

VILLAGE OF MANSFIELD

Regular Board Meeting May 3, 2021 at 7pm | *Meeting called to order by Andy Stiger*

In Attendance

Present: April Manning, Ron Konen, Todd Jones, Jessica Bartley, Andy Stiger, Don Deffenbaugh

Absent: Lucas Gilbert

Approval of Minutes/Bills Payable/Treasurer's Report

4/5/21 Regular Meeting Minutes: Jones moved, Manning seconded. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 5-0

4/5/21 Closed Meeting Minutes: Bartley moved, Jones seconded. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 5-0.

4/5/21 Bills Payable: Jones moved, Bartley seconded. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 5-0.

4/30/21 Treasurer's Report: Konen moved, Manning seconded. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 5-0.

Old Business

CLEAN-UP DAY

ACTION: Manning moved, Konen seconded to have Village Clean-up Day on Saturday, May 15, 2021. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 5-0.

150th ANNIVERSARY EVENT

Manning asked if the Village's 150th anniversary would be held this year because of being called off due to COVID-19 last year. Stiger said he was unsure, as Deffenbaugh and Gilbert were heading that committee last year.

WATER CHEMICAL TESTING

Konen said Calvin Florey wanted to keep PDC in Peoria as the testing company for water instead of changing.

ACTION: Konen moved, Jones seconded to retain PDC Labs in Peoria to do water testing for the Village for another year. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 5-0.

GOLF CART CROSSING SIGNAGE

Bartley said adding new signs may require an ordinance. She would like Attorney Rupiper's opinion. Rupiper said she would look into it after clarifying the kind of signs. Bartley said it was needed because golf cart owners are still driving on streets they are not to be driving on.

DONATION FOR SUMMER BASEBALL

Stiger asked the board to consider giving the summer baseball league \$250 and in return, the Village of Mansfield will appear on the shirts of one of the league's teams. It would be promotion of the Village in exchange for the \$250.

ACTION: Jones moved, Konen seconded to pay the summer baseball league \$250 for promotion on team shirts and a sign on the fence. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 5-0.

ANNUAL EMPLOYEE RATE INCREASES

Stiger said he had not met with all employees yet for reviews and wanted to move forward on voting for annual wage increases, the same 3% rate that has been given for the past couple of years. Konen was opposed because of what was talked about last month. It was recommended that full time employees, treasurer, animal control, clerk, part time workers would get the increase and it would exclude two police.

ACTION: Bartley moved to give a 3% increase to full time employees, treasurer, clerk, animal control, part time workers and exclude two police. There was no second. Motion died.

HEARING OFFICER

Bartley asked Rupiper about progress on getting a Hearing Officer. Rupiper suggested putting in an ad with IL State Bar Assoc. Rupiper said she would go ahead with this and did not think there was a fee.

New Business

SWEAR IN NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS

Clerk Place swore in Andy Stiger as Board President and Ron Konen as Village Trustee.

APPOINT CLERK/TREASURER

ACTION: Konen moved, Manning seconded to approve the Board President's appointment of Melissa Place as Clerk and Lisa Lehnert as Treasurer. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 4-0.

APPOINTMENT TO OPEN BOARD POSITIONS

Stiger said Deffenbaugh was stepping down and was not looking to be appointed to an open position on the board after serving for 42 years. Stiger wanted to have a special meeting to discuss who to appoint to the two open positions. Konen summarized from the code book that if no one is elected, then the person would keep their seat until an appointment was made. He said Jones had not abandoned his position, so he posed that Jones would still be on the board at this time. Attorney Rupiper did not think there was a vacancy in Jones' position. There was discussion from the audience on how to move forward and quoted material from the County Clerk about the vacancy stating that Jones had not run for the Trustee position, but had run for the Board President position and lost, so therefore would not hold any position at the moment. Rupiper said she could file to get a declaratory judgement from Dana Rhodes to say what to do about Jones' position. Stiger thought it was best to go that route so if it happens again, everyone would know how to proceed. Rupiper said she could get the judgement expedited and suggested making an appointment within 60 days.

FY22 BUDGET

Lehnert asked the board to look over the budget she sent out. She asked about Rebuild Illinois funds. Gilbert will be getting her numbers for police equipment needed and data storage. Stiger said the donations line items needed work. After going over donations items and other budget lines, Lehnert said she would update it and

send it out again. Changes can still be made at the June meeting, then it will be posted for 30 days and passed in July.

WATER MAIN PROJECT - ADDITIONAL WORK ON NEWTON STREET

Konen said the contractor does not want to install service lines on the south side of Newton Street because of high pressure gas lines. He needs the opinion of the engineer about whether this is still in the scope of the project and will call Fehr-Graham.

Audience Comments

Brian Cox asked if Cross Construction will fix up roadways when the job is complete. He pointed out how torn up Newton Street is currently.

Adjourn

ACTION: Konen moved, Manning seconded to adjourn the meeting. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned.