

Regular Meeting            City Hall            Monday, March 4, 2024            7:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Village Board opened with Acting Mayor Jeremy Embrich presiding. The Village Trustees present were as follows: Roy Dean Dickey, Bryan Bingel and Chris Klingeman. Laura McMahon was absent.

Visitors present were Mike Trotter- County Journal, John Dagner, Courtney Dagner, Natalie Krause, Mike Delong, Mary Delong, Theresa Holloway, Rachael Erb, Susie Dahlem, Chad Easton- Village Administrator, Terry Jenkins and Kelly Jones.

Acting Mayor Embrich led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Roy Dean and seconded by Bryan to accept the minutes as presented. Motion passed. 4-ayes, 0-nayes, 1-absent (Laura).

No Correspondence.

Jeremy reported that the Board is currently working on personnel. Ditches will be cleaned quarterly, and a track hoe will be needed to clean out the ditch by Casey's. The approved minutes for February 5, 2024, are on the Village website. The approved minutes will be posted on the website regularly once a few hiccups are fixed.

Roy Dean reported that the Steet and Alley (Justin Rhodes, Jim McMahon, Chad Easton and Roy Dean Dickey) committee met on February 29 to discuss oil and chat on the road by East Lyons. They would like to postpone until next year resurfacing from Main Street to the cemetery. Milling the road will cost around \$215,220.00. They will get a bid from Christ Brothers. The sewer pipe running from Euclid to Railroad has breakouts. Bryan suggested that a camera be ran thru the lines to verify if there are breakouts and where they are.

Bryan reported that the First Responders have been trying to clean the First Responders building but say they can't reach anyone at City Hall to get a dumpster. Justin and the guys did clean up the drop ceiling that fell. Jeremy will see if any dumpsters are available and get one to them.

Chris reported that the Personnel Committee has been doing interviews for Police Chief.

No Building and Zoning.

Theresa Holloway asked if anyone checked the ditches on N. Hamilton because she has seen a lot of debris including a kids chair and trash in the ditch. She believes that it is bottlenecking somewhere. Jeremy told her that the guys would clean out the debris and check for beaver dams that need to be removed.

Jeremy recommended that Natalie Krause fill the vacant Village Trustee spot. Natalie has been on the Library Board, a Girl Scout leader, on Band Parent committee and would be an asset to have on the Board. A motion was made by Chris and seconded by Bryan to approve Natalie Krause as Village Trustee to fill the vacancy created by Janet Wiley until the April 2025 election. Motion passed with roll call as follows: Roy Dean-yes, Bryan-yes, Chris-yes, Jeremy-yes.

Village Clerk Jennifer Nuernberger swore in Village Trustee Natalie Krause.

A motion was made by Roy Dean and seconded by Chris to approve a renewal of a Peddler's License for Hot Mess Express, LLC/Mobile Coffee Truck. Motion passed. 5-Ayes, 0-nayes, 1-absent (Laura).

A motion was made by Bryan and seconded by Natalie for approval to add Matt Baker (D.B.A Sangiolo & Baker Masonry LLC) to the utility billing for water service provided by KWD at 1296 Green Diamond Rd. Motion passed. 5-ayes, 0-nayes, 1-absent (Laura).

A motion was made by Chris and seconded by Roy Dean for approval of installing flashing Stop signs at the 4-way stop using MFT funds. The purchase was previously approved, but Chad needs approval to order. The lights must meet IDOT code and will require a special permit. The lights will be solar powered. Motion passed. 5-ayes, 0-nayes, 1-absent (Laura).

A motion was made by Chris and seconded by Bryan to enter Executive Session for Personnel at 7:17 p.m. Motion passed. 5-ayes, 0-nayes, 1-absent (Laura).

A motion was made by Chris and seconded by Jeremy to end Executive Session at 7:30 p.m. Motion passed. 5-ayes, 0-nayes, 1-absent (Laura).

Regular session reconvened with roll call as follows: Roy Dean-yes, Natalie-yes, Bryan-yes, Chris-yes, Jeremy-yes. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Jeremy and seconded by Roy Dean to adjourn at 7:37 with no further business to discuss. Motion passed. 5-ayes, 0-nayes, 1-absent (Laura).

