

**VILLAGE OF MANSFIELD
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
March 4, 2019**

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, and Tom Williams physically present. Lucas Gilbert was absent. Bill Hardy & Dustin Holoch were also present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES, BILLS PAYABLE

Stiger requested a motion to approve the regular minutes of February 4, 2019. **Deffenbaugh moved, Williams seconded to approve the February 4, 2019 regular meeting minutes. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 5-0.**

Stiger requested a motion to approve the Water Committee meeting minutes of February 25, 2019. **Konen moved, Jones seconded to approved the February 25, 2019 water committee meeting minutes. Roll call: ALL YES.**

Motion carried 5-0. Stiger requested a motion to approve the Bills Payable for March 2019. **Konen moved, Jones seconded to approve the Bills Payable for March 2019. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 5-0.**

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's report for February 28, 2019 was handed out. **Deffenbaugh moved, Williams seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report. Roll call: 4 Yes, Konen abstain. Motion carried.**

OLD BUSINESS

Junk Vehicles

Deffenbaugh asked Umberger if he had done anything about junk vehicles. Umberger said he talked to people who said they would be moving them, but they have not yet. Umberger did ask that the ordinance about abandoned vehicles clarify better what is considered an abandoned vehicle in regards to outdated stickers, plates, the time it has sat in the same place, etc. He also mentioned needing triplicate copies of tickets too. Jones said the attorney could help with wording and listing new fees, as some are very low. Attorney Rupiper said it is easier to take care of vehicles on Village property than it is to take care of vehicles on private property. There was discussion about towing vehicles. Rupiper said she would like to look at the nuisance ordinance before staff go on to private property. She said Monticello has 7 day notice stickers and she could get one to copy. There would have to be a court order to go on private property after providing proper notice of an ordinance violation.

Clean-Up of Properties

Deffenbaugh asked the status of the trailer at 210 W Short. Stiger sent photos to Rupiper. She will send a letter to the owner about the ordinance violation. Village may need to put a lien on the property if the owner does not clean it up.

Reports from Animal Control & Police

Deffenbaugh asked if animal control and police had been doing monthly reports and if so, could they be shared with the board? Deena Carico said she had been doing them, but will make sure they are shared with the board and not just Gilbert. Umberger said he will start doing reports and share them.

Building Maintenance/Improvements

Jones said he has an estimate of \$16,000 for a metal roof at the west shop. He will get together all estimates, including those for insulation, and make a decision next month. He had an electrician look at the generator and he is getting an estimate to Jones also.

Water Main Project

Konen asked Tom Overmyer of Fehr-Graham if it would cause an issue if the decision on which water mains to replace was moved back another month? He would like to visit the idea of adding an iron removal system. Overmyer said another water committee meeting might be helpful so he can bring some estimates on adding a plant. There was discussion about the size of building needed and what materials to build it out of. There was talk of whether a plant could be added to the existing water main replacement project with the IL EPA loan, or whether it needed to be a separate project on its own because of cost. Overmyer suggested two different projects, but they could be put together for the financing. **Deffenbaugh moved to add 8 more blocks to the existing water main replacement project. No second was received. The motion died.** The board decided to revisit this at the next meeting. There will be a Water Committee meeting Monday, March 25 at 6pm.

NEW BUSINESS

Street Lights

Deffenbaugh had a list of street lights. He wants to continue to study why there are lights in some alleys and not in others. It was mentioned that some residents pay for their own light in the alley behind their home. Jones said he would talk with Ameren about these lights.

Lease Agreement with Norfolk Southern Railroad

Stiger had a new lease agreement with the railroad for the property a village well is currently on. The new lease is about \$600/year. Rupiper asked if this is property that can be purchased from the railroad? Stiger said they do not want to sell. Jones was concerned about building maintenance on the property. **Deffenbaugh moved, Jones seconded to approve the new lease agreement with Norfolk Southern Railroad. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 5-0.**

New Building Permit Form

Williams handed out copies of the new building permit form, which is 3 pages, but much more helpful to the person doing the inspection.

Donation to Summer Baseball

Stiger asked the board to donate to the Blue Ridge Summer Ball program. **Williams moved, Konen seconded to donate \$400 to the summer baseball program. Roll Call: 4 YES, Deffenbaugh NO. Motion carried 4-1.**

Donation to Easter Egg Hunt

The pastor from the Nazarene Church spoke about trying to make this year's egg hunt a bigger event, involving more people and making it more of a community event. He has Jessica Bartley and April Manning helping to volunteer. He would like to see inflatables and better candy in the eggs, along with other things. **Deffenbaugh moved, Konen seconded to donate \$600 to the Nazarene Church for the egg hunt. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 5-0.**

Police Uniform

Umberger gave a presentation about a different kind of vest he would like to wear and what his current uniform and equipment are doing to his body. The board was in agreement to allow Umberger to wear what was most comfortable and caused the least wear/tear on his body.

Release of Closed Meeting Minutes

Jones moved, Deffenbaugh seconded to release the list of attorney recommended closed meeting minutes to the public. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 5-0.

Audience Comments

An audience member asked if the Village could install a sidewalk at 109 E Illinois. Holoch said a list is being made of sidewalks that need to be fixed or added. There are already people on the list that have been on there for a while. There was conversation about fixing sections of sidewalk vs. fixing whole blocks. Stiger said he is also still waiting to hear about the outcome of the Safe Routes to Schools grant that would help fix some sidewalks listed in the grant.

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

Submitted by:

/s/ Melissa Place

Melissa Place, Village Clerk