

VILLAGE OF MANSFIELD
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
September 8, 2020

The Village of Mansfield Board of Trustees met at the NPFPD meeting room at 7:00pm with Andy Stiger presiding. Roll was taken with April Manning, Lucas Gilbert, Ron Konen, Todd Jones, Jessica Bartley, and Don Deffenbaugh present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES, BILLS PAYABLE

Konen moved, Jones seconded to approve the August 3, 2020 regular meeting minutes. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 6-0.

Deffenbaugh moved, Konen seconded to approve the closed meeting minutes from August 3, 2020. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 6-0.

Konen moved, Jones seconded to approve the Special Meeting minutes from August 19, 2020. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 6-0.

Jones moved, Konen seconded the Bills Payable for September 2020. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 6-0.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jones moved, Konen seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report for August 31, 2020. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 6-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Part-Time Police Officer

Gilbert introduced Dustin Lutz, who he and Deffenbaugh met with and interviewed for the part-time officer position. Gilbert said Lutz would need a 6 month academy training to be able to be an officer. That cost is around \$2,000 and would be reimbursed to the Village through a grant upon completion of the training. Jones asked the hours Lutz would work. Officer Hall spoke highly of Lutz and said his training schedule would be set up soon. Lutz said he was interested in nights and weekends and would be available for 20 hours a week after his 40 hour/week full-time job. Konen asked why the board did not have the info on Lutz prior to this meeting and Gilbert said he and Deffenbaugh set up the interview themselves. **Gilbert moved, Deffenbaugh seconded to hire Lutz as part-time police officer. Roll call: 2-4, with Manning, Konen, Jones, and Bartley NO. Motion failed.** Bartley said she would have liked to have the info about this before this meeting. Jones wanted to see the Police Committee being used for items like this. Gilbert set a Police Committee meeting for Wed., Sept. 16 at 6pm.

Zoning Map

Konen said updated zoning maps are available, which he gave to the Clerk, He will forward an electronic version to the board. He needs the attorney to draft an ordinance to adopt the new maps.

Water Main Replacement Project

Konen said the pre-bid conference is tomorrow, Sept. 9 and bids are due October 2 by 11am. Gilbert has questions to ask and said he would attend the pre-bid meeting. Rupiper clarified it is an informational meeting run by the engineer, with no action taken by the board.

Campus Communications Group

Konen said CCG is nearly done. They have a couple more places to pull conduit and they do not have a specific timeline for hooking up customers. The cabinet by the police office will be installed in about two weeks. Deena Carico said she has a hole in her side yard along Park Street.

Shop Insulation

Jones said Dusty Heiser does not have the shop insulation complete. Jones was told it would be complete in 30-45 days.

Sidewalks

Jones said he was asked by a resident about work being done on the sidewalks and Jones thought it should wait for Spring.

Ordinance 2020-04 to Amend Liquor Code

Gilbert moved, Jones seconded to approve Ordinance 2020-04 to amend the Liquor Code to allow people under 21 with a guardian after 9pm. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 6-0.

West Short Street Property

Rupiper said the Short Street property has an order for demolition and staff reported the home is now gone.

Hurley Property on Prairie Street

Stiger said Hurley moved the buses and put in a new driveway. Jones said he needs a larger tile installed to help with water flow.

NEW BUSINESS

Noise Ordinance Adjustment

Stiger said the current ordinance is very vague and lists noise has to cease at 11pm through the week and 12am on weekends. Gilbert talked to the owner of My Place Pub and she was okay with the mentioned times. Deffenbaugh asked about the number of complaints and Stiger said it was one person continually. Stiger looked for himself and saw about 25-30 people outside of the bar and people in golf carts playing music in the street. The biggest complaint is the noise after midnight. Deffenbaugh suggested people call the county to complain and he did not like changing an ordinance for one person complaining. Gilbert wanted to add into the wording to include private property as well as public property. The owner of My Place Pub, Mel Perry, spoke about how she was having bands from 8pm-11pm but changed the time to be 8:30-11:30pm to cater to a younger crowd. The people on the street cannot be controlled by bar staff. She has spoken to people to ask them to turn off their golf cart and vehicle music. Terry Thomas, owner of Mansfield General Store, agreed that band music was stopped at 11:30pm and he further complained about loud motorcycles in the street at 2am. Gilbert liked the 11pm weekdays and 12pm on weekends wording, but still wants to add wording about private property, too. Attorney Rupiper said she could look at the ordinance in Monticello and see how theirs is worded. This will be discussed again at the October meeting.

18 Davis Court Property

Konen said the Chad Huff property on Davis Court needs attention, as Konen received a request from someone for the village to require Huff to clean up his property.

Purchase of Battery-Operated Saw

Jones said there is a need for a battery-powered saw to cut pipe because of exhaust fumes from the one being used currently. He saw one for about \$815 online with free shipping that includes two batteries. Batteries are around \$250/each, so this is a good deal. The board was fine with the purchase.

Sale of Old Dump Truck

Jones said the truck we have that does not work needs to be sold. Gilbert asked if any parts could be use for anything else the Village owns. Gilbert wanted to declare it as surplus property and Attorney Rupiper will draw up paperwork to get that done.

Christmas Decorations

There was discussion about when to put up Christmas decorations and Stiger thought mid-November would be good.

Animal Control Compliment

Deffenbaugh received a call from a person who lives outside the village limits and lost their dog. This person was very happy to get their dog back and appreciated the assistance from Carico.

Election 2021

Clerk Place said nomination packets would be available from her starting September 22.

6-Month Review of Closed Minutes

Konen moved, Jones seconded to open 2 sets of closed minutes and leave 1 closed based on recommendations from Attorney Rupiper. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 6-0.

Ordinance 2020-05 to Adopt Sexual Harassment Policy

Gilbert moved, Jones seconded to adopt a sexual harassment policy, Ordinance 2020-05. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 6-0.

Audience Comments

Carico asked if her Trunk or Treat event could occur this year. She said it would not be widely advertised and individually wrapped candies would be offered and cars would be distanced. Jones did not see a problem with that and suggested she run the idea by the Piatt Co Public Health Dept.

John Houser asked if the board figured up the amount of money spent on engineers for the water project and suggested the board could have put more pressure on engineers to get work done.

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

Submitted by:

/s/ Melissa Place

Melissa Place, Village Clerk