

**VILLAGE OF MANSFIELD
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
May 6, 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, Lucas Gilbert and Tom Williams physically present. Bill Hardy & Ryan Umberger were also present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES, BILLS PAYABLE

Stiger requested a motion to approve the regular minutes of April 1, 2019. **Gilbert moved, Williams seconded to approve the April 1, 2019 regular meeting minutes. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 6-0.**

Stiger requested a motion to approve the closed meeting minutes of April 1, 2019. **Gilbert moved, Williams seconded to approved the April 1, 2019 closed meeting minutes. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 6-0.**

Stiger requested a motion to approve the Bills Payable for May 2019. Deffenbaugh questioned whether village employees could take the police truck for service when needed so the officer does not have to? Staff answered they would not mind doing that at all. **Gilbert moved, Jones seconded to approve the Bills Payable for May 2019. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 6-0.**

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's reports for March 31 and April 30, 2019 were handed out. **Deffenbaugh moved, Williams seconded to approve the March 31 and April 30, 2019 Treasurer's Reports. Roll call: 5 Yes, Konen abstain. Motion carried.**

OLD BUSINESS

Golf Cart Permits

Gilbert said the stickers are arriving soon. He can begin with inspections as soon as he has them. Residents should call him at his Village phone number to schedule their inspection.

Water Main Project

Konen moved, Gilbert seconded to relinquish the Village's application for USDA funding so USDA can reallocate those funds. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 6-0.

Building Maintenance/Improvements

Jones had a quote from Spring Haven for the Village shop roof for \$11,000 with no insulation done. The second quote he received was much higher and used lighter metal. **Jones moved, Williams seconded to have Spring Haven do the shop roof work for not more than \$12,000. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 6-0.** Deffenbaugh asked Hardy when they could start and Hardy was not sure, as the company is in their busy season.

New Blade for Tractor

Jones moved, Deffenbaugh seconded to purchase a 3-point tractor blade with hydraulics at Central IL Ag for \$2,900. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 6-0.

Replacing Vehicles

Jones said he got an email saying the 2019 truck is not available any longer. The item about purchasing a new truck will be tabled until the 2020 vehicles and state bid pricing is available.

West Newton Street Roadwork

Jones said the price for fixing about 1,600 feet of West Newton Street is about \$45,850. The Andersons previously said they could cover about \$16,000. The Village would have to oil/chip after it's done and that is not included in this price. Jones wants something in writing from The Andersons before moving forward to fix the road. Engineered Soils Inc. said they could move forward on the project in a week. Audience member Sandy Courson described the ditch by her home on West Newton, and how truck drivers are not staying on the road but are cutting into the sides of the road. Engineer Tom Overmyer said he would have to talk to Illiana Construction to see if they are available to oil/chip since it needs to be done as soon as the road is cured. He also said it exceeds the amount for not bidding it out, but there is also only one company around here that does this work. This will be added to the June agenda for a vote.

Safe Routes to Schools

Overmyer said the village was not awarded any money on this project, but said Farmer City did get some money. He suggested cutting back the scope next time. Not all money allotted on the engineering for the Safe Routes project was spent.

NEW BUSINESS

Apex Clean Energy Wind Farm Presentation

Alan Moore, project manager with the Goose Creek Wind Project, spoke about the possibility of a wind farm being established in northern Piatt County. They are proposing a 300 megawatt farm in Sangamon, Goose Creek, and Blue Ridge Townships. He spoke of tax revenue money coming into the townships, schools, fire department, etc. He spoke about working with landowners, township staff, villages, and cities to abide by all ordinances already in place. Moore spoke on the 30 year life of the project and how it would be removed at that time. Audience members had questions for him about noise issues, flashing lights, the local bat population, weather radar, etc. Moore said there would be over 200 jobs available during the construction phase and then about 12 high paying jobs for full time operations/maintenance. The turbines could be up within 8-10 months, weather permitting and they are looking at the end of 2021 for the project to begin if all goes well.

Swear in New Trustees, Clerk, Treasurer

Board President Stiger swore in new trustees April Manning and Jessica Bartley and appointed Clerk Melissa Place and appointed Treasurer Tom Gilbert.

Water Testing Agreement

Konen moved, Gilbert seconded to have PDC Labs do the required monthly water testing and to add the Guard Dog service. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 6-0.

Motor Fuel Tax Roadwork

Jones said Tom Overmyer and Bill Hardy would meet and come up with a plan of roads to fix in this year's project.

Village Garage Sales Donation

Bartley said she has a committee of volunteers putting together Village garage sales. They would like to have one in the Spring and one in the Fall this year. They are asking for a donation of \$200 from the Village for advertising and a banner. It will be free to residents to be put on the map. She has heard from about 10 people so far who are interested but the deadline isn't until closer to the end of the month. **Deffenbaugh moved, Konen seconded to donate \$200 to the Mansfield Garage Sales committee. Roll call: 5 Yes, Manning NO. Motion carried 5-1.**

Spring Property Clean-Up Flyer for Police

Stiger handed out a flyer made from an idea he got from Farmer City. Notices would be given out to residents, noting clean up that needed to happen on their property before they were given an official notice. It was discussed how it would be tracked as to who received a notice and when and for what violation. Deffenbaugh questioned giving the notice to renters vs property owners. **Gilbert moved, Deffenbaugh seconded to approve the use of the Property Clean Up flyer in advance of handing out 10 day official clean up notices. Roll call: Gilbert, Konen, Deffenbaugh, Stiger YES. Manning, Jones, Bartley NO. Motion carried 4-3.**

Piatt County Forest Preserve Agreement

Gilbert moved, Konen seconded to accept the annual mowing agreement with Piatt County Forest Preserve at \$3,000. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 6-0.

Annual Health Plan Agreement with Central Mgmt Services

Gilbert moved, Deffenbaugh seconded to accept the annual health plan agreement with Central Management Services. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 6-0.

FY20 Budget

Treasurer Tom Gilbert asked if anyone had any last additions/changes to the draft budget before he submitted it to the attorney. Manning said the Easter Egg Hunt will be more of a Village run event next year, so it needs funding of around \$1,500. Deffenbaugh asked about the Park Improvement Fund. Gilbert said he adds to it every year, as the playground will need replaced at some point. Gilbert said he has a new truck budgeted for, along with a new generator. Deffenbaugh asked about the Veterans Memorial at the Legion. Tom Gilbert said that Lucas Gilbert had

wanted to make a nicer memorial than what is currently on Jefferson Street at some point. Jones asked about increasing the line for Christmas decorations to about \$7,000. He asked to increase the line for road signs also.

Audience Comments

Deena Carico said the park looked very nice at Easter. Another resident asked about the current status of the property at the corner of Park and Short. Trustees said it's in the hands of the attorney at the moment. Roger Burton, a resident on Davis Court spoke about the constant standing water he and Colby Mackey have had in their yards since Harold Mitchell put in new water lines by Mitchell Trucking. Mackey said the catch basin at the corner of his yard puts water into his garage. Hardy suggested it's a collapsed tile somewhere. Hardy said he will jet it and map it and figure something out once the drainage project on North Street is complete. Burton also asked what to do about a neighbor who burns construction materials. It was suggested he call the fire department or even EPA.

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

Submitted by:

/s/ Melissa Place
Melissa Place, Village Clerk