Regular Meeting          City Hall        Monday August 5, 2024     7:00 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Village Board opened with Acting Mayor Laura McMahon presiding. The Village Trustees present were as follow: Roy Dean Dickey, Natalie Krause, Todd Kinzel, and Bryan Bingel. Chris Klingeman was absent.

Visitors present were Mike Trotter-County Journal, Charlie Heyl-building & Zoning, John Dagner, Jerry Cross, Jason Pilbean, Larry Stephens, Alex Cortez, Shane Surmeier, Teresa Holloway, Dominic Beaty, Jim Beaty, Doris Beaty, James Beaty, Dominic Jarsic and Jordan Curtis.

Acting Mayor Laura McMahon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Natalie and seconded by Todd to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion passed. 5-ayes, 0-nayes, 1-absent (Chris).

No Correspondence.

Laura reported that 2 trees and 3 stumps were removed at the South Park. The rafters in the Band Stand are busted and need repaired. Cage fans from the Grant are in and should be installed before the Coal Festival. The Marissa sign by the World Shooting Complex needs to be repainted. Jennifer met with Laura and Todd about the Ordinances last week and then met with Bryan and Roy Dean another night. Jennifer will put together all the information from the 2 meetings then a Special Meeting will be called for the entire board to make decisions.

Roy Dean reported that the drain project in Sunrise has started but is at a standstill because some of the residents want larger pipe installed.

Natalie reported that Yard of the Month went to Jason & Dawn Pilbean.

Todd had no report.

Bryan reported the meeting scheduled with St. Clair County about the storm sirens did not happen. St. Clair County did not have a Representative for the meeting.

Charlie reported that Bill Simon purchased property from Eileen Little and has installed a gate to keep vehicles, tractors, and people from cutting thru his property. He will not be locking the gate since there are power poles on the property and needs to be used in case of emergencies.

Dominic Beaty completed his Flag drop off box Eagle Scout Project and presented it to the Board. Flags will be collected and the disposed of properly. This will ensure no flag will be disgraced. The box top has the Pledge of Allegiance on it along with Dominic’s name and year of his Eagle Scout Project.

Larry Stephens would like a Proclamation created naming Marissa a Purple Heart Community. Larry has paperwork for the Proclamation and will help with any questions or needs. If the Proclamation is created, he would like to have a ceremony.

John Dagner said that Courtney Dagner attended an online Village of Columbia, Il meeting and they have Old Business on their agenda. John has asked several times for the Ordinances to be placed as Old Business on the agenda even though they have been spoken about during the mayor’s report. John spoke on his wife’s behalf about the June 17, 2024, meeting minutes not stating exactly what she had stated. John said that he filed a complaint with the Attorney General regarding the June 17, 2024, meeting where a purchase price was not included on an Ordinance of property purchased. Village Trustee Bingel told John at the meeting that the price was till in negotiations so they could not disclose it at that time. John stated that he will no longer be making any suggestions.

Old Business:

The Bob Heil sign is still being made. Larry the man making the sign is far behind and will get to it as soon as he can.

New Business:

A motion was made by Roy Dean and seconded by Todd to approve Resolution #562. This is a Resolution adopting the St. Clair County multi-hazard mitigation plan. This will make all communities available for FEMA. Motion passed with roll call as follows: Roy Dean-yes, Natalie-yes, Todd-yes, Bryan-yes, Laura-yes, Chris-absent. 5-ayes, 0-nayes, 1-absent.

A motion was made by Laura and seconded by Roy Dean to give the yearly $1,200.00 donation to the Marissa Giving Garden. The Marissa Giving Garden signed a contract with the Village to take over the Old Movie Corner Store. The Marissa Giving Garden would take care of all building maintenance and in turn the Village would donate $1,200 per year to offset electric cost. When the Giving Garden asked the Village to help pay for a new roof the contract could be considered broken. The building is Village property, and the Village can’t just let it deteriorate. Motion passed with roll call as follows: Roy Dean-yes, Natalie-yes, Todd-yes, Bryan-yes, Laura-yes, Chris-absent. 5-ayes, 0-nayes, 1-absent.

A motion was made by Roy Dean and seconded by Natalie to approve a Police Academy and equipment reimbursement form. The Village has spent a lot of money sending applicants to the Academy only for them to graduate and not work for Marissa. This will bind them to Marissa for at least 3 years or they will have to repay the Village. The scale will be 100% payback if ends the first year, 67% if ends during second year and 34% if ends during third year. It was stated that this has needed to be done for a long time. Bryan stated that this may limit the number of applicants we get but does need to be done. Motion passed with roll call as follow: Roy Dean-yes, Natalie-yes, Todd-yes, Bryan-yes, Laura-yes, Chris-Absent. 5-ayes, 0-nayes, 1-absent.

A motion was made by Todd and seconded by Natalie to adjourn at 7:29pm with no further business to discuss. Motion passed. 5-ayes, 0-nayes, 1-absent (Chris).