

VILLAGE OF MANSFIELD

Regular Board Meeting *May 1, 2023* at 7pm | *Meeting called to order by Andy Stiger*

In Attendance

Present: April Manning, Lucas Gilbert, Todd Jones, Jessica Bartley, Bob Henderson, Andy Stiger, Deena Carico, Don Deffenbaugh

Approval of Minutes/Bills Payable/Treasurer's Report

4/3/23 Reg Mtg Minutes: Jones moved, Bartley seconded. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 5-0.

5/1/23 Bills Payable: Bartley moved, Jones seconded. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 5-0.

4/30/23 Treasurer's Report: Jones moved, Manning seconded. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 5-0.

Old Business

PIATT COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE MOWING PARK

Gilbert asked about the status of the park mowing, as he's seen people other than Village staff there mowing. Henderson said he talked to the PCFP and instead of giving the Village more money for upkeep, they just wanted to do maintenance there themselves. They did not mail an agreement for 2023 season.

PURCHASE OF JETTER/VAC

Keith Collier said the jetter/vac could arrive by August if ordered by mid-May. He located a used one that is 17 years old and \$170,000 but would need two trailers for two separate units. An intergovernmental agreement with Farmer City was discussed, but that is just a vac, not a jetter. Jones reminded of \$129,000 in ARPA funds to use up before the deadline.

ACTION: Jones moved, Gilbert seconded to approve purchase of a new jetter/vac with Vermeer using the ARPA funds available and the remainder split out of the General and Water funds. Roll call: Gilbert, Jones, Bartley YES. Manning, Henderson NO. Motion carried 3-2.

NEWTON STREET DRAINAGE

Henderson said Jones talked to Dwight Huffstutler, who said he would be putting in a new riser drain in the field, which he would be paying for himself.

CLEAN UP DAY

Collier said he could do Clean-Up Day on May 13 and the cost for three 30-yard dumpsters is about \$2,325.

ACTION: Gilbert moved, Manning seconded to have Village Clean-Up Day on May 13, 2023. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 5-0.

New Business

NEWLY ELECTED TRUSTEES SWORN IN

Place swore in Henderson, Bartley, Jones, Deffenbaugh, and Carico.

APPOINTMENT OF CLERK AND TREASURER

Stiger asked the board to appoint Melissa Place as Clerk and Lisa Lehnert as Treasurer.

ACTION: Jones moved, Bartley seconded to appoint Melissa Place as Clerk and Lisa Lehnert as Treasurer through 4/30/24. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 5-0.

UPDATING GOLF CART ORDINANCE

Carico suggested the golf cart ordinance be update to take out permit fees as there are many residents who do not pay the fees and use carts anyway. Officer Dustin Lutz offered to go to homes and do inspections/collect fees. Jones thought the one day sign up was still a good idea and Lutz could do inspections for anyone who missed that day. Bartley will get with Place to create a flyer.

TREE REMOVAL

Coller said trees need to be removed at 314 E Griggs and 202 W Oliver. Mahomet Landscapes: \$2800 to remove and grind. Downing Tree Service: \$2500 with grinding extra per tree.

ACTION: Deffenbaugh moved, Jones seconded to have Mahomet Landscapes remove trees at \$2800. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 5-0.

BULK WATER RATES

Jones said the bulk water is being sold at \$5/1,000 gallons and residents are paying \$11.33/1,000 gallons. He recommended bulk water sales stop until the Water Committee meets to determine new rates. The Board was in agreement to do this.

HIRING OUT TO PAINT ROAD MARKINGS

Jones said the railroad markings have faded and the Village does not have the equipment to do it. He said Varsity Striping can do it for \$1500 and Coller could do the upkeep once the markings are there.

ACTION: Jones moved, Henderson seconded to hire Varsity Striping paint road markings for about \$1500. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 5-0.

DONATION TO MANSFIELD HOMECOMING

Joyce Dowell, treasurer for the Homecoming committee, passed out a list of income/expenses for the committee and asked for a donation of \$5,000 to pay for the 24/8 Extreme Entertainment company to provide kid activities. The carnival used in previous years has gone out of business. There was discussion about the tractor pulls being separate from the Homecoming committee and about insurance covering both tractor pulls and the rest of the Homecoming events, along with 501(c)3 not-for-profit designations for each. The board asked for answers to be brought to the next meeting on these items.

CHARGE FOR RAFFLE APPLICATION

Place said the American Legion would like to have a raffle but there is no application fee listed in the ordinance. The ordinance does list \$25 application fee for poker runs, so she suggested this be the fee charged for raffles applications, too. The board was okay with the same fee being charged. Carico wanted to be sure the ordinance was up to date, as it

asked for SSNs for applicants. Attorney Amy Rupiper said she could look at it and let the board know if it needed updated.

DONATION FOR CHURCH SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM

Stiger had a request from the Mansfield United Methodist Church for a donation to help cover cost of the summer lunch program. \$1,000 was given last summer and Stiger wanted the board to consider donating \$1,500 this summer. A vote will occur at the June meeting.

NUISANCE PROPERTIES

Stiger said the Mitchell property on South McKinley has not been mowed again and there is a tree down in the front yard. Rupiper will add this to her list.

WATER TREATMENT PLANT UPDATE

Fehr-Graham passed out a schedule about the funding cycle for the water treatment plant. Engineering fees are not recovered by the Village from IEPA. Fehr-Graham offered to attend an upcoming Water Committee meeting.

UPDATE SIGNERS FOR FIRST MID BANK ACCOUNT/SECURITY BOX

Stiger said since Konen and Gilbert are no longer on the board, there is a need for at least two new signers to be added to the First Mid accounts and security box. He suggested Jones and Deffenbaugh replace Konen and Gilbert.

ACTION: Carico moved, Bartley seconded to approve Todd Jones and Don Deffenbaugh as signers on the First Mid bank accounts and security box to replace Konen and Gilbert. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 5-0.

FY24 BUDGET

Lehnert said she emailed out a budget to the board on Friday. They should get any changes to her soon so she can provide the budget to the attorney.

Audience Comments

Sandy Coile thanked April Manning for her service and asked that she be appointed to the open position, which was also mentioned by HR Kirby.

Mona Stivers asked for clarification on the process of appointing a trustee to the board.

Cindy Webb asked the Board to look into the drainage issues at 203 N. Main, where there resident there feels the issues he is having are Village caused.

Susan Peterson had questions about animal control and processes/procedures for animal issues. Carico said she would be doing the animal control voluntarily until a new person can be hired.

Chris Stillabower asked that his residence be added to the list of those looked at by the drainage committee.

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

Meeting adjourned.