

VILLAGE OF MANSFIELD

Regular Board Meeting July 6, 2021 at 7pm | *Meeting called to order by Andy Stiger*

In Attendance

Present: April Manning, Lucas Gilbert, Ron Konen, Jessica Bartley, Andy Stiger

Approval of Minutes/Bills Payable/Treasurer's Report

6/7/21 Regular Meeting Minutes: Gilbert moved, Manning seconded. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 4-0

6/7/21 Closed Meeting Minutes: Gilbert moved, Manning seconded. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 4-0

6/3/21 Special Meeting Minutes: Gilbert moved, Konen seconded. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 4-0

6/7/21 Bills Payable: Konen moved, Manning seconded. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 4-0.

6/30/21 Treasurer's Report: Item was moved to August board meeting as Board had not yet reviewed.

Old Business

MOTOR FUEL TAX ROADWORK

Gilbert talked to Fehr-Graham about seal coating some roads this year. Tom Overmyer said it would be around \$35,000 plus engineering fees, making it close to \$38,000. Overmyer said it would have to be advertised and bids received, probably from Illiana Construction. He needed a vote on this project to proceed. The board set a Special meeting for Friday, July 9 at 1pm via Zoom to be able to approve it since it is not on tonight's agenda.

UPDATING EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

Konen handed out his updates to the employee handbook, with additional paid days off for the day after Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve and increases in vacation time given for years of employment. Trustees can look it over and vote on it next month.

HISTORICAL DRAINAGE ROUTE

Konen had a map showing dotted lines where a drainage area had been and Attorney Rupiper said the Village still has the right of way for the drainage area and will need to get it surveyed to vacate it. Gilbert clarified with Rupiper that the land would be split 50/50 between land owners. Rupiper said the first step is to survey portions the Village wants to vacate and she could start that process for the board, which they agreed upon and asked her to do.

IL EPA SEWER PLAN

Konen said this item is on hold, waiting on the state.

WATER MAIN PROJECT

Overmyer explained the discrepancy between request and disbursement and line items at the beginning of the project. There was discussion about Shirley Seets home water connection being skipped on South Main. It turns out she is connected to another line that is not included in this project. Overmyer said the Village could

correct the connection problem if they wanted. There were audience comments about sloppy work and moved hydrants. Stiger said a walk through with the engineer will be happening and they will make a list of items still needing to be fixed by the contractor. Overmyer said the contractor will need the list of items before the end of the contract date.

ACTION: Konen moved, Gilbert seconded to approve the Fehr-Graham pay request #4 and disbursement of funds. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 4-0.

HEARING OFFICER

Bartley asked Rupiper about progress on getting a Hearing Officer. Rupiper said it would be a \$499 cost to publish an ad in the ISBA publication, which would be cheaper than the News-Gazette. Rupiper said if the board has no Hearing Officer, the board would hear all cases. She also said most Hearing Officers are paid but the fees come from the applicant. She said Deland has a Hearing Officer and they may be interested in the Mansfield position. The board asked Rupiper to ask the Deland Hearing Officer and report back.

GOLF CART CROSSING SIGNAGE

Bartley got golf cart sign info from Rupiper and will report back on sign prices. Rupiper explained the need for specific signs. Bartley said she would leave it up to police to decide where to place the signs. Bartley would like police to process the permits going forward, but Gilbert said the ordinance is not written like that.

FY22 BUDGET

ACTION: Gilbert moved, Manning seconded to approve the Ordinance for Budget & Appropriation for FY 2022 #2021-02. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 4-0.

FULL-TIME VILLAGE MAINTENANCE POSITION

Konen said it would be nice to have the wording about obtaining a water license in the job description, but not make it a requirement. Gilbert wants to pay more and add a pay incentive if the person gets the water license. Konen said they would also need equipment operator experience, too. Stiger suggested setting a Special Meeting to discuss this topic further. Clerk Place will send out the current job description ahead of time.

New Business

VACANCIES ON THE BOARD/APPOINTMENTS OF NEW MEMBERS

ACTION: Konen moved, Manning seconded to find that a vacancy exists in the office of Trustee, which was most recently held by Todd Jones, pursuant to 65 ILCS 5/3.1-10-50 subsection (c) paragraph 1 and Village Code 1-2-39 subsection (A). Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 4-0.

Stiger said Bob Henderson is interested in the open trustee position most recently held by Don Deffenbaugh and Stiger would like board approval to appoint Bob Henderson and also to appoint Todd Jones to the open seat he most recently held.

ACTION: Konen moved, Manning seconded to appoint Bob Henderson to the open Trustee seat most recently held by Don Deffenbaugh and to appoint Todd Jones to the open seat he most recently held. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 4-0.

Clerk Place swore in Bob Henderson. Jones was not in attendance, so he will swear in at a future meeting.

BUILDING PERMIT FOR 205 S. EAST

Manning said the owner of the open lot at 205 S. East wants to build something like what Bill Hardy has built on East Griggs. The board said it has to have a bedroom with a closet, kitchen, bathroom, and living room.

SIDEWALK REQUESTED

Konen said Susan Peterson requested a sidewalk.

WATER FLOW ON NORTH STREET NEAR N. WASHINGTON

Konen said Nathan Anderson, who lives east of Mike Bien is not happy with the water that flows his way. There was discussion about installing catch basins. Stiger suggested Dustin Holoch work on it. Henderson said maybe one needed to be added to the north.

PIATT COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE AGREEMENT

ACTION: Gilbert moved, Manning seconded to approve signing the 2021 Piatt Co Forest Preserve agreement, which includes \$3,000 for mowing expenses. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 5-0.

Audience Comments

An audience member commented on golf carts in town that do not have mirrors or stickers and he would like more of a police presence. He also would like to have Lakeview Dr. fixed/leveled. John Houser asked what the cross connection survey was about and Konen explained the requirement by IL EPA. Houser did not like the time or money being spent on the sewer system project idea. Another audience member would like side by sides allowed in town with the golf carts. Gilbert said other towns that allow it have more of a police presence than the Village does. Stiger said he did not mind looking into adding a LSV requirement, but not including all side by sides. Deena Carico asked permission to offer Trunk or Treat on October 24 in the same location as last year. The board gave her the okay for the event.

Adjourn

ACTION: Gilbert moved, Manning seconded to adjourn the meeting. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned.