

**MINUTES
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 3, 2019
7:30pm**

The Village Board meeting was called to order at 7:30pm with everyone reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Trustees Yoch, Becherer, Rogers, Elbe, Henning and Mourey answered roll call. Tom Incrocci, Susan Harashe and Patty Maul were also in attendance.

CLERK'S REPORT

The Board received a copy. A motion was made by Trustee Becherer which was seconded by Trustee Yoch to approve the minutes from the board meeting that was held on August 20, 2019. Roll call was taken: Trustee Becherer, aye; Trustee Yoch, aye; Trustee Rogers, aye; Trustee Elbe, aye; Trustee Henning, aye; Trustee Mourey, aye. Motion was granted.

TREASURER'S REPORT: No report.

GOOD OF THE VILLAGE

Mayor Smallwood shared a request from the Commercial Club to hold the Haunted Trail in the park on October 18 & 19, 2019 from 7:00pm - 11:00pm. They will be requesting help from Supervisor Klein to shut down some of the lights in the park and will ask Chief Neff for extra police patrols. Trustee Mourey made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Elbe to allow the Commercial Club to hold the annual Haunted Trail in the park on October 18 & 19, 2019 from 7:00pm – 11:00pm. Roll call was taken: Trustee Mourey, aye; Trustee Elbe, aye; Trustee Yoch, aye; Trustee Becherer, aye; Trustee Rogers, aye; Trustee Henning, aye. Motion was granted.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Neff gave a summary of the police log from last month. He reported that all of the officers completed firearms training, AED training, blood born pathogen training, and taser certification in the last month.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

SIDEWALK AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST/STOERGER ST.

Engineer Saeger reported that he spoke to Dave Pierpoint at St. Johns regarding the sidewalk along Stoerger Street. Saeger gave him the options from the board to either fill in the strip between the sidewalk and the curb with concrete or lower the sidewalk along Stoerger Street. Pierpoint will discuss the issue with the school board and let Saeger know their decision.

EHRET/JANSEN CABLE – WATER LINE REPAIR

Engineer Saeger reported that he sent an email to Jansen accepting their payment amount towards the water line damages that occurred last fall when they were working on cable lines in town. Saeger asked when the village could expect the payment. He has not heard back from Jansen yet.

SEWER TAP FOR SMITHTON GRADE SCHOOL

Engineer Saeger reported that the grade school will be relocating their kitchen and will need an additional sewer tap near the Southwest corner of the school. They are requesting that the village waive the fee for the sewer tap. Trustee Yoch made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Becherer to waive the fee for a sewer tap for the Smithton Grade School. Roll call was taken: Trustee Yoch, aye; Trustee Becherer, aye; Trustee Rogers, aye; Trustee Elbe, aye; Trustee Henning, aye; Trustee Mourey, aye. Motion was granted.

MFT OIL AND CHIP

Engineer Saeger informed the board that the street oiling has been rescheduled to October 7 & 8, 2019, with a rain date of October 9, 2019. There was a conflict with a cross country meet that was scheduled at the park for the original dates.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

Engineer Saeger reported that he received a letter from State Senator Belt stating that the village is scheduled to receive additional revenue than was previously expected. Saeger reminded the board that the village will need to contribute to the North High Street project as well as the future Highway 159 turn lane project. Saeger asked the board that if they decide to use the funds for the North High Street project he would need to know soon so the paperwork could be sent in to IDOT. The board recommended that the funds will not be put towards the North High Street project.

EAST/WEST GATEWAY GRANT APPLICATION – No update.

HEALTH OFFICER’S REPORT: No report.

SAFETY COMMITTEE

Mayor Smallwood reported that there is a Safety Committee Meeting scheduled for September 5, 2019 at 10:00am, if needed.

ZONING BOARD REPORT

Zoning Administrator Saeger reported that there was a zoning hearing scheduled on August 26, 2019 to consider a special use request for 424 S. Lincoln Street. The zoning board recommended that the special use request for a storage facility at 424 S. Lincoln Street be denied. Trustee Yoch made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Elbe to uphold the motion of the zoning board to deny the special use request for 424 S. Lincoln Street. Roll call was taken: Trustee Yoch, aye; Trustee Elbe, aye; Trustee Becherer aye; Trustee Rogers, aye; Trustee Henning, aye; Trustee Mourey, aye. Motion was granted.

Zoning Administrator Saeger reported that there are two more zoning hearings scheduled for September 29, 2019.

SUPERVISORS REPORT

Supervisor Klein reported that there was a water leak repair in front of No-Jacks Bar last month. Klein reported that Klein lift station had to be cleaned out last week. The crew is almost done with all of the ditch work along sections of Knab Road. Klein reported that FSH has been flushing hydrants. The street crew will be flushing hydrants in the village starting this week. Klein reported that the pressure line blew out of the pressure reader inside of the water tower and was repaired this morning.

IPAD

Supervisor Klein informed the board that he would like to request an IPAD to use for his job duties. Mayor Smallwood would like this item put on the agenda for the next Committee As a Whole meeting.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT: No report. Attorney Durso was absent.

Trustee Yoch made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Becherer to accept the officer’s reports as given. All were in favor. Motion was granted.

