

VILLAGE OF MANSFIELD
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
April 1, 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, Todd Jones, Ron Konen, Lucas Gilbert and Tom Williams physically present. Zach Reynolds was absent. (Gilbert left during Closed Session for work.) Bill Hardy & Ryan Umberger were also present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES, BILLS PAYABLE

Stiger requested a motion to approve the regular minutes of March 4, 2019. **Williams moved, Deffenbaugh seconded to approve the March 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 March 25, 2019. **Konen moved, Jones seconded to approved the March 25, 2019 water committee meeting minutes. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 5-0.**

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

There was no Treasurer's report for March 31, 2019. It will be handed out at the May meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Street Lights

Jones reported that Ameren shows the village is paying for 93 street lights. Deffenbaugh suggested to continue to study which lights are needed and shut off or move lights not needed in the middles of blocks. Jones said there are two on his list that should go first – 116 E Oliver and one in the 200 block of W South.

Water Main Project

Konen reported that the outcome of the water committee meeting was to look at an iron treatment plant in the Fall for the next fiscal year. **Konen moved, Gilbert seconded to authorize Fehr-Graham to move forward with the map dated 3/4/19 showing the blocks of mains to replace and to add one hydrant to the water main replacement project. Roll call: 4 YES, Williams NO. Motion carried 4-1.** Tom Overmyer offered to tell Sherri with the USDA office that the board is moving in a different direction so those funds can be freed up for another project for someone else. A vote will take place at the May meeting to relinquish the application for USDA funds.

Safe Routes to Schools

Gilbert and Overmyer reported that there is no determination yet on the awards for the Safe Routes to Schools grant. It was to be announced in mid-March but there is nothing to report yet.

Clean-Up of Properties & Junk Vehicles

Deffenbaugh asked about the status of the trailer at 210 W Short. Hardy said it is getting worse with the wind. Attorney Amy Rupiper said she sent a letter to the owner about the ordinance violation. They have 30 days to respond and those 30 days are not up yet. After 30 days, the village can go on the property and clean up the yard mess, but will not be able to do anything with the home, which would require a court order. There was discussion about offering to purchase it since owners bought it for \$900.

Junk Vehicles

Deffenbaugh asked Umberger about progress on getting junk vehicles cleaned up. Umberger said a few have been moved. Gilbert and the clerk are working on getting a brightly colored sticker ordered. Gilbert advised Umberger to use the current sticker until the new one arrives. There was discussion about towing vehicles if nothing is done after the 7 day period noted on the sticker – towing by which company, to what location, and for what cost? Rupiper talked of the difference between an inoperable vehicle vs abandoned vehicle. There was discussion about handing the owner a notice vs sending certified letter. Deffenbaugh liked the idea of handing it to the owner because of the expense of certified mail and because people would just choose to not pick up their mail. The notice states the owner has 5 days to appeal and 7 days to comply. Rupiper said the vehicles in question have to be in view of the general public. Staff cannot climb fences or look under tarps for vehicles. Umberger said he would use the existing notice from the code book and put it in sheet protectors to tape it to vehicles and will give a copy to the owner.

Motor Fuel Tax Roadwork

Overmyer asked if the board wanted to do any road projects with motor fuel tax money this fiscal year? He asked specifically about West Newton by The Andersons. Jones and Hardy agreed that road is torn up and needs fixed. Overmyer said this is the time of year to put a project together so it can go to bid soon.

Building Maintenance/Improvements

Jones had a quote on spray insulation 3 inches thick, where the company would also paint it for about \$16,900 from Heiser Heating & Air. Our employees would have to take out the current insulation. Hardy will need to get his roof estimate updated because it includes insulation from Springhaven in Sullivan. Deffenbaugh asked about lighting at the shop and Hardy said he has a lot of the lights done with new LEDs. There are a few left that are light gym lights.

NEW BUSINESS

Replacing Vehicles

Jones would like to see the maroon dump truck replaced. Gilbert said there is money in the budget for a new vehicle. Jones said he could get one through the state bid with no diesel engine for about \$63,000 through Bob Ridings. He would also trade the maroon truck in to get the price lowered. It takes about 4 months to get a truck once it's ordered.

New Blade for Tractor

Jones said grading of the roads has been happening, but staff would like to get an angled blade to put behind the tractor instead of the straight blade they have. A 7 foot blade with hydraulics for the current tractor would be about \$3,100. It's a bush hog from Central IL Ag. Gilbert would like to see another estimate brought to the next meeting.

Water Tower Cleaning

Konen had two estimates for getting the water tower exterior cleaned. National Wash Authority was \$5,300 and Preferred Tank and Tower was \$14,500. **Konen moved, Gilbert seconded to approve the water tower exterior cleaning with National Wash Authority for \$5,300. Motion carried 5-0.**

Closed Session

Gilbert moved, Jones seconded to move to Closed Session to discuss wage increases for employees. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting moved to closed session.

Annual Wage Increase for Employees

Konen moved, Williams seconded to increase wages by 2.8% for all employees beginning May 1, 2019. Roll call: YES – Konen, Williams, Stiger. NO – Deffenbaugh, Jones. Motion carried 3-2.

Village Clean-up Day

Stiger would like to offer a clean-up day this spring. He asked if the board would consider extending it to a weekday and a Saturday to accommodate people who work weekends. Deffenbaugh and Hardy both said they did not mind picking up items for people who could not make that day for work. If it was opened up longer, both were worried about the amount of mess that would be left when staff were not there to supervise. As it is, people leave items before and after the posted times. There was discussion about adding a dumpster to the 3 usually ordered. **Jones moved, Konen seconded to have Village Clean-up Day on May 18, 2019 from 7am-noon with 4 dumpsters. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 4-0.**

Williams moved, Deffenbaugh seconded to adjourn the meeting. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 4-0.

Submitted by:

/s/ Melissa Place
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