

VILLAGE OF MANSFIELD

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

In Attendance

Present: April Manning, Lucas Gilbert, Ron Konen, Todd Jones, Jessica Bartley, Bob Henderson, Andy Stiger

Approval of Minutes/Bills Payable/Treasurer's Report

8/2/21 Regular Meeting Minutes: Gilbert moved, Konen seconded. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 6-0

9/7/21 Bills Payable: Gilbert moved, Manning seconded. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 6-0.

8/31/21 Treas. Report: Konen moved, Manning seconded. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 6-0.

Old Business

HISTORICAL DRAINAGE ROUTE

Attorney Amy Rupiper asked for board help determining the selected areas to vacate on a map. She has located a business to do the survey/appraisal work. The map was given to Henderson.

UPDATING EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

Konen passed out a draft ordinance of the changes and would like to vote on it at the October meeting.

WATER MAIN PROJECT

ACTION: Konen moved, Gilbert seconded to approve pay request #5 for the water main project. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 6-0.

HEARING OFFICER

Bartley asked Rupiper if she talked to the hearing officer at Deland yet and Rupiper said she has not and will call her tomorrow.

GOLF CART CROSSING SIGNAGE

Bartley said the signs currently in use have to be a different shape and need to be replaced. She gave the choice of taking down what is in place and not having signs or replacing them all for about \$62 each.

ACTION: Bartley moved, Jones seconded to replace golf cart crossing current signs with correct signs. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 6-0.

CHRISTMAS LIGHT HANGING AGREEMENT WITH AMEREN

Hardy said he was waiting to hear more from his contact at Ameren and then the agreement can be signed.

New Business

INTRODUCTION TO SHERIFF MARK VOGELSANG

Mark Vogelsang, the new Piatt County Sheriff, spoke to the board and audience.

IL EPA SEWER PLAN

Konen said the contract with Maurer-Stutz is \$30,000, the same as the grant awarded, so there is no cost to the Village. The purpose of the plan is to evaluate a possible system for our community with no sewers. They

will look at alternatives and costs if the board does want to pursue something in the future. Gilbert mentioned the lack of land available to build a sewer plant. Henderson was concerned about the expense and wondered if there may be federal or state grant money available for it.

ACTION: Konen moved, Gilbert seconded to approve the Board President to sign the contract with Maurer-Stutz. Roll call: Manning, Gilbert, Konen, Jones, Bartley YES. Henderson NO. Motion carried 5-1.

GOLF CARTS/SIDE-BY-SIDES

Bartley would like the ordinance about golf carts updated to include more description and be more straightforward like she has seen in ordinances from other towns. Rupiper said to send her what she has and Rupiper can update it. Bartley suggested having a meeting to discuss what the board would like to allow. Stiger said the Licenses Committee of Manning, Gilbert, and Bartley should discuss it.

REVIEW OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

ACTION: Gilbert moved, Henderson seconded to accept Attorney's recommendation to open the August 2020 closed minutes and keep the rest closed. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 6-0.

MOTION TO ENTER CLOSED SESSION

ACTION: Gilbert moved, Manning seconded to enter closed session to discuss employment of a specific employee and litigation. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 6-0.

Meeting moved to closed session.

Meeting returned from closed session.

INTERVIEW/HIRING PROCESS

Stiger said the board needs to make a decision on how to proceed with the interviewing and hiring process for a full-time employee. It was suggested to form a committee of Konen, Henderson, Jones, and Gilbert to do interviews, spread over a few evenings with open meetings moved into closed sessions for interviews. Stiger asked Jones to head it up and share dates he would be free.

ELECTRONIC RECYCLING EVENT

Stiger had a flyer about a Piatt County electronics recycling event on Sept. 29. He said the Soil and Conservation District in the county is asking for donations/sponsors for \$125 and each would have their name put on promotional flyers and such. The board was in agreement to give \$125 to the PCSCD for their event in return for being featured on promotional items.

Audience Comments

John Houser commented on the locations chosen for the motor fuel tax roadwork. He also stated there are many golf carts in the village with no lights and no stickers. He also had comments about the new police officer and questions about the position of Hearing Officer being paid.

An audience member commented on not being able to hear the entire meeting for people talking over others and wanted to be sure village police had passed necessary tests to be officers. She also commented about a hump in the road at Lakeside Village.

An audience member asked about installing sidewalks, as she has asked for a sidewalk for quite some time. Hardy said he would like to get to that sidewalk before it snows.

Adjourn

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