

VILLAGE OF MANSFIELD

Regular Board Meeting *October 3, 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

9/6/22 Reg Mtg Minutes: Gilbert moved, Manning seconded. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 6-0.

10/3/22 Bills Payable: Gilbert moved, Manning seconded. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 6-0.

9/30/22 Treasurer's Report: Henderson moved, Konen seconded. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 6-0.

Old Business

LIFE INSURANCE/DISABILITY FOR FULL TIME STAFF

Janie Hawn spoke to the board, explaining the choices for life insurance for both Keith Collier and Bill Hardy.

ACTION: Gilbert moved, Konen seconded to select \$150,000 life insurance for both FT employees and Mutual of Omaha disability. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 6-0.

WATER TREATMENT PLANT

Fehr-Graham presented the board with a plan and costs for installing a water treatment plant. It would be located by the water tower and would be about \$1.7 million. The IEPA has \$400,000 loan forgiveness at this time. Adding a treatment plant and also water meters at home would make the project be \$2.88 million. Gilbert asked if installing without updating old pipes would make a difference and Andy Kiser said yes because the rust and debris is not from the pipes, it's from the wells. He said residents would still need softeners at their homes because the water would still be hard. The plant should remove items a home filter would catch. Gilbert asked if resident water fees would go up or if the current rate plan in place would cover it. Kiser said it could be roughly a \$12/month per user increase. Gilbert asked what the timeline would be if it was approved. Kiser said financing could be done by 2024 and it could be built in about 8 months. Gilbert asked if IEPA would change their \$400,000 forgiveness amount and Kiser could not say and reminded it did change on the board the last time they did a project. Kiser said the water operator would have to get a Class B license to operate this plant. Fehr-Graham asked for the most recent audit the village had done.

ARPA FUNDS

Konen said ARPA funds could be used to pay employee salaries if the board makes a declaration. Tom Overmyer said Cerro Gordo is doing that exact same thing. Konen asked the board to think on it.

WATER TOWER INTERIOR MAINTENANCE

Konen said he heard from the company that is to clean the interior of the water tower. They said due to staffing issues, they have been delayed and expect to get it done in spring 2023.

HIRING OF PT HUMAN RESOURCES STAFF, AS NEEDED BASIS

Bartley said the Hiring Committee is down a member because Gilbert had a conflict of interest. They need a volunteer to be able to move forward. Manning was still against the idea and Konen still wants the person to be contracted as needed, not hired as an employee. Henderson volunteered to fill the space on the committee.

MULTIJURISDICTIONAL PIATT COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION

Bartley said there is a meeting in December to set the wish list of items. She had a handout of things she'd put together to include in Mansfield's list. In summer 2023 there should be a final decision from FEMA and the village would be responsible for 25% cost of projects listed. The list included ditch cleanout, storm sirens and such. This program is available every 5 years and the deadline to submit a list is Oct. 15 but there is a little time after that since the final deadline is Jan. 1. The Drainage Committee of Henderson, Jones, and Gilbert will meet to discuss items to include on the wish list.

CITATION BOOKS FOR GOLF CARTS/VILLAGE ORDINANCES

Bartley met with Officer Lutz and looked at Monticello's police ordinance violation book. She had Lutz order 250 tickets that will work for all ordinance violations, even golf carts. There was discussion about how they would be used and paid and follow up by the attorney on unpaid citations. Attorney Rupiper said Lutz needs to have clear direction from the board on how much of his time is to be spent on code enforcement. The Police Committee of Henderson, Jones, and Gilbert will meet to discuss.

ORDINANCE ON WINDMILL SETBACKS

Bartley asked the attorney if there was news on the ordinance about the 1.5 mile setbacks for windmills. Rupiper said she would have something at the November meeting.

SLOW CHILDREN AT PLAY SIGNS

Bartley said Hardy put up one sign and she sent a map of where she thinks other signs should go. Stiger will talk to Officer Lutz about speeders in the area.

