

**VILLAGE OF MANSFIELD
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
January 6, 2020**

The Village of Mansfield Board of Trustees met at the NPPFD meeting room on Washington St. in Mansfield at 7:00pm with Don Deffenbaugh presiding. Roll was taken with April Manning, Lucas Gilbert, Ron Konen, Todd Jones, Jessica Bartley and Don Deffenbaugh physically present. Andy Stiger was absent. Bill Hardy was also present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES, BILLS PAYABLE

Deffenbaugh requested a motion to approve the regular minutes of December 2, 2019. **Gilbert moved, Jones seconded to approve the December 2, 2019 regular meeting minutes. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 6-0.** Deffenbaugh requested a motion to approve the special meeting minutes of December 16, 2019. **Gilbert moved, Manning seconded to approve the December 16, 2019 special meeting minutes. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 6-0.** Deffenbaugh requested a motion to approve the closed meeting minutes of December 16, 2019. **Gilbert moved, Konen seconded to approve the December 16, 2019 closed meeting minutes. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 6-0.** Deffenbaugh requested a motion to approve the Bills Payable for December 2019. The board wanted to know more about the charges from Fehr-Graham. They decided to approve the bill this month but to ask Fehr-Graham for a more detailed billing statement in the future. **Gilbert moved, Konen seconded to approve the Bills Payable for December 2019. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 6-0.**

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's Reports from November 30 and December 31, 2019 were passed out. **Gilbert moved, Deffenbaugh seconded to approve both November and December 2019 Treasurer's Reports. Roll call: Manning, Konen, Jones, Bartley NO. Gilbert, Deffenbaugh YES. Motion failed 2-4.** Deffenbaugh asked why there were No votes cast so he could report back to Board President Stiger. Jones says the report the board wants to see is still not included with the reports.

OLD BUSINESS

Recycling Bins

Konen said he talked to Dave Coffman at Knight Environmental Services. He said Knight can leave the recycle bins every weekend for double the price, but leaving them during the week is not an option. Coffman said it's the paper being filled up, not the plastic and metal and that he believes it to be local businesses filling it up, not residents. Deffenbaugh said he's talked to the local businesses before and offered that Coffman did not mind them bringing their bulk recyclables to his business to keep from filling up the bins, which the businesses have not taken him up on. The board thought it would waste money to bring it in every weekend. There's no control over who is dropping things off in the bins, although it's being offered for residents to use. Deffenbaugh said White Heath went to the trouble of creating signs labeling their drop off area as Residents Only and many non-residents still use their bins.

NEW BUSINESS

Village Easter Event

Manning said the Board is taking over the Village Easter event this year. Some trustees said they were confused, as they had not heard this. Bartley said Stiger told her and Manning they would be taking it over this year and the two would be in charge of making it happen. Manning said the cost would be about \$2,000 to put it on if the same things they did last year were done (free hot dogs, bounce house, etc.). Deffenbaugh suggested tabling the discussion until February until more was known about the event and costs.

Circus

Gilbert said he emailed a circus in November about coming to town this summer. He said there is really no land the Village owns that would suit hosting a circus, so he asked the school about using their land. The school said there would need to be a land use agreement to use the parking lot and track area. Gilbert suggested that an income be split between the Village and the school group fundraising for a new track. When he talked to the circus, he found they have their own insurance and the school does also. He said the circus had the date of June 1 open and could do 2 shows that day. Gilbert will follow up with the circus this month to see if the date is still available and what needs to happen to move forward.

Police Department

Gilbert said Officer Jesse Hall will start in another week and it will be great to have a police presence in the Village again.

Water Tower Interior Cleaning

Konen had paperwork from Liquid Engineering, a company that cleans the interior of water towers. The quote was for \$2600. **Konen moved, Gilbert seconded to have Liquid Engineering clean the water tower interior for \$2,600. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 6-0.**

Christmas Decorations

Gilbert asked when the Christmas decorations would be coming down and Hardy said it would be next week. Hardy suggested getting new lights for the garland next year. Bartley said more new decorations would be purchased next fiscal year. The board directed Hardy to dispose of the old decorations that have no value and are not being used to free up storage space.

Audience Comments

Deena Carico said there will be a rabies clinic April 18 with Dr. Penning. There is a new law in 2020 that cats have to get rabies shots. There was discussion about Piatt County saying they would not be enforcing the law.

Hardy asked if there was an update about the West Short Street property and the answer was no.

Carico informed the board she told the rooster owner, who is using it as a service animal, that a coop needs to be complete within 30 days, which would be by the end of January.

John Houser asked about the construction on the water mains and when it will begin. Konen referred to the timeline on the wall, which shows July 2020.

Officer Jesse Hall introduced himself to the audience.

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

Submitted by:

/s/ Melissa Place

Melissa Place, Village Clerk