

**VILLAGE OF MANSFIELD  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING  
July 2, 2018**

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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, Ron Konen, Lucas Gilbert, and Tom Williams physically present. Bill Hardy and Dustin Holoch were also present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES, BILLS PAYABLE**

Stiger requested a motion to approve the regular minutes of June 4, 2018. **Gilbert moved, Williams seconded to approve the June 4, 2018 regular meeting minutes. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 6-0.** Stiger requested a motion to approve the Bills Payable for July 2018. Deffenbaugh questioned the item purchased at Quality Chemical called "slick". Gilbert asked about the trimmers purchased and if staff had compared prices at Shermans Small Engine before purchasing out of town. Hardy said he had done that. **Gilbert moved, Deffenbaugh seconded to approve the Bills Payable for July 2018. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 6-0.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

There was no Treasurer's Report, as the bank statement has not been received yet. It will be available at the August meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS**

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**Campus Communications Group**

Mike O'Linc spoke to the board about the company and services they provide. With permission to install fiber lines in Mansfield, they can offer 1 gigabit internet at \$69.95/mo. Gilbert asked if they could provide free service for the library. **Konen moved, Gilbert seconded to approve CCG to install fiber optic internet in Mansfield. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 6-0.** CCG will get trustees a blank copy of the permit to sign and return.

**Piatt County Forest Preserve Agreement**

Mike Dixon spoke on behalf of the Piatt Co Forest Preserve about providing mulch for the park, which he says they paid for already. He will have the section on vandalism taken out of the agreement. He said the bill on mulch was around \$1200 and they can only do so much each year. They will also take care of any tree damage as best as they can. After their secretary fixes the agreement wording, Dixon will have her mail out a fresh copy to be approved.

**Jen McMillen**

Jen McMillen, who is running for office as State Representative in the 101<sup>st</sup> District introduced herself to the board and audience. She talked of her background and why she wants to fill the seat being vacated by Bill Mitchell. Her website is [www.thefutureofillinois.com](http://www.thefutureofillinois.com).

**FY19 Budget & Appropriations Ordinance**

Konen still objects to water fund numbers. Jones opposes the budget because of \$100,000 for the water fund is coming from the general fund. Gilbert said the treasurer explained it to him and Gilbert is not understanding why trustees are not going with what the treasurer has put together. Jones wants to see the water fund be self-sufficient. Attorney Amy Rupiper said money can be moved from general fund into water fund with no restrictions. Jones said paperwork supplied by the treasurer at the end of the fiscal year showed a \$29,000 deficit before making any payments. Konen said the \$37,000 allocated does not match what is needed. Treasurer Tom Gilbert said the general fund is a placeholder to use money for wherever it is needed. Money taken out of the engineer line item is budgeted into water loan so that's why there is nothing in that line item. Tom Gilbert said the USDA wants the Village to use a local bank to loan money for the first couple of years. He explained why funds for full time salaries are general fund in the budget. Once Hardy obtains his water license, the money set said to pay Florey will be used to pay Hardy's water hours. **Gilbert moved, Deffenbaugh seconded to approve FY19 Budget & Appropriations ordinance #2018-04. Roll call: Deffenbaugh, Gilbert, Williams, Stiger YES. Reynolds, Jones, Konen NO. Motion carried 4-3.**

**Tree Removal**

Deffenbaugh asked Hardy about tree removal. Hardy said he is waiting to meet with the tree person about the bundle pricing.

**Non-Resident Water Connection Ordinance**

Konen said the ordinance for the non-resident water connection for the Castors should be ready for the August meeting.

### **Chickens Inside Village Limits**

Gilbert said the attorney has the proposed ordinance for having hens inside the village limits. He is suggesting coops and runs be built and inspected prior to getting hens. He asked trustees if slaughter in backyards should be allowed and also thoughts about electric service for heaters. He had a sample application for viewing. If the coop is not a permanent structure, no building permit is required. There will be no free range hens. Coops have to be 10 feet from property lines or 25 feet from the nearest neighbor. There can only be coops at homes owned by the people who are living there.

### **Part-Time Police Officer**

Gilbert said he is conducting candidate interviews with Stiger soon.

### **Village Shed for Rent**

Stiger said Gerald Davis is interested in the village shed for rent. He owns Never Neater Painting. The cost is \$450 plus utilities. Clerk Place will get a blank lease to Jones. **Deffenbaugh moved, Williams seconded to rent the village shed to Gerald Davis. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 6-0.**

### **Village Ordinance Violations**

Attorney Rupiper talked of the processes involved when issuing notice of violation, how liens work, what court action is taken, and foreclosure on a property. Stiger asked staff to continue to mow the McKinley property. He also asked Rupiper to find out who the owner of 210 E North is for nuisance reasons.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

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### **Prevailing Wage Ordinance**

**Deffenbaugh moved, Gilbert seconded to approve Ord. #2018-05 regarding Prevailing Wage. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 6-0.**

### **Donation to Summer Lunch Program**

**Gilbert moved, Williams seconded to donate \$1,000 to the United Methodist Church summer lunch program. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 6-0.**

### **Village Garage Sales Donation**

Resident Jessica Bartley asked the board for a donation of \$150 to go toward a sign that can be used each year for village garage sales and to cover printing a map of sales and advertising in the newspaper. She would like to have the sales happen during Homecoming weekend each year. **Gilbert moved, Deffenbaugh seconded to donate \$150 to Village Garage Sales group to cover ads, map, and a sign. Roll call: 5 Yes, Reynolds No. Motion carried 5-1.**

### **Summer Road Improvements 2018**

Jones asked the board if they wanted to spend more on streets than the original plan? He asked about West Newton Street too. He suggested catching up on the work that is needed and doubling the area being fixed. He will get an agreement with The Andersons on what they are willing to pay for fixing West Newton for the August meeting.

### **Lot for Sale at Washington & South Streets (104 W South)**

Williams said there is a grass lot for sale at Washington and South Streets. He said the Village owns 16 feet and asked Attorney Rupiper if the village could sell it to the owner. Someone would like to build a duplex and zone it multi-family. Williams will need to look into the area to see if there is a storm drain under it.

### **Audience Comments**

Rob Harper asked the board if they would consider donating to the Mansfield Homecoming event again this year. He said Piatt County is having police patrol the event at no cost to the Village. Trustees agreed to donate \$3500 and will vote on it in August. Harper also asked to block off Washington Street during the tractor pulls. Trustees agreed.

**Konen moved, Gilbert seconded to adjourn the meeting. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 6-0.**

**Submitted by:**

/s/ Melissa Place

Melissa Place, Village Clerk