

VILLAGE OF MANSFIELD
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
November 2, 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

Gilbert moved, Manning seconded to approve the Oct. 5, 2020 regular meeting minutes. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 6-0.

Gilbert moved, Deffenbaugh seconded to approve the Special Meeting minutes from Oct. 26, 2020. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 6-0.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Lisa Lehnert said the beginning and ending balances from last month to this month are different. She fixed it after receiving the audit for the end of fiscal year 2020. **Konen moved, Manning seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report for Oct. 31, 2020. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 6-0.**

OLD BUSINESS

Amend Liquor Code

Gilbert was waiting on attorney Rupiper to draft the ordinance for allowing those under 21 and employed by establishments to work past 9pm. This will be voted on in December when the paperwork is available.

Freezing Water Rates

Tom Overmyer reported on how the IL EPA had studied the water rates and had thought the loan would be closer to \$1.6 million, but the loan will definitely be more like \$700,000, so the board was okay to freeze residential rates at \$24/month for residents at the October special meeting.

Part-Time Police Officer

Gilbert said the contract for the part time officer is on hold until next month. He is still needing the contract from attorney Rupiper.

Tax Levy

Konen moved, Manning seconded to pass Ordinance 2020-07 Tax Levy for May 1, 2020 through April 30, 2021. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 6-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Holiday House Decorating

Manning wanted the board to take over the house decorating event in December because the Homecoming Committee was not interested in doing it. She did not want to see a new event die after just one year. Manning said there would be no entry fees and there would be a traveling trophy used for the winner. The village would have no expense with this event. **Konen moved, Bartley seconded to sponsor the holiday house decorating event in December 2020. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 6-0.**

Presentation From Text My Gov

Stiger introduced people from Text My Gov, which is a text alert system used by municipalities for residents who sign up for it. Deffenbaugh asked the price and the men said it would be based on population and would end up being around \$1,500 annually, which does not increase. Stiger asked if another community in our area used this and they said they could send references.

Pull-Behind Trailer Replacement

Jones said the village's pull behind trailer was stolen and insurance would provide \$3,000 to replace it. He found a used one for about \$6,500 in Arthur and a new one at 20 feet long for about \$6,800. It is used to haul drainage supplies and other items. Gilbert wanted to see quotes from more than one company. Jones said he met with IL Municipal League staff about insurance coverage on the shop and other buildings. Adjustments are being made to include the cost of contents in buildings. This will be discussed in December again.

Village Land Strip at 102 W. South

Deffenbaugh said there is a strip of land the village owns at 102 W. South that used to be a ditch. An interested buyer wants to buy the land beside it and put up a single family home, but needs that piece to make the home fit. Attorney Amy Rupiper said that strip should be appraised and sold at highest bid. Deffenbaugh wanted to dissolve it and deed it to someone else. The board asked the attorney if it could be split between the two property owners on the East and West of it. Audience member John Houser worried about the drainage if a house was built there and said he thought there was a tile buried there. Bill Hardy mentioned probing around and finding nothing. Stiger asked if Schoonover could map it and see where it goes. Rupiper described a land buyer needing that space for setbacks for the purchase of the property. She said a drainage ditch cannot be vacated, but it could happen for an alley. The board asked Hardy to get Schoonover to look at it soon. Jones said the other area properties do not show the drainage ditch and have no easements. Konen asked if a variance would solve the problem for the potential buyer to move toward the ditch. This item will be discussed again in December.

Food Trucks

Stiger introduced Sharon, the owner of Mama D's food truck via Zoom. She was asking if she could come to Mansfield and sell food out of her truck possibly once a month on the weekend. Jones asked if she would be using any utilities, which she would not. Audience member shared an opinion that the village should support the local businesses trying to make it right now instead of inviting outside competing businesses in. Mel Perry spoke on how difficult it is right now to keep her doors open at My Place Pub. Deffenbaugh said he did not see that the village would make any money on this and he would vote no. Jones suggested the board look into a permit system and also a fee schedule. Audience member shared an opinion to offer this food truck on days the other local businesses were closed for food. Rupiper suggested an ordinance be in place for this item. The board will discuss this again in December.

Credit Card for Village Business

Lehnert said she would like the board to consider filling out an application for a credit card to be used for Village business that cannot be paid by check. She described the online QuickBooks system needing to make charges on an attached credit card for direct deposit and there were also several other recurring expenses that could be switched to this card instead of staff paying for things themselves and being reimbursed. **Deffenbaugh moved, Konen seconded to have the Board President sign a credit card application with First Mid Bank. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 6-0.**

Amendment to Fehr-Graham Engineering Agreement

Overmyer described how engineering costs for the construction phase services are going to be lower than previously thought. He also said the water project loan interest rate is at 1.01%. **Gilbert moved, Konen seconded to approve amendment #3 of the engineering agreement. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 6-0.**

Audience Comments

An audience member said she would like to have a better way of knowing about boil orders. Jones described a texting system currently in use by Piatt County that residents can opt into. The info is on the NPPFD Facebook page.

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