COMMITTEE AS A WHOLE

Mayor Smallwood informed the board that there was a Committee As a Whole meeting on August 27, 2019. The items will be discussed under the individual committee reports. Trustee Yoch made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Rogers to approve the minutes from the Committee As a Whole meeting on August 27, 2019. Roll call was taken: Trustee Yoch, aye; Trustee Rogers, aye; Trustee Becherer, aye; Trustee Henning, aye; Trustee Mourey, aye; Trustee Yoch, absent. Motion was passed.

FINANCE & INSURANCE COMMITTEE: No report.

STREET & UTILITY COMMITTEE

STORM WATER DRAINAGE – No update.

4509 BARLEYRIDGE-STRUCTURAL DAMAGE

Mayor Smallwood asked Engineer Saeger if he had received any documentation from the property owner at 4509 Barleyridge Drive. Saeger reported that he had not received any reports regarding street creep from the property owner. Saeger contacted him and asked for any documentation but the property owner has not responded yet.

NORCOM 2000 FIBEROPTIC INSTALLATION – No update.

POLICE COMMITTEE

POSSIBLE EMS

Trustee Elbe reported that the Smithton Fire District would like an EMS station in the village. They would like to work with the Village and possibly split the attorney fees with the Village. Trustee Elbe made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Becherer to contribute an amount not to exceed

\$2000.00 for legal fees on a joint project with the Smithton Fire Department to research setting up an EMS station in Smithton. Chief Neff and Trustee Rogers will represent the Village for the project.

FOP CONTRACT – SERGEANT POSITION

Trustee Elbe reminded the board that the language for the FOP contract for the Police Sergeant position needs to be approved. Trustee Elbe made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Yoch to approve the language for the FOP contract for the Police Sergeant position. Roll call was taken: Trustee Elbe, aye; Trustee Yoch, aye; Trustee Becherer, aye; Trustee Rogers, aye; Trustee Henning, aye; Trustee Mourey, aye. Motion was granted.

IN CAR RADIOS FOR POLICE VEHICLES

Trustee Elbe informed the board that the police car radios were going to be replaced next year, but Chief Neff was made aware that CENCOM has a grant available that will expire tomorrow. It would be a savings of over \$6000.00 if the radios were replaced now. Neff informed the board that the car radios have been going out and there are not any spare ones left. Trustee Yoch made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Mourey to authorize the use of a CENCOM grant and the purchase of in car radios from Motorola for the police vehicles for a price of \$11,399.43. Roll call was taken: Trustee Yoch, aye; Trustee Mourey, aye; Trustee Becherer, aye; Trustee Rogers, aye; Trustee Elbe, aye; Trustee Henning, aye. Motion was granted.

PARK & CEMETERY COMMITTEE

STOCK PARK LAKE – FISH

Trustee Henning informed the board that he was ready to purchase fish to stock the park lake. This item will be put on the agenda for the next Committee As a Whole meeting to compare prices from the last fish purchase.

EVOLIS TWIN SPEED-LIMIT ELECTRONIC SIGNS – No update.

CAMERAS AT THE PARK, SENIOR CENTER & MAINTENANCE SHED – No update.

PARK BUILDING GRANT – No update.

METRO EAST PARKS AND RECREATION DISTRICT (MEPRD) GRANT PROGRAM – No update.

GRAVESTONE REPAIRS

Trustee Henning would like this item on the agenda for the next Committee As a Whole meeting.

911 MEMORIAL

Trustee Henning would like this item on the agenda for the next Committee As a Whole meeting.

PARK TREES & LAKE ROCK – Trustee Henning would like to discuss park trees at the next Committee As a Whole meeting.

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

CODE BOOK UPDATE

Trustee Yoch would like to schedule meetings for the Ordinance Committee on September 11 & 12, 2019 at 6:00pm.

RENTAL PROPERTY REGISTRATION/INSPECTION ORDINANCE – No update.

ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS – Trustee Yoch reported that there has been a citation sent to Bruce Anderson.

ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS/RANDY BECKER – Chief Neff reported that a letter had been sent to the property owner and since then a dumpster has been placed at the property.

ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS/KEN & MARI BERTELSMAN – Chief Neff reported that an ordinance violation letter had been sent to Ken Bertelsman. He has now begun to clean up the properties.

ANNEXATION AND BUILDING COMMITTEE

SALT STORAGE BUILDING – No report.

COMMUNITY GARDEN – No report.

VILLAGE HALL GENERATOR – No report.

BILLS AND PAYROLL

Trustee Becherer made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Yoch to authorize Clerk Parker to pay the bills from August and payroll from August 10, 2019, through August 23, 2019. Roll call was taken: Trustee Becherer, aye; Trustee Yoch, aye; Trustee Rogers, aye; Trustee Elbe, aye; Trustee Henning, aye; Trustee Mourey, aye. Motion was granted.

COMMUNICATIONS: No items.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: No items.

NEW BUSINESS: No items.

GOOD OF THE VILLAGE

Supervisor Klein informed the board that he would like them to consider hiring more part-time street department employees that he could use to fill in and help out with mowing as needed. Trustee Yoch made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Rogers to hire two new part-time employees for the Street Department for a salary not to exceed \$14.50 per hour and will not work more than 1,000 hours per year. Roll call was taken: Trustee Yoch, aye; Trustee Rogers, aye; Trustee Becherer aye; Trustee Elbe, aye; Trustee Henning, aye; Trustee Mourey, aye. Motion was granted.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

Trustee Yoch made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Rogers to adjourn. All trustees were in favor. Motion was granted to adjourn at 8:31pm.