

VILLAGE OF MANSFIELD
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
April 3, 2017

The Village of Mansfield Board of Trustees met at the Northern Piatt Fire Prot. District on Washington St. in Mansfield at 7:00pm with Steve Gaines presiding. Roll was taken with Don Deffenbaugh, Zach Reynolds, Todd Jones, Lucas Gilbert, and Tom Williams physically present. Margaret Roe was absent. Also in attendance were Bruce Gammage and Scott Harper.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Gaines requested a motion to approve the open meeting minutes from the meeting on March 6, 2017. **Williams moved, Gilbert seconded to approve the open meeting minutes of the March 6, 2017 meeting. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 5-0.**

APPROVAL OF BILLS PAYABLE

Gaines requested a motion to approve the bills payable for April 2017. **Gilbert moved, Williams seconded to approve the bills payable for April 2017. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 5-0.**

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

Clerk Place explained there is no Treasurer's Report this month because the bank statement does not get sent out until after the last day of the month, which is needed to create the Treasurer's Report. The report will be passed out at the May meeting. This will continue to happen when the board meeting date is very early in the month.

OLD BUSINESS

Water Main Replacement Report

Doug from Phoenix Engineering spoke about the surveying that was being completed. Crews will be done this week with measurements. Phoenix is waiting to know the cost of a similar project in another village that is being bid out now so they will have an idea on the cost of the Mansfield project. They will then know if they need to break it into two projects or leave as one job. The village will need to have a federal loan with the USDA to fund the project. Doug said they applied twice for a grant for Mansfield and failed due to the poverty level in Mansfield not being high enough.

Bidding for Mowing Services

Deffenbaugh opened mowing bids. Koality Cuts: \$225 per mow. Lawn Groomers: \$240 per mow. Fundi Lawncare: \$225 per mow. Both Lawn Groomers and Fundi Lawncare included liability insurance paperwork with their bids. **Deffenbaugh moved, Gilbert seconded to accept the bid from Fundi Lawncare for the 2017 mowing season at \$225 per mow. Roll call: Reynolds, Jones NO. Deffenbaugh, Gilbert, Williams YES. Motion passed 3-2.**

Tree Trimming/Removal

Deffenbaugh said some ash trees need to be removed in the village, as well as other trimming work done. He had two quotes. Fryman Tree Service: \$1950, with an option to remove stumps for \$450 or to grind stumps and leave the mess for \$360. Aaron Alblinger: \$6700, with an option to remove the stumps for \$600 more. **Deffenbaugh moved, Williams seconded to accept the quote from Fryman Tree Service. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 5-0.**

Easter Egg Hunt Date/Time

Deffenbaugh asked about the day and time of the Easter Egg Hunt at the park. He has seen no signs advertising it and people have been asking. It's the local churches that are putting it on. Someone will reach out and ask them.

Water Certification

Reynolds asked Scott Harper if he had taken his water certification test yet and had passed. Harper said he took the test and was told the results would be back in 2-3 weeks. Gaines said this is the second time Harper has taken the test. Reynolds read from the December 2016 minutes regarding an agreed upon deadline of April 1 for Harper to pass the water certification test. Deffenbaugh suggested a closed session to discuss further.

Sale of Surplus Property

Attorney Bruce Gammage said the ad for the sale of the lot had to be run in the paper 3 times. It takes a ¾ vote to approve the sale at the May meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Summer Part-Time Maintenance Help

Jones said he would like to advertise for part-time help. Deffenbaugh and Place will work on an ad to appear in the newspaper.

Resolution for Railbanking Between Mansfield and Bloomington

Gaines said this issue was addressed 13 years ago and didn't go anywhere back then. A new resolution needs to be passed by the towns involved so the project can move forward. Deffenbaugh asked where it would start and Gaines said it would be around the Township Shed and would be an asphalt trail. **Deffenbaugh moved, Jones seconded to approve the Resolution Railbanking to show Village of Mansfield support. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 5-0.**

Change in Committee Heads

Gaines said Williams is now in charge of the Special Projects committee and Gilbert is in charge of the Police Committee.

Township Electronics Recycling Donation

Williams would like the village to donate toward the cost of the Township's electronic recycling day. This will be discussed next month.

Boil Order

Harper said the Village remains under a Boil Order until at least Tuesday, when test results will be back. Audience member Andy Stiger brought up the manner in which residents were notified about the Boil Order. Harper said he was required to get the information out in two ways and Clerk Place put the info on the Village Facebook page and contacted WCIA 3 so they would report it on the news. Someone suggested putting it on a sign in a couple of places in town, just like the Hydrant Flushing Week signs.

Audience Comments:

Jonathan Manuel asked if his basin had been cleaned out and Harper said it was. Manuel said he still has water in his basement. He would like to talk to Phoenix Consulting Engineers regarding the placement of new water mains across his driveway. He would like them moved elsewhere so not further problems occur.

Resident Burton said trucks from Mitchell's Trucking are turning right out of Davis Court, which is tearing up grass/dirt and will eventually cause issues with a manhole at that corner. Jones said one side is already covered up. Burton said he has spoken with Mitchell, who says the drivers are not his drivers.

Deffenbaugh moved, Gilbert seconded to adjourn into Closed Session to discuss personnel. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 5-0.

Meeting returned from Closed Session.

Employee Items

Gilbert moved, Williams seconded to increase wages of Tom Gilbert, Deena Carico, and Melissa Place by 3%. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 5-0.

Jones moved, Reynolds seconded a motion that employee Scott Harper has until May 1, 2017 to obtain his water certification license or he will be terminated. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 5-0.

Deffenbaugh moved, Reynolds seconded to adjourn the meeting. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 5-0.

Submitted by:

/s/ Melissa Place

Melissa Place, Village Clerk