

**VILLAGE OF MANSFIELD  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING  
October 7, 2019**

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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 April Manning, Lucas Gilbert, Ron Konen, Todd Jones, Jessica Bartley, and Don Deffenbaugh physically present. Bill Hardy was also present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES, BILLS PAYABLE**

Stiger requested a motion to approve the regular minutes of September 3, 2019. **Gilbert moved, Deffenbaugh seconded to approve the September 3, 2019 regular meeting minutes. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 6-0.** Stiger requested a motion to approve the Bills Payable for October 2019. **Gilbert moved, Jones seconded to approve the Bills Payable for October 2019, with the exception of the check for MFT roadwork from Fehr-Graham, which should be held for discussion with the company. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 6-0.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

**Gilbert moved, Deffenbaugh seconded to approve the August 31, 2019 and September 30, 2019 Treasurer's Reports. Roll call 5 YES, Konen NO. Motion carried 5-1.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

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**West Newton Road Work and Motor Fuel Tax Roadwork**

Jones said The Andersons put their \$16,000 back in their budget for next Spring. Jones suggested that work on the 2020 MFT roadwork projects begin in January.

**Village Special Events Insurance**

Deffenbaugh asked if the Trunk or Treat event had their own insurance, along with Winterfest. Deena Carico said yes, Trunk or Treat was covered. Someone asked Rob Harper about insurance coverage for Homecoming & Winterfest and the answer was yes, they are covered. There was discussion about how, if a committee outside the Village board wanted to ask the board for their special event to be covered by Village insurance, that committee would need to have a member of the board on the committee and they would have to follow Open Meeting Act rules about posting agendas and recording minutes of meetings.

**MDA Fundraiser at My Place Pub in 2020**

Deffenbaugh said the idea was that there would be 3 or so bands on the date of the event for MDA. It would take over \$3,000 to send one kid to MDA camp and event organizers would like to send 2 kids to camp.

**Rooster in Village**

Deffenbaugh reported there is a rooster in the Village, which is not allowed by ordinance. Deena Carico said she would look into it right away.

**Ordinance on Water Supply Loan Program**

**Gilbert moved, Deffenbaugh seconded to approve Ordinance 2019-04, Public Water Supply Loan Program Ordinance Authorizing Loan Agreement. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 6-0.**

**Building Maintenance/Repairs**

Stiger said the shop roof is complete. The board received an insulation bid from Heiser some time ago. Bill Hardy asked if he could buy the materials to do the work cheaper? The board said it's best to have an outside company do it with what's involved in the process. Gilbert said he would like to see at least 2 more estimates. Stiger said there is currently no insulation.

**Ordinance Declaring Motor Vehicles Not Regularly Used to be Public Nuisance**

Rupiper said the Board had questions last month about going onto private property. Case law says you would need a warrant to remove inoperable vehicles on private property. The Board also wanted to remove unlicensed vehicles. Rupiper said the Village is a non-home rule unit. She read from a case about Round Lake in 2017. She said the ordinance would have to be adjusted as it currently stands to allow for this. Her opinion is that Village fines are normal, if not a little low. Jones said he wants to enforce for those on Village property first and is also interested in how Ivesdale deals with their vehicles since they already have this wording in their ordinance. The Board was interested in leaving the ordinance alone at the moment and will make adjustments once a new officer is hired.

### **Ordinance Violation Update**

Stiger said at 105 N Prairie the property does meet the minimum standards of living and the residents have talked to DCFS. They have large containers of water, a generator, and are burning wood.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

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### **Video Recording Public Meetings**

Manning said she would like to see the regular monthly meetings be recorded so residents can view them. She said the minutes on the website do not help because residents have to wait a month to see them. Stiger said he does not see positive things come from other towns that record their meetings and would ultimately like to see better attendance at meetings. Konen said he would guess it would require about \$500 to start recording meetings because it would need a laptop, microphone, and webcam. More items could be purchased later, like if more microphones were needed. A stream could be done to YouTube with no comments allowed. Deffenbaugh did not like the idea, but Jones was for it. There was question about who would set this up each time, which the clerk would mostly likely do it. Stiger also questioned if anything had to be in place ordinance-wise to dictate all the rules about the recordings. Attorney Rupiper said a resolution should be done about all the guidelines the Board wants to follow.

