

VILLAGE OF MANSFIELD
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
March 1, 2021

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES, BILLS PAYABLE

Gilbert moved, Konen seconded to approve the Feb 1, 2021 regular meeting minutes. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 6-0.

Gilbert moved, Manning seconded the Bills Payable for March 2021. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 6-0.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jones moved, Manning seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report for Feb 28, 2021. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 6-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Lights/Decor Along Jefferson and Washington

Bartley had two quotes for lighting. She had banners, but wanted to wait and see what the colors were and she had pole lights she'd like to purchase. She suggested waiting on skyline lights to hear from building owners about hanging them. The lights would be \$1,932 from Display Sales. **Bartley moved, Gilbert seconded to purchase the pole lights from Display Sales for \$1,932. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 6-0.**

Hearing Officer

Attorney Rupiper said Mahomet is currently working on hiring someone, too. She will call Collinsville about their hearing officer to see how they can help Mansfield.

Easter Egg Hunt

Manning said she would like to see Easter eggs delivered to resident homes for people who sign up ahead of time. She would like to buy candy, eggs, and bags for up to \$600. She will create an email address for people to sign up for egg drop off and it would be limited to Mansfield addresses inside the village limits. **Manning moved, Gilbert seconded to purchase items for Easter egg delivery up to \$600. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 6-0.**

Community Planning Grant for Sewers

Konen said the grant would be \$30,000 to help with the engineering cost and there would be another grant for construction up to \$5 million. He said the village could have to pay about \$5,000 for the engineering, as it could cost \$35,000. Gilbert did not like spending the money unless he knew residents wanted sewers. Bartley asked if there was an idea of the total cost of the project and Konen said this grant would help to get that answer. **Konen moved, Manning seconded to proceed with the Unsewered Community Planning Grant. Roll call: 4 YES, Gilbert & Deffenbaugh NO. Motion carried 4-2.**

106 E. Oliver Zoning

Deffenbaugh said there was nothing new to report on this.

Generator for Well Backup

Jones had a RFP for the generator for the board to look at. He was requesting the proposals be turned in prior to the April 5 board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

2020 Motor Fuel Tax Closeout Expenses

Tom Overmyer reported on the 2020 MFT expenses. **Gilbert moved, Jones seconded to approve signing the MFT 2020 Closeout Expenditures paperwork. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 6-0.**

Girl Scouts Requesting Permission to use Parking Lot

The local Girl Scout group was present and asked permission to use the village parking lot for cookie sales. It was suggested they sell in front of the Village building to be away from Friday night traffic around the dinner hour. **Gilbert moved, Jones seconded to allow Girl Scouts to use the parking lot. Roll call: ALL Yes. Motion carried 6-0.**

Body Cameras for Police

Gilbert said body cameras will be needed for police due to legislation. He will need to talk to the attorney to figure out storage of the data from the cameras also. Rupiper said municipalities below 50,000 will have until 2025 to get the equipment. Gilbert said the village could get a grant to help reimburse the purchase, too. He said the vehicle footage also has to be stored at the station and offsite.

Rock from News Stories

Konen asked if anyone located the rock featured on the news recently and no one knew where it was located.

Golf Cart Permits

Bartley said the 2021 stickers are due prior to June 1 and she wanted to pick a couple of dates for people to get their inspections and pay for stickers. Once that is decided, she will advertise the dates.

Sale of Old State Truck

Deffenbaugh asked where things were at with the sale of the old truck. Jones said there had been no interest so far. Gilbert suggested putting the info out further than the Village website. Bill Hardy said he would put a For Sale sign in the truck.

Thank You for Flag Display

Deffenbaugh said thank you to Bill Hardy for putting up flags to honor Roger Taylor.

Food Truck Sales - Two Reds BBQ

Deffenbaugh said Two Reds wanted to sell food out of their food truck. Gilbert wondered if they would need power or water, but it was thought they were self-sufficient. The board agreed that no permits would be needed still, as there is no ordinance regarding the topic.

Closed Minutes from July-Dec 2020

Clerk Place said she would have the recommendation of the attorney on whether to open the last six months of closed minutes or not at the next meeting.

Windmills in Piatt County

Rupiper said she emailed Apex Energy about their project to put windmills around the county, near Mansfield. She reminded them the Village can regulate the ability to install them within 1.5 miles of the village limits and she read the email aloud. The response from Apex was that it had been a while since they spoke to Mansfield board and they would consider talking to the board again about the project as it stands to address concerns.

Audience Comments

John Houser voiced concerns of a white van in town, taking photos out of the window. He also asked questions of the sewer project. Deena Carico said there would be a rabies/vaccination clinic from 10-11:30am on March 24.

Jones moved, Manning seconded to move into Closed session to discuss litigation. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 6-0. The meeting moved into Closed session.

The meeting returned to open session and the public was invited back in.

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

Submitted by:

/s/ Melissa Place

Melissa Place, Village Clerk