

VILLAGE OF MANSFIELD
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
October 2, 2017

The Village of Mansfield Board of Trustees met at the NPPFD meeting room on Washington St. in Mansfield at 7:00pm with Andy Stiger presiding. Roll was taken with Don Deffenbaugh, Zach Reynolds, Todd Jones, Lucas Gilbert, and Tom Williams physically present. Ron Konen was absent. Attorney Amy Rupiper and Bill Hardy were also present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Stiger requested a motion to approve the open meeting minutes from September 5, 2017. **Williams moved, Deffenbaugh seconded to approve the open meeting minutes of the September 5, 2017 meeting. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 5-0.**

Stiger requested a motion to approve the water committee meeting minutes from August 24, 2017. **Jones moved, Reynolds seconded to approve the water committee minutes from August 24, 2017. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 5-0.**

APPROVAL OF BILLS PAYABLE

Gilbert moved, Jones seconded to approve the bills payable for October 2017. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 5-0.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Reports was not available, as the bank statement was not yet received by the Treasurer. This report will be brought to the November meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Water Main Replacement Cost Estimate

Gilbert moved, Deffenbaugh seconded to approve the Water Main Replacement Cost Estimate provided by Phoenix Consulting Engineers at the September board meeting. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 5-0.

Salt Shed Repairs

Williams said the repair of the salt shed will be put off until winter. He will bring estimates to the board at that time.

Sale of Surplus Personal Property – Dump Truck/Plow

Bill Hardy said he had an offer of \$3,000. Mechanic Clay Ellis suggested to Hardy to put in a used motor to get it running and keep it for a bit. Hardy said he would use it if the motor was replaced. Deffenbaugh asked Hardy to price a motor for the truck.

Snow Box

Deffenbaugh suggested the village purchase a 10 ft. backhoe snow pusher, a snow box, for snow removal.

Reynolds moved, Gilbert seconded to purchase the snow box for \$2000. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 5-0.

Tree Removal

Deffenbaugh asked if Hardy had received tree removal estimates yet. Hardy said he is meeting with a company Wednesday. There was discussion about the specific trees to be removed in the Village, specifically ash trees. The estimate Hardy got from one company was \$4700 without the Ernst ash tree on South Street. Stiger asked Hardy to ask for all the trees in a package for \$5000. Hardy was advised to move forward with the tree removal if the company could do that price.

Park Restroom

Deffenbaugh asked when the port-a-potty would be removed from the park. Clerk Place said it is usually in place May through October. Stiger said he used the concrete restroom recently and it did not look bad except for some clean up that was needed.

Village Website

Reynolds reported that the village website www.villageofmansfield.net is now up and running.

Fines for Animals Caught/Housed by Animal Control

Gilbert said quite a few dogs are being caught by Animal Control Deena Carico and not just occasionally, but the same dogs several times in a row. He would like board input as to what fine to set per day for the repeat offenders. His suggestion was \$25/day. This will be on the November agenda.

Dirt Being Added to Properties

Williams said he has seen a resident on the West side of the village adding dirt to their property so it does not flood. When it rains, this dirt runs onto other properties. There was discussion with Jones about digging out areas to help with drainage in that part of town.

208 E. Grigg Update

Attorney Amy Rupiper proposed that the board re-advertise that 208 E Grigg is still for sale. There was discussion about the lengths the board would have to go to in order to have the property to be rezoned for something other than Residential, which she said would not be looked upon favorably as it would appear the village was granting special permission to an individual. Rupiper said her office would advertise the property for sale in the newspaper. This will be on the December agenda to see if there is any interest after the ad runs.

Lease of Village Shed to Merle Coffin

Rupiper has received nothing back from Merle Coffin in regards to a signed lease. She said Coffin had issue with the part about utilities included in the lease. Coffin said he would talk with a board member. No trustee had yet heard from Coffin. Hardy said the electric is separate and the gas is shared. Hardy suggested shutting the Village gas off and using an electric or propane heater for village space. This would make the gas bill be whatever Coffin used. Jones suggested directing the attorney to evict Coffin. There are many months of past due rent and many inoperable vehicles on the property. Williams asked if it was really worth having anyone rent the shed. Jones asked Hardy to contact Ameren about separating the gas. Deffenbaugh agreed with Jones. **Jones moved, Gilbert seconded to direct Attorney Rupiper to draw up paperwork in order to evict Merle Coffin from the village shed and get all past due rent paid. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 5-0.**

Update on 206 S McKinley

Rupiper served a Notice of Ordinance Violation to L. Marc Mitchell on Sept. 28. She prepared a lien for the mowing and brush removal. She mailed an abatement letter by certified mail and gave 30 days for that to be paid.

Update on 106 E Oliver

Rupiper said renter Tim Heard was served papers Sept. 26 and the same paper were sent to the attorney of the owner. Gilbert said progress is being made at that property with trash cleaned up and vehicle being moved. Gilbert said he would be contacting Rupiper with a few more properties that need cleaned up.

NEW BUSINESS

Donation to Mansfield Winter Fest

Resident Amanda Ozee asked the village for a donation to cover the cost of a covered horse drawn carriage for free rides during the November 18 craft event. The cost of the horse carriage would be \$700. She has many vendors and food trucks signed up for the event already and expects quite a few people to visit Mansfield that day. **Gilbert moved, Williams seconded to donate \$700 to the Mansfield Winter Fest. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 5-0.**

Audience Comments

A resident asked about the zoning for 208 E Grigg. People are not wanting a shed build in their neighborhood. Residents would like to see a house put back in there. Stiger said clean-up of dead trees and bushes would be happening soon to help attract a buyer.

Trick or Treat Hours

Deffenbaugh set Trick or Treat Hours for 5pm-8pm on Halloween.

Mosquito Spraying for 2018

Gilbert said the license he obtained in May was good for one year. He would like to see himself and Hardy both get certified for 2018 spraying. Gilbert thought that although the village was sprayed just once this season, it did work.

Well #4 Repaired

Hardy said Well #4 would be back online starting tomorrow.

Closed Session

Deffenbaugh moved, Gilbert seconded to move to closed session to discuss the possible part-time employment of Roy Hammer. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 5-0. The meeting moved to closed session.

The meeting returned to open session. No action was taken on the closed session item.

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

Submitted by:

/s/ Melissa Place

Melissa Place, Village Clerk