

MINUTES
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
February 2, 2021
7:30pm

Due to Covid 19 Level 3 Mitigations, the Village Board meeting was held via teleconference. The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm. Trustees Yoch, Becherer, Rogers, Elbe, Henning and Mourey answered roll call. The public were able to participate by dialing 1-866-899-4679, access code 458-375-125. Attorney Durso, Chief Neff, Engineer Saeger, Supervisor Klein, and Clerk Parker participated by teleconference also.

CLERK'S REPORT

The Board received a copy. A motion was made by Trustee Yoch which was seconded by Trustee Becherer to approve the minutes from the board meeting held on January 19, 2021. Roll call was taken: Trustee Yoch, yes; Trustee Becherer, yes; Trustee Rogers, yes; Trustee Elbe, yes; Trustee Henning, yes; Trustee Mourey, yes. Motion was granted.

TREASURER'S REPORT – No report.

GOOD OF THE VILLAGE

Mayor Smallwood reported that there has been a lot of confusion regarding the recycling center so he would like to clarify a few things. First, the closure of the recycling center was announced in the Freeburg Tribune last week. The closure was not made public because it was not official until the Board gave its approval at the January 19th meeting. So that publication of the Freeburg Tribune would have been the next available time that they could have printed anything that happened in the meeting. So it wasn't official until the Board gave the approval for him to sign the letter stating that we were going to get out of the contract. Curbside recycling has been offered and publicized on the Village Website, on the PD Facebook page, as well as on the water bills since June through October 2020, when we ran out of space on the water bills and simply had to omit it. Billing for the curbside recycling is handled and managed by Waste Management. The Village has nothing to do with the management of the service outside of the original negotiations to establish that service and provide that service. We have been and are presently in negotiations with Waste Management to provide curbside service to the residents outside of the Village limits that participate in the recycling program but do not get trash pickup from Waste Management. This is an ongoing negotiation and should come to fruition soon. Last but not least, all excess funds that will be saved from us not paying for a recycling program will be used for other community projects. Hopefully this clarifies all of the questions that are out there about the recycling, and we can move on and take care of other Village business.

POLICE CHIEF’S REPORT

Chief Neff reported that the PD received 88 calls for January 2021. There were two felony arrests in January.

ENGINEER’S REPORT

5049 Schmidt Lane Water

Engineer Saeger reported that there was a request made by a property owner on Schmidt Lane about getting water from Smithton. Saeger spoke to her this evening and she told him that it looked unlikely that the Village would run a water line out there, so she decided that she was not going to call in for the meeting. She stated that she will not be pursuing the request. Mayor Smallwood reported that years ago an Engineers report showed that it would not be financially feasible to undertake the project due to the projected cost of about one million dollars. Millstadt also declined to pursue a water line to the area.

HEALTH OFFICER’S REPORT – No report.

SAFETY COMMITTEE

Mayor Smallwood reported that there is a Safety Committee Meeting scheduled for February 4th, 2021, at 10:00am if needed.

ZONING BOARD REPORT

ZONING HEARINGS

Zoning Administrator Saeger reported that there are two hearings scheduled for February 3, 2021. One for a wall height variance and the other is a zoning change request for property on the North end of town.

HUNTERS POINT

This item will be addressed when in-person meetings return to Village Hall.

SUPERVISORS REPORT

Supervisor Klein stated that they are ready for any winter weather.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT

17 N. HIGH STREET

Chief Neff reported that new citations have been issued to this property owner by certified mail, but the letter has not been picked up yet. Neff stated that as soon he receives notice that the letter has not been picked up, then he will have an officer hand deliver it. Durso stated that the next step could be to put a lien on the property for the costs of cleaning it up ourselves. He will check his notes he thinks that the original citation was only to remove the mobile home. He stated that he could possibly pursue contempt of court but believes that the court is not trying this type of case at this time. Durso stated that issuing citations is the most economical action for the Village right now.

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 reported that there was a Committee As a Whole meeting on January 26, 2021. Mayor Smallwood reported that the President of Stonegate HOA contacted the Mayor about the erosion along the highway in front of Stonegate Subdivision. Smallwood informed him that the HOA option of the Village building new infrastructure along the entrance to the subdivision was too cost prohibitive when there are other aging infrastructures in town that require maintenance. The other items will be discussed under the Committee Reports. Trustee Yoch made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Becherer to approve the minutes from the Committee As a Whole meeting on January 26, 2021. Roll call was taken: Trustee Yoch, yes; Trustee Becherer, yes; Trustee Rogers, yes; Trustee Elbe, yes; Trustee Henning, yes; Trustee Mourey, yes. Motion was granted.

FINANCE & INSURANCE COMMITTEE

VEHICLE STICKERS AND ANIMAL TAGS

Trustee Becherer reported that the ordinances to eliminate the sale of vehicle stickers and animal tags will be ready for a vote at the next Board meeting.

CD's

Clerk Parker will forward the latest budget numbers to Trustee Becherer.

STREET & UTILITY COMMITTEE

VISU-SEWER/STORM PIPE - No update.

STREET DEPARTMENT VEHICLES

Trustee Rogers reported that the new vehicles and equipment have been ordered. The vehicles will be available in a week or two.

RECYCLING CENTER

Trustee Rogers reported that the contract for the recycling bins will run out in April.

POLICE COMMITTEE

MAJOR CASE SQUAD

Trustee Elbe made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Rogers to authorize an Officer to participate in the Major Case Squad for an annual fee of \$75.00. Roll call was taken: Trustee Elbe, yes; Trustee Rogers, yes; Trustee Yoch, yes; Trustee Becherer, yes; Trustee Henning, yes; Trustee Mourey, yes. Motion was granted.

DRUG ENFORCEMENT CLASS

Trustee Elbe made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Rogers to authorize Officer Agles and Officer Diecker to attend the Street Smart Cop/Pro-Active Patrol Tactics class on March 15, 2021 for a cost of \$598.00. Roll call was taken: Trustee Elbe, yes; Trustee Rogers, yes; Trustee Yoch, yes; Trustee Becherer, yes; Trustee Henning, yes; Trustee Mourey, yes. Motion was granted.

PARK & CEMETERY COMMITTEE

SENIOR CENTER

Trustee Henning made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Mourey to authorize the Village to

Assume the Mediacom payments for the Senior Center internet for a price not to exceed \$120.00 per month. Roll call was taken: Trustee Henning, yes; Trustee Mourey, yes; Trustee Yoch, yes; Trustee Becherer, yes; Trustee Rogers, yes; Trustee Elbe, yes. Motion was granted.

PARK SWING

Clerk Parker has ordered the swing. Trustee Henning issued a work order to install the swing when it arrives in March.

SAA/PARK BUILDING – No update.

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE – No report.

ANNEXATION AND BUILDING COMMITTEE

ANNEXATION

Trustee Mourey reported that this item will be discussed at the zoning hearing on February 3, 2021.

WILLOW OAK PROPERTY

Attorney Durso reported that he has not received results on the title search for this property. He will check with the title company.

CONCRETE FLOORS AT VILLAGE SHED

Supervisor Klein reported that they will get started on the concrete floors in the shed next week.

SALT STORAGE BUILDING – 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 and the payroll from January 9, 2021 through January 22, 2021 Roll call was taken: Trustee Becherer, yes; Trustee Yoch, yes; Trustee Rogers, yes; Trustee Elbe, yes; Trustee Henning, yes; Trustee Mourey, yes. Motion was granted.

COMMUNICATIONS

Clerk Parker shared a thank you note from Mayor Smith of Waterloo for the plant that the Village sent for the passing of his wife.

Mayor Smallwood reported that Board meetings will not be held in person until the area reaches Tier 4 under the Governor's mitigation plan. We are now at Tier 2.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Smallwood reported that he was contacted by a member of the SAA about a storage shack in the park. It is in bad repair. The SAA would like to deconstruct the shack, pour a concrete pad and

reconstruct it in the same location. The SAA would provide all of the labor and costs involved. The trustees agreed to the project if Engineer Saeger would be involved. Saeger will contact the SAA.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – No.

Trustee Yoch made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Rogers to adjourn. All trustees were in favor. Motion was granted to adjourn at 8:11pm.