



**Village Board Meeting Minutes**  
**April 10, 2023**

Village President Henert called the meeting to order 7:00 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call**

Present: Rhonda Cardot, Denise Coffman, Chuck Ellis, Martha Holder, Susan Larson, Tim Henert, David Chapman (arrived 7:05)  
Attorney Russ Crull, Clerk Katie Koks  
Absent: None

**Public Comment** (5 min per speaker per topic)

**Approval of the Minutes**

- The board reviewed the minutes from the following meetings: March 13, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes, March 13, 2023 Ordinance Committee Minutes, March 16, 2023 Streets & Alleys Committee Minutes, March 28, 2023 Finance Committee Minutes  
*Motion to approve the above listed minutes-Larson; Second-Ellis.*  
Voice Vote to approve: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent. Motion passed.

**Approval of the Monthly Bills**

- The board reviewed the Treasurer’s report and list of bills payable.  
*Motion to approve bills payable-draw upon the treasury to pay monthly expenditures in the amount of \$47,812.24 and Additional bills- Coffman; Second- Holder*  
Voice Vote to approve: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent. Motion passed.

**Old Business:**

- Henert reported that new information about water rate increases had been presented by Matt Hanson at Willett & Hofmann. He recommended the board repeal the decision to increase the water rates at this time until the new information could be more closely examined.  
*Motion to repeal the decision to increase the water rate from \$3.19 per 1,000 gallons after the minimum to \$8.00 per 1,000 gallons after the minimum and to reduce the minimum gallons from 6,000 to 3,000 for water and sewer rates for the billing cycle beginning on April 1, 2023– Larson; Second-Cardot*

**Roll Call Vote:**

Ayes: Cardot, Coffman, Ellis, Holder, Larson  
Nays: 0  
Absent: Chapman  
Abstain: 0  
5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent– Motion passed

- The board reviewed the updated ordinance for the Video Gaming fee change from \$25 per machine to \$250 per machine.  
*Motion to approve Ordinance 031323A Amending Chapter 6, Section 6-10 Alcoholic Beverages*

**Roll Call Vote:**

Ayes: Coffman, Ellis, Holder, Larson, Cardot  
Nays: 0  
Absent: Chapman  
Abstain: 0  
5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent– Motion passed

**New Business:** None

**Committee & Officer Reports:**

Community Economic Development (R. Cardot) – No Report  
Streets and Alleys (C. Ellis)

- Ellis reported that he and Garrison had done a sidewalk survey and identified sidewalks to repair this spring or summer. Henert will also do a survey and compare lists before the vendor is contacted.



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Water and Sewer (D. Chapman)

- Koks gave the update on water meter change out progress. As of the day of the meeting, the crew had changed out over 30% of the meters. 8 residences were on hold due to needed repairs on existing equipment. There are several meters scheduled for change out when Garrison returns from PTO.

Parks & Recreation (M. Holder)

- Holder reported that the committee was discussing their involvement in the Ashton Lions Club Car Show in June. She also stated that Summer Camps would not be offered this year.

Liquor Commissioner (T. Henert)

- Henert reported that Liquor License Renewal Packets had been distributed and three of the six had already been returned.

Clerk's Report (K. Koks)

- Koks reported that the golf cart sticker renewal form is available and 2023 stickers should be obtained before May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Cemetery (T. Henert)

- Henert reported that the Cemetery had met and discussed a request from Rene Lawson to donate a tree on the south side of

Ordinance Committee (T. Henert): No Report

Finance Committee (S.Larson)

- The committee met and discussed priority capital projects and long-range planning. They will meet again and make recommendations for project approval at the May meeting. Larson said the next meeting will be April 18<sup>th</sup> and they will also begin discussing the FY 23-24 Budget.

Mills and Petrie Board (M. Holder)

- Holder reported that the Mills & Petrie Board was still working on adopting policies and getting the museum up and running.

Village Attorney (R. Crull)

- Crull is moving forward with annexations. There are issues with one parcel regarding ownership as well as with the Blum 40. Crull suggested that a Planning and Zoning Board be appointing for future re-zoning if needed. There was a brief discussion about the process needed to complete the annexation.
- The 2023 Crop Lease Agreement is just about complete and ready to send to all parties for signatures.
- It was brought back to his attention that changes had been proposed the Golf Cart Ordinance but were never approved. Crull will re-examine and resubmit for approval at a future meeting.

**Other Topics:**

- Coffman asked for an update on scheduling a scan or check of the Splash Pad. Garrison was to contact Most