

VILLAGE OF MANSFIELD

Regular Board Meeting *April 4, 2022* at 7pm | *Meeting called to order by Andy Stiger*

In Attendance

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

Absent: Lucas Gilbert

Approval of Minutes/Bills Payable/Treasurer's Report

3/7/22 Regular Meeting Minutes: Jones moved, Bartley seconded. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 5-0.

4/4/22 Bills Payable: Jones moved, Manning seconded. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 5-0.

3/31/22 Treasurer's Report: Jones moved, Henderson seconded. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 5-0.

Old Business

EASTER EGG HUNT EVENT

Manning said two rabbit costumes were donated and she has one person volunteered so far to wear one. The eggs are filled.

IRON REMOVAL PLANT

Konen had an estimate on engineering costs for Fehr-Graham to put together a plan for an iron removal plant. It was \$2,500 and would be completed by May 30, 2022. Konen also wanted Tom Overmyer to look into forgiveness programs available.

ACTION: Konen moved, Manning seconded to authorize Fehr-Graham to proceed with the iron removal plant plan. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 5-0.

WATER TOWER CLEANING

Konen had a price from National Wash Authority to clean the exterior of the water tower for \$6,500.

ACTION: Konen moved, Jones seconded to authorize National Wash Authority to proceed with water tower exterior cleaning for \$6,500. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 5-0.

Konen had a price from Liquid Engineering to clean the interior of the water tower for \$3,145 and there would be additional fees for sediment inside. It has been cleaned about every 3 years and this would be 1 year sooner than that but last time at the 3 year mark it was filled with iron.

ACTION: Jones moved, Konen seconded to authorize Liquid Engineering to proceed with water tower interior cleaning for \$3,145 and additional fees for sediment cleanout. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 5-0.

TREE REMOVAL AT 210 W. SHORT

Jones had quotes from Marty Downing to remove the tree at \$1,500 and from Mahomet Landscapes for \$1,700.

ACTION: Jones moved, Manning seconded to accept the quote from Marty Downing to proceed with the tree removal. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 5-0.

HEARING OFFICER

Bartley wanted to table the discussion on the hearing officer as she hasn't talked with the interested person from Cerro Gordo yet.

GOLF CART ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

Bartley mentioned 2-3 items that needed corrected in the wording of the latest golf cart ordinance amendment. Jones mentioned those who did not buy a 2021 sticker would be extended through 2022 if the Jan-Dec dates discussed last month remained. He thought they should begin getting citations from police for no stickers. Stiger liked permits to stay with the usage year and not calendar year. Bartley asked Amy Rupiper to adjust the wording to be June 1-May 31 again and to update missing words.

ACTION: Jones moved, Bartley seconded to approve Ordinance 2022-01, Amending Ord. 10-07 Providing for Use and Regulation of Golf Carts and Off Hwy Vehicles Within Village with changes discussed at this meeting. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 5-0.

POSSIBLE VACATING OF DRAINAGE DITCH

Henderson asked Rupiper if Cox Survey talked to her, which they had not. Tom Overmyer said he did talk to them and discussed vacating property and easement & was worried about unknown tiles. Konen talked to the County Assessor and wants to give that person a copy of a map he got from Rupiper. He would like to see the disputes of who owns what settled. Rupiper is of the opinion the lands are dedicated to the Village due to language written on the map.

New Business

WINDMILLS WITHIN 1/5 MILES OF VILLAGE

Konen said the village has the ability to allow or disallow the building of windmills within 1.5 miles. He thinks the board might want to put an item on the next ballot to get resident opinions. Stiger said he did not know enough himself to make decisions. He would like to meet with Apex with one other board member to ask questions and get information to bring back to the board and community. Rupiper reiterated the village ordinance about public comments and length. Bartley wanted to know why the entire board could not talk with Apex and Stiger said he was wanting to stay away from having 3 people involved so it was not an Open Meeting. He wanted to have a Special Meeting open to all after his fact finding meeting with Apex. Rupiper thought doing 2 person meeting and then a Special Meeting was appropriate. Members of the audience spoke on the issue: Jen Schumacher, Sandy Coile, Kelly Vetter, Joyce Dowell, and Eric Schumacher. Some did not live in the village, but were concerned about decisions made by the board that would affect them. A question was asked about having another group speak at the Special Meeting after Apex, a group with a different viewpoint and Stiger said any group could be on the agenda who gave proper prior notice.

DRAINAGE ON WEST SIDE OF VILLAGE

Jones said he had a complaint about drainage on the west side of town where a resident had a plastic culvert under a driveway instead of a metal or concrete one and it is not working properly. Stiger said he has tried to catch the resident on site and has not yet. He offered to give them an estimate of the Village doing the culvert work to fix the problem or giving them one month to do the work to improve the issue themselves. Jones is setting up a drainage committee meeting soon. Hardy will work up an estimate for Stiger to give the resident.

SIGNAGE FOR CHILDREN PLAYING

Bartley asked about installing a Children at Play sign along Liberty and Hardy said he had a sign or two elsewhere that could be moved to that location.

ANNUAL WAGE INCREASES FOR EMPLOYEES

Jones wanted a chance to compare wages with other similar sized towns to be sure what we offer is not too high or too low before setting an annual percentage increase. This will be tabled for the May meeting.

Audience Comments

Stiger said the immunization/rabies clinic would be April 23 from 10-11am at the police station.

HR Kirby asked about progress on the junk in the yard on Short Street. Stiger said he has photos to send to the attorney. Rupiper said she issued notices of ordinance violations on 3/13.

Adjourn

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