Street had a water leak in the yard using 50,000 gallons. The sewer credit would be \$294. It was discussed the credit should be done the same as Pitchford's credit that was voted on earlier in the meeting.

A motion was made by Newbold; seconded by Ruhmann, to approve the sewer credit of \$294 and split the difference on water usage because of the estimated water bill the prior month. A

vote was answered aye by Newbold, Ruhmann, Geppert, Boden and Wilson.

STREETS & ALLEYS

Nothing new to report.

CEMETERY

Nothing new to report.

PUBLIC PROPERTY & PARK

Attorney Dennis said the property at 300 South Elizabeth Street can be put up for sale. The minimum bid will need to be figured before publishing. Attorney Dennis will figure the recovery costs and the Village will need to figure the cost of mowing the property. Attorney Dennis said it would be best to wait until the new board and attorney take office before the board votes to sell the property. It will take a vote of 5 to pass.

PUBLIC SAFETY & ADA

Nothing new to report.

POLICE

Chief Simburger reported one of the boats at the marina has been sold and they will be removing it soon.

Chief Simburger reported the Village will be getting \$232,764 of stimulus money, half this year and half next year.

PERSONNEL

Nothing new to report.

IMPROVEMENTS & GRANTS

Nothing new to report.

ORDINANCE REVIEW

Nothing new to report.

TREASURERS TIME

The monthly Treasurer's report was submitted for the board's review.

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

CLERKS TIME

Michelle Neff noted it was time to review and release executive session minutes. The only executive session held since the last review was December 21, 2020 to review the prior six months of executive session minutes.

A motion was made by Ruhmann, seconded by Boden, to approve the release of executive session minutes from December 21, 2020. A vote was answered aye by Geppert, Ruhmann, Newbold, Boden, and Wilson.

MAYOR'S TIME

Mayor Klein thanked everyone for working with him and said a lot has been done with this board and previous boards. Next month Van Buren Street will get redone and hopefully Tyler will hear back and get Spotsylvania done next year. Mayor Klein said Attorney Dennis did a hell of a job with the marina and we finally had a mayor to stand up to them which started in 2013. It took this long, unfortunately. Mayor Klein thanked the board for working with Attorney Dennis so something could get done with the marina. Mayor Klein applauded Joe Behnken on the win as well as Debby Politsch and John Feder.

Mayor Klein stated he was upset when Debby Politsch called the state's attorney on the Village for not using the telephone system any longer at meetings, because she thought we were supposed to. Mayor Klein stated Brad Cole of IML was contacted and he said we did not have to keep doing the phone system and wished Debby would have believed us.

Andrew Green arrived at 7:59 p.m.

Mayor Klein thanked Attorney Dennis for all he has done for the Village.

OTHER BUSINESS

Nothing new to report

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Michelle Neff
Village Clerk

Richard Klein
Village President