

VILLAGE OF MANSFIELD
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
August 5, 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 April Manning, Ron Konen, Todd Jones, Jessica Bartley, and Don Deffenbaugh physically present. Lucas Gilbert was absent. Bill Hardy was also present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES, BILLS PAYABLE

Stiger requested a motion to approve the regular minutes of July 1, 2019. **Jones moved, Deffenbaugh seconded to approve the July 1, 2019 regular meeting minutes. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 5-0.** Stiger requested a motion to approve the Bills Payable for August 2019. **Deffenbaugh moved, Jones seconded to approve the Bills Payable for August 2019. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 5-0.**

TREASURER'S REPORT

Deffenbaugh moved, Manning seconded to approve the June 30, 2019 Treasurer's Report. Roll call 4 YES, Konen NO. Motion carried 4-1. There was no Treasurer's report for July 31, 2019 as the Treasurer is on vacation. It will be available next month.

OLD BUSINESS

Painting Crosswalks

Deffenbaugh asked Hardy if he would be painting crosswalks soon, as school would be starting about mid-month. Hardy said he would be doing that.

West Newton Street Roadwork

Jones said The Andersons have a check for \$16,000 and will hold onto it until they know what the Board is going to do. The estimate on the work was about \$45,850, plus the Village will have to oil and chip after the work is done, which Tom Overmyer says could be just under \$10,000. Stiger does not like spending so much on a road not really used by a lot of people when it's the business tearing it up. Jones is afraid The Andersons may not give anything if the Village does not do this work now. The worst area is right where trucks turn into the drive. Jones says \$8,000 of the cost is the company doing half the work and letting it set up and then coming back to do the other half. Deffenbaugh is worried about tearing up other streets now that drivers finally got in the routine of going the right way. Bartley said she wishes The Andersons would give more money. Overmyer said the Board can approve this tonight if they have a 2/3 approval vote and can forego the bidding process and declare it an emergency due to time constraints. **Jones moved, Deffenbaugh seconded to forego the usual bidding process for roadwork, to declare an emergency due to time constraints, to negotiate a contract for work to be done on West Newton Street, and to proceed with the work, which should not exceed \$60,000, contingent upon receiving \$16,000 from The Andersons. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 5-0.**

Motor Fuel Tax Roadwork

Tom Overmyer with Fehr-Graham described cutting some of the Motor Fuel Tax roadwork in the Village so as not to go over the allowed amount for needing bidding. Blocks to be done will have to be chosen.

106 E Oliver Zoning Violation

Jones moved, Konen seconded to authorize the attorney to proceed with the process of enforcing the Zoning Code at 106 E. Oliver. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 5-0.

Streetlights

Jones said Ameren reported there are 97 streetlights the Village is paying for. He counts 92 that are the responsibility of the Village. He says the Board could choose to have Ameren shut off the extras in alleys, or could choose to "adopt" them and consider all 97 belonging to the Village. The poles have 100 watt bulbs currently, but as they burn out, Ameren is replacing them with LED lights which are lower watts, but are brighter. Deffenbaugh said he was for shutting of the extra lights in alleys. Jones said they are about \$6/month each. Bartley said she likes the extra lights, as it provides security. Konen did not mind either way and Manning said she would like to keep them. Jones said he will tell Ameren to keep the Village total at 97.

Appointments for Treasurer

Stiger tabled the discussion about the appointment of Tom Gilbert as Treasurer until the entire Board was present.

NEW BUSINESS

Police Personnel

Deffenbaugh asked that status of the police staff. Stiger said Officer Umberger resigned a couple weeks ago, as he found another job closer to home. Stiger said the Board needs to decide what to do – whether to hire another officer, or to consider leasing with Farmer City or Piatt County. Jones said a lease would cost more than an employee at \$16/hr, but it would also guarantee paperwork was being done. Stiger suggested turning this item over to the Police Committee. He will ask Gilbert to set a date.

Christmas Lights

Bartley was tasked with updating the Christmas lights along Jefferson Street. There is \$3,500 in the budget this year for that. It was discussed to possibly ask for donation or sponsors of poles to help get more funds to replace the decorations. **Konen moved, Deffenbaugh seconded to have Bartley purchase up to \$3,500 of new Christmas decorations. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 5-0.**

Winter Fest Donation

Gina Kirkland spoke to the Board about the Winter Fest Committee wanting to bring back horse carriage rides for the event to be held November 16. The cost of the carriage rides is \$500 and the Committee is asking the Board to cover this cost so riders ride for free. **Deffenbaugh moved, Konen seconded to donate \$500 to the Mansfield Winter Fest event horse carriage rides. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 5-0.**

Mansfield United Methodist Church Donation

Stiger said the Village has donated to the Church summer lunch program in the past and, although it's late in the summer, he would still like the Board to consider donating. **Konen moved, Manning seconded to donate \$1,000 to the United Methodist Church Summer Lunch Program. Roll call: ALL Yes. Motion carried 5-0.**

Release of Certain Closed Meeting Minutes

Clerk Place said the attorney reviewed the last 6 months of closed session minutes and her recommendation was to keep them closed at this time. Place said that means there would be none to release at this time. **Jones moved, Deffenbaugh seconded to follow the attorney's recommendation to leave closed session minutes closed at this time. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 5-0.**

Ordinance Declaring Motor Vehicles Not Regularly Used to be Public Nuisance

Stiger said this ordinance has updated wording to include items Officer Umberger wanted to see in the ordinance. This item was tabled so the attorney could be present to discuss.

Watermain Replacement Update

Overmyer and his colleague has a presentation on the project scope and showed a map of the watermain to be upgraded. The timeline has construction for mid-2020 and the end of the project in 2022, which is all based on the timing of design, permits, and application process. The total probable cost is at \$1.6 million. IL EPA is currently doing Small Community Interest Rates of 1.5% at 30 years. They also have loan forgiveness at 60% or \$800,000, whichever is greater, which means the Village project of \$1,690,000 would still cost \$890,000. The water rate ordinance passed in late 2018 already gets the Village to \$28/month per user which will be needed to help fund this project. Overmyer said the Board would know by the end of the year if they were awarded Principal Forgiveness. If the Village is not awarded this, it would take up to \$35/month per user to help fund the entire project. **Konen moved, Jones seconded to authorize the Board President to sign the loan documents and project checklist. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 5-0.**

Audience Comments

Deena Carico said that Sunday, Oct. 27 from 4:30-6pm will be Trunk or Treat in the school parking lot. There will be prizes and pumpkins to decorate.

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

Submitted by:

/s/ Melissa Place
Melissa Place, Village Clerk