

VILLAGE OF MANSFIELD

Regular Board Meeting *September 6, 2022 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

8/1/22 Reg Mtg Minutes: Gilbert moved, Manning seconded. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 6-0.

9/6/22 Bills Payable: Gilbert moved, Manning seconded. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 6-0.

8/31/22 Treasurer's Report: Henderson moved, Konen seconded. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 6-0.

Old Business

LIFE INSURANCE/SHORT TERM DISABILITY FOR FULL TIME STAFF

Regarding the life insurance and short term disability for full time staff Clerk Place asked Gilbert if someone could come speak to the board to explain the differences in the plans and the long term costs. Gilbert said he could ask Janie Hawn to come present it to the board.

TREE REMOVAL QUOTES

Gilbert said about 12 trees need to come down and he had 4 estimates: Mahomet Landscapes \$9750, Central Tree Care \$19850 + 4500 to grind/remove, Birkey Brothers \$13680 and Downing Tree Service \$10700.

ACTION: Jones moved, Gilbert seconded to accept the quote from Mahomet Landscapes for \$9750. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 6-0.

HIRING OF PT HUMAN RESOURCES STAFF, AS NEEDED BASIS

Gilbert said he knows there is not 100% board support on hiring an HR person as needed. There are 2 applications turned in so far. He wanted to hear the opinions of the rest of the board on the topic. Manning said she wanted to keep going the way the board has been going with doing their own hiring. Konen sees the need for an HR person but suggested finding someone to do the work like a contractor who is paid by invoice as something is needed and not paid like an employee. Bartley sees a need for this position because of liability reasons. Stiger liked the idea of having someone well versed in laws and discipline and raises and such. Jones was also for hiring someone. Gilbert wants to give it a year and get an updated employee handbook and job descriptions and reviews done. The Hiring Committee will move forward with another meeting with interviews.

CITATION BOOKS FOR GOLF CARTS

Bartley asked attorney Rupiper to see how Monticello tickets their golf carts. Gilbert said if a citation book is being done, he thinks the other ordinance violations should be added to it. Rupiper said Monticello has a Code Enforcement Officer who writes local ordinance citations. She suggested revising what is in the golf cart ordinance to include a citation form.

LAND SURVEY OF DRAINAGE DITCH

Henderson had the survey map from Cox Survey. Konen explained the survey done did not get the board very much further than they were in the issue and Rupiper said she would talk to Cox Survey about what the board is needing exactly.

Zach Reynolds asked what the end goal was with the land survey. Stiger said the board was still trying to find that out. Konen wants to get the GIS fixed to answer everyone's questions. Rupiper said various portions were dedicated for drainage originally. It is the same as an alley or street because it's dedicated to the village, even if it's currently grass. Until the Village decides to vacate it, people may put things on it, but the Village could still use it. She said one cannot adversely possess something that is already dedicated. The village use of the land can only be for drainage purposes. Reynolds said every lot is 66 ft on this block and his 2nd lot is 50 ft. so it seems if it was vacated, the excess should go to his short lot and not be split between him and his neighbor. Rupiper reiterated it is not the Village's concern as to who gets what. It is whether to keep or vacate the land.

MULTIJURISDICTIONAL PIATT COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION

Bartley said there is another meeting of the Piatt Co. Hazard Mitigation group this month she will be attending.

VILLAGE RECYCLING

Stiger said GFL does not offer recycling and the village will be without recycling on weekends unless Knight Environmental Services brings it back.

New Business

GENERATOR SERVICE PLAN

Konen had a proposal for a one year service plan for the new generator for the well from Sherman's Small Engine. The cost was \$475 and the board was in agreement to go ahead and sign up for it.

CLOSING JEFFERSON/STATE FOR CAR SHOW & BENEFIT

Rob Harper asked the board if Jefferson and State Streets could be closed September 17 from 10:30am-4pm for a car show that was postponed by rain from the Homecoming event last month and a benefit happening at the American Legion.

ACTION: Gilbert moved, Manning seconded allow both Jefferson and State to be closed for the car show/benefit on 9/17/22 from 10:30-4pm. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 6-0.

SIDEWALK WORK REQUESTED ON EAST STATE, NORTH SIDE OF AMERICAN LEGION

John Hannah explained to the board that sidewalk work was needed on the north side of the American Legion. He said the Legion was willing to pay half of the expense if the Village would pay the other half. He also described needing to regrade the ditch line and raise the drain, too. He'd like to eventually put in rock and have better parking. Gilbert said he's seen sidewalks in other areas of town in worse shape and would rather do sidewalks on routes to school for kids to use instead of one that benefits a single business. Henderson agreed with what Gilbert said but did like that the Legion was willing to pay half. Hannah said they could think about it because he did not expect to do the work until next spring. He also described making the front entrance of the Legion handicap accessible, even if it meant moving the front door. Jones though it was all a great idea and appreciated the

willingness to pay half. He said the existing sidewalk list needed to be looked at and worked on. Stiger asked to see an estimate for the sidewalk/ditch work.

REPLACEMENT OF CULVERT IN ALLEY EAST OF SHOP

Keith Collier said the culver in the alley east of the shop, behind JoAnn May's house needed to be replaced and the cost would be about \$1750 from ADS in Monticello. Replacing it would help to widen the alley. The board was agreeable with the upgrade.

SIGNS BETWEEN RAILROAD & RT 150

Collier explained to the board how hard it is to mow the area between the railroad tracks and Rt 150 with all the garage sale signs and political signs. He asked if there was a rule about those kind of signs impeding their work. The board believed they have to be left there until after November elections.

POSSIBLE BULK WATER NEEDED BY WIND FARM

Keith Collier received a call about the wind farm needing around 3.5 million gallons of water over a 7 month period. Konen said the math shows this should not be too taxing on the village wells to provide that.

Audience Comments

- Deena Carico said the Trunk or Treat would be held Oct. 30 from 4-5pm.
- Zach Reynolds liked the idea of replacing the sidewalk on the north side of the Legion, especially if the Legion was willing to pay half. They bring a lot of people into town.
- Regina Miller at 210 S. Liberty wanted to ensure her road would stay clear in the winter. She wants to be sure an ambulance could get down it when needed. Bartley said more gravel was needed on that road, too. Stiger said there is no problem with maintaining the road, but the village would need vehicles to be out of the way and the road should not be used as a parking lot.
- John Hannah suggested thinking about the drainage in the village before making quick decisions about the drainage route.
- Lori Stalter asked if the board was still working on an ordinance for the wind farm 1.5 mile setback and Stiger said yes, it is being worked on.

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