

VILLAGE OF MANSFIELD
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
October 5, 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

Jones moved, Deffenbaugh seconded to approve the Sept. 8, 2020 regular meeting minutes. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 6-0.

Jones moved, Bartley seconded to approve the Special Meeting minutes from Sept. 16, 2020. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 6-0.

Konen moved, Jones seconded to approve the closed meeting minutes from the Special Meeting on Sept. 16., 2020. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 6-0.

Gilbert moved, Jones seconded the Bills Payable for October 2020. Roll call: 5 YES, Deffenbaugh NO. Motion carried 5-1.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Konen moved, Manning seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report for Sept. 30, 2020. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 6-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Noise Ordinance Adjustment

Stiger said the noise ordinance was discussed last month, with the addition of "private property" being added to the wording. **Deffenbaugh moved, Gilbert seconded to include private property to be covered on the noise ordinance. Roll call: 4 YES, Konen and Jones NO. Motion passed 4-2.** Audience member John Hannah objected to people not being able to hear the attorney's feedback nor hearing the entire ordinance read, of which Stiger read aloud. Attorney Rupiper suggested voting at the November meeting and to table the issue.

Deffenbaugh rescinded his motion and Gilbert rescinded his second, which Rupiper said would be acceptable. She reported on Normal, IL noise ordinance. To the wording "singing on public streets is prohibited between the hours of 11pm to 7am," Stiger said the board wanted to add the words "private property" to "public streets." Rupiper said Normal does have a permit process to be able to allow some noise after hours. Hannah spoke about an hours change in 1991 to keep people from traveling to another town that had bars open longer and also voiced the fact that there are many people who live within the same block as the bars and there is only one person who has complained. The item will be on the November agenda.

Part-Time Police Officer

Gilbert said the contract for the part time officer is on hold until next month.

Old Fire Station Water Pumper

Gilbert said the old water pumper is still in the police office and wanted to know if it will be displayed outdoors in plexiglass. It would be a good winter project. Stiger asked him to get with Bill Hardy about the work needed. Hardy said he could get it restored.

Zoning Map

Konen moved, Gilbert seconded to pass Ordinance 2020-06 to adopt the zoning map updated by Farnsworth Group. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 6-0.

Water Main Replacement Project Bid

Tom Overmyer said there were four bidders: Stark, Cross, SNC, and Opperman with Opperman being highest bidder at \$1,098,278 and Cross being lowest bidder at \$699,976. He recommended the board approve the bid from Cross Construction. He will send it to IEPA after it's signed. IEPA would then send a letter with the financials. **Konen moved, Jones seconded to authorize the Board President to sign the notice of intent to award to Cross Construction and the bidding review checklist. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 6-0.**

Resolution for Surplus Property

Jones said the board needed to decide what to do with the old dump truck and trencher. Rupiper said a resolution could be passed and she could do the paperwork later. **Jones moved, Gilbert seconded to declare the dump truck and trencher as surplus property. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 6-0.**

NEW BUSINESS

Trunk or Treat Event - Closing Streets

Manning said the Trunk or Treat event would be uptown and would like to close streets on October 25 from 3-5pm on Oliver, Jefferson, and State. Gilbert did not want to disturb customers at the Legion or My Place Pub. There was discussion about going on the south side of the railroad tracks on State Street and then turning people to the north side of the tracks to get back to their cars and keep walking traffic going one-way. People could park at the tractor pull area. Stiger suggested using the park. Deena Carico talked of the one-way kid traffic and vehicles parking 6 feet apart. There were 14 cars last year. **Gilbert moved, Manning seconded to close State Street between Washington and Main on Oct. 25, 2020 from 2:30-5:30pm. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 6-0.**

Amend Liquor Code

Gilbert said in addition to the liquor licensing ordinance passed last month, he would like to see another amendment that will accommodate people under 21 who work at liquor establishments. Mel Perry, owner of My Place Pub, spoke about her employee who works past 9pm cleaning up the kitchen and also that sometimes there are band members under 21 playing music. She was in favor of fixing the ordinance to allow for employees to be present past 9pm until their work was complete. She added that the State of IL allows 20 year old bartenders. **Gilbert moved, Bartley seconded to allow employees of liquor establishments to be in attendance past 9pm until their work is complete. Roll call: 5 YES, Manning No. Motion carried 5-1.**

Freezing Residential Water Rates and Updating Metered Water Rates for 2021

Gilbert said he would like to freeze the water rates for 2021 for residents at \$24. He felt people should not be charged more when there is not anything to show for it yet. Konen said he would like to fix the water usage rates for metered water. Making them be 60 cents per 100 gallons for resident industrial and non-resident, and then 50 cents per 100 gallons for residen commercial. He said it would only make an increase of less than \$800. Jones was not interested in a rate freeze because of unknown costs that could occur with the water main project. Stiger asked engineer Tom Overmyer if a rate freeze could affect this project in the long run, since paperwork had just been submitted that stated there would be a rate increase over a few years. Rupiper suggested a special meeting be held to make a decision after Overmyer found out if the water main project funding could be affected.

Halloween Trick-or-Treat Hours

Deffenbaugh said trick or treat hours would be 5-8pm on Saturday, Oct. 31. The clerk was asked to post the IL Dept. of Public Health guidelines on the village Facebook page.

Tax Levy

Treasurer Lisa Lehnert passed out her suggested amounts for the tax levy, which will be voted on in November. She recommended IMRF, Audit, and Social Security remain the same and insurance drop some. She said the police and emergency services are up to the board and police could increase by \$9,700 without needing a truth in taxation hearing.

Audience Comments

An audience member asked about side-by-sides. Stiger said the idea of having them had been shut down by the Board recently. Gilbert said there is not a police force to watch out for them and enforce the ordinances. Stiger said the county would enforce speed limits for vehicles, but would not enforce village ordinances. Bartley said she had given village police a list of people who have golf cart permits.

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

Submitted by:

/s/ Melissa Place

Melissa Place, Village Clerk