LAND SURVEY OF DRAINAGE DITCH

Konen said he gave copies of a map to the county and they will work on updating the GIS when they can. He found one copy of an ordinance where an area was vacated for Manuel. Rupiper talked to Cox Survey today and they used a plat from 1914 and not from 1870.

OPEN TRENCH ON PRAIRIE STREET

Henderson said along Prairie Street there is an open trench because a landowner has a tile that needs to be put in. Stiger said he talked to the owner 3 weeks ago and the person knows it needs to be done. Stiger said staff could dig it back out because it's the village's ditch and we could fix it.

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

John Hannah said the quote on the sidewalk work on the north side of the American Legion is \$8500 and they are still interested in paying half to get the work done.

ACTION: Jones moved, Manning seconded to pay half the amount of the quote to fix the sidewalk on the north side of the American Legion, which was \$8500 total. Roll call: 4 YES, Gilbert, Bartley NO. Motion carried 4-2.

BUILDING PERMIT – 105 E. FRONT

Manning had a building permit for 105 E. Front where they wanted to tear down the existing red shed and put up storage sheds, which will look nicer than what is there and will be smaller because of adding parking spaces.

LIQUOR ORDINANCE – SELLING PACKAGE LIQUOR UNDER 21

Gilbert said the owner of the gas station would like employees under 21 to have ability to sell package liquor, which would be used off premises. Brittany, manager at the station, said Farmer City allows this at Huck's. Konen said the current ordinance on file shows this is allowed for 19 years and up.

PAINTING WATER TANK

Konen had a proposal from a company wanting to refurbish the water tank. The portion about painting looked interesting to Konen because of the price. They would paint over the existing paint, no sand blasting needed. Henderson wanted to get bids from others. Konen said the cost for painting was \$66,000.

OLD GENERATOR REPURPOSED

Jones asked the board what they would like to do with the old generator; possibly listing it for sale was an idea. Gilbert suggested using it for Well #3, which is wired for it.

NEW TRUCK UPDATE

Jones said the new truck ordered is at a dealership in Illinois.

TRICK OR TREAT HOURS

ACTION: Konen moved, Jones seconded to have Trick or Treat hours set on Monday, October 31, 2022 from 5-8pm. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 6-0.

COLLER WATER LICENSE TEST & PAY INCREASE

Stiger said Collier passed his water test and received a pay increase of \$3/hour. He asked that Collier receive the \$3/hour for time worked 8/12/22 forward.

FIRST MID SIGNERS FOR SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX

The new manager at First Mid bank asked the village who should be on the list of signers for the safety deposit box, as those listed were no longer on the board. It was decided it would be the same listed as signer for checks, which is Andrew Stiger, Ron Konen, and Lucas Gilbert.

TAX LEVY FOR NOVEMBER VOTE

Lisa Lehnert said the tax levy needs to be passed at the November meeting. She asked the board's opinion on raising the police protection limit to the max and she suggested raising the general fund some.

IMRF AUDIT AND RESOLUTION NEEDED

Lehnert said the IMRF audit went well and there is only one item that needs to be corrected to be in full compliance with IMRF. The board needs to pass a resolution at the November meeting about deducting the cost of health insurance.

ELECTION NOMINATION PAPERWORK AVAILABLE

Clerk Place has election nomination paperwork for those interested in the 3 four-year trustee positions available and the 2 two-year trustee positions available.

Audience Comments

- Rocky Dalton lives at 202 W. Oliver but purchased a lot at 211 W Short St where he would like to put cars in a portable storage unit on that property. No foundation is needed for this unit. Stiger mentioned the ordinance that talks about putting non-permanent buildings on a lot in a residential area and Rupiper agreed Dalton's intentions go against this ordinance. Konen suggested a Variance Hearing be held before the November board meeting. Dalton would need to apply for a variance ahead of this hearing that would be held at 6:55pm, Nov. 7.

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