**Manning moved, Konen seconded to pursue the idea of video recording meetings. Roll call: 4 YES, Gilbert, Deffenbaugh NO. Motion carried 4-2.**

### **Internet at Dog Pound**

Konen said Carico need internet service at the dog pound for the rare instances she keeps an animal overnight, as the law is changing soon to require places that hold animals overnight to have a fire alarm. Konen said the setup would be around \$500 to get a wireless link for monitoring animals that will alert Carico if there's a fire. This would not be a video link. The Board asked Carico how many overnight animals she has had and Carico said there were zero in 2019 and maybe 3 total in her time with the Village. This item is tabled for the next meeting.

### **Village of Mansfield 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Jones said there was interest in the community for celebrating the Village's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2020. He asked if the Board had any ideas how or when to celebrate? It was suggested to tie the celebration into the August Homecoming event. Stiger asked for board volunteers to start a 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary committee. Manning, Gilbert, and Deffenbaugh will head it up.

### **Railroad Crossing Outside of Village**

Bartley asked about a railroad crossing southwest of the Village. Jones said it is in the Township and she would have to talk to Norfolk Southern about any concerns. Jones had a number for her to call.

### **Trick or Treat Hours**

**Deffenbaugh moved, Gilbert seconded to have Trick or Treat hours on Thursday, October 31 from 5pm-8pm. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 6-0.**

### **Railroad Trail from Bloomington to Mansfield**

Bartley talked of the meeting she and Konen attended in September for Friends of the Constitution Trail. She said that committee did not have a lot of information yet and they are still very early in getting everything going for this trail.

### **Cannabis Sales/Licensing in Village**

Stiger said cannabis sales will begin in the State on January 1, 2020 and each municipality has to decide for themselves if they will allow licensing in their boundaries or not. Attorney Rupiper said if the Village decides to not allow sales, they will need to pass an ordinance stating they are not allowing sales. If the Village does not pass an ordinance, if someone gets a license, they could open up a shop to sell marijuana. If a shop opens inside the Village, the Village gets some of that sales tax money. Gilbert said it is very expensive to get a license and put in an application at the moment, so the Village could choose to do nothing at this time as it's very unlikely a group with a license would want to open a shop in Mansfield. **Gilbert moved, Manning seconded to not act on banning sales of cannabis inside the Village limits. Roll call: 5 YES, Deffenbaugh NO. Motion carried 5-1.**

### **Water Coupon Book Mailing & Note to Residents**

Clerk Place asked the Board if they would like to change any info on the note sent to residents in December with their 2020 water payment book. The board asked to have a copy of what was sent last year and they will get changes to her.

### **Tax Levy**

Stiger said a tax levy draft was passed out to the Board. They will vote on the ordinance in November. Tom Gilbert said he made sure the amounts stayed under the amount allowed so no hearing was needed. The Board was in agreement with the amounts on the draft they were given.

### **Audience Comments**

Deena Carico said on December 20 there would be a house decoration judging and on December 21 there would be a golf cart parade to look at decorated homes.

Lois Adams said she likes the idea of recording meetings, but she thinks the Board needs to speak up. She also would like to have seen the Board ban the sale of cannabis to make a statement. She would like to see the ordinance fixed to take care of the problem of abandoned vehicles on private property.

HR Kirby said the trash/waste to the West of his property is a large mess and he asked what to do about it. Gilbert suggested a call to the IL EPA or to County Health Department.

### **Closed Session:**

**Gilbert moved, Deffenbaugh seconded to move into Closed Session to discuss appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of an employee of the public body. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 6-0.** Meeting moved to Closed Session.

Meeting returned from Closed Session.

### **Appointment for Treasurer**

Stiger made a recommendation to the Board that Tom Gilbert remain as Treasurer. Members each voiced their opinion and Manning, Konen, Jones, and Barley all said NO. Gilbert and Deffenbaugh said YES.

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

### **Submitted by:**

/s/ Melissa Place

Melissa Place, Village Clerk