

**MINUTES**  
**VILLAGE BOARD MEETING**  
**March 16, 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 March 2, 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** – The Board received a copy.

**GOOD OF THE VILLAGE**

**STREET PARTY DALTON LANE** – Mayor Smallwood shared a written request to the Board for a street party on Dalton Lane on April 17, 2021. The street will be blocked off. Trustee Yoch made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Mourey to allow a street party on Dalton Lane with music from 3-7pm with an extension of the time period if needed. Roll call was taken: Trustee Yoch, yes; Trustee Mourey, yes; Trustee Becherer, no; Trustee Rogers, yes; Trustee Elbe, yes; Trustee Henning, yes. Motion was granted.

**ANNEXATION HEARING ORDINANCE 962 – (3137 S. ILLINOIS STREET)**

Attorney Durso reported that notifications to the taxing, township, library and fire protection district must be served at least ten days in advance of passing an ordinance to annex property. Since the Village does not have proof of everyone receiving the notice, he recommends a Motion to continue the consideration of the ordinance to the Board meeting on April 6, 2021. Trustee Yoch made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Henning to continue the annexation Ordinance 962 to the Board meeting on April 6, 2021, with it being noted that no one from the taxing district was in attendance for this meeting. Roll call was taken: Trustee Yoch, yes; Trustee Henning, yes; Trustee Becherer, yes; Trustee Rogers, yes; Trustee Elbe, yes; Trustee Mourey, yes. Motion was granted. Engineer Saeger stated that a representative from the Library, Jenna Dauer, was in attendance and will notify the Library Board of the proceedings.

Dauer stated that she also represents the Smithton Chamber of Commerce. She informed the Board that the Chamber is sponsoring a Litter Clean up on April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The Chamber has applied for an Adopt a Highway section in the Village. She stated that the Board can reach out to the Chamber whenever help is needed. The Mayor thanked Dauer and the Chamber for their work in the Village.

#### **POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT**

Chief Neff reported that citations were served on the property owner of 17 North High Street. He has not cleaned up his property. The court date will be in early May.

#### **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Engineer Saeger reported that he received a copy of the approved IDOT contract for Volkert (Engineering) for the turn lane project on Highway 159. Construction is scheduled to start in the fall of 2022.

Engineer Saeger reported that he will be putting together a bid packet for the sewer line replacement project for Smith Street, South Street, and Franklin Street.

#### **HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT**

Nancy Rogers recommends that everyone get a Covid 19 vaccine.

#### **SAFETY COMMITTEE**

Mayor Smallwood reported that there is a Safety Committee Meeting scheduled for April 1, 2021, at 10:00am if needed.

#### **ZONING BOARD REPORT**

##### **ZONING HEARINGS**

Zoning Administrator Saeger reported that was a Zoning Hearing on March 10, 2021 for a variance on roof and wall height. The Zoning Board approved the variance.

##### **GEROLD ANNEXATION**

Zoning Administrator Saeger informed the Board that there will be an ordinance ready for a vote to annex the property at 3137 S. Illinois Street for the Board meeting on April 6, 2021.

##### **HUNTERS POINT**

Zoning Administrator Saeger reported that he left a message for Hunter Yung to find out when Yung would be available for the Zoning Hearing to be held at the Senior Center.

#### **SUPERVISORS REPORT**

Supervisor Klein reported that they have been working on road repairs. A new part-time Street employee will start next week. The crew will be getting the Park ready to open on April 1, 2021. The new swing has been picked up and will be installed near Pavilion 4 at the Park. The crew has been jetting some of the sewers for routine maintenance. There is no update on the new F450 truck.

#### **ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

17 N. HIGH STREET

This was discussed under the Police Chief's Report.

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 March 9, 2021. The 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 March 9, 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**

#### **BUDGET**

Trustee Becherer reported that the budget should be ready for a vote in April.

### **STREET & UTILITY COMMITTEE**

#### **STREET DEPARTMENT VEHICLES**

This item was discussed under the Supervisor's report.

#### **RECYCLING CENTER**

Trustee Rogers asked for the final dates for using the recycling center. Clerk Parker reported that the bins will be emptied for the last time on April 16, 2021, but the containers cannot be removed until April 19<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Smallwood asked Supervisor Klein to remove the fencing on the 19<sup>th</sup> after the bins have been removed.

#### **PART-TIME SUMMER HELP – STREET DEPT.**

Trustee Rogers reported that a new part-time Street Dept. employee will start work next week.

### **POLICE COMMITTEE**

#### **FOP**

Trustee Elbe reported that the Police Committee have reached a tentative contract agreement. He would like this item on the agenda for the next Committee As a Whole meeting.

#### **PD VEHICLE LOAN**

Trustee Elbe made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Mourey to pay off the loan at 1<sup>st</sup> National Bank of Waterloo for the new Police vehicles with funds received from the local government reimbursement plan from the state of Illinois. The payoff amount is not to exceed \$90,900.00. Roll call was taken: Trustee Elbe, yes; Trustee Mourey, yes; Trustee Yoch, yes; Trustee Becherer, yes; Trustee Rogers, yes; Trustee Henning, yes. Motion was granted.

### **PARK & CEMETERY COMMITTEE**

**PARK SWING** - This item was reported on under the Supervisor's report.

**SAA/PARK BUILDING** – No update.

**SAA BATTING CAGE REQUEST**

Trustee Henning has not heard from SAA regarding to confirm the site for the new batting cage. He and Engineer Saeger will verify that the site is okay for a batting cage.

**TRAIL STUDY GRANT**

Trustee Henning reported that the total cost for a study for a trail would be \$16,925.00. The Village cost would be \$10,155.00. Trustee Henning made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Yoch to have Engineer Saeger to submit a grant request to the Metro East Parks and Recreation District for a trail study for a total cost of \$16,925.00 but the Village cost not to exceed \$10,155.00, with an attached letter of support from Mayor Smallwood.

**ORDINANCE COMMITTEE** – No report.

**ANNEXATION AND BUILDING COMMITTEE**

**WILLOW OAK PROPERTY**

Attorney Durso reported that he has received results on the title search for this property. This item will be discussed at the next Committee As a Whole meeting.

**GROCERY STORE**

Trustee Mourey reported that the Grocery Store is planning to open in October 2021.

**SALT STORAGE BUILDING**

Supervisor Klein is meeting with Becker Construction this week to review their bid for the building.

**VILLAGE HALL GENERATOR** – No report.

**BILLS AND PAYROLL**

Trustee Becherer made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Mourey to authorize Clerk Parker to pay the payroll from February 20, 2021 through March 5, 2021. Roll call was taken: Trustee Becherer, yes; Trustee Mourey, yes; Trustee Yoch, yes; Trustee Rogers, yes; Trustee Elbe, yes; Trustee Henning, yes; Motion was granted.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Clerk Parker shared the information for the next Mayor’s meeting. It will be a virtual meeting on March 25, 2021. Anyone wishing to participate should let Parker know by next March 25, 2021.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – None.

**NEW BUSINESS** – No items.

**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 8:03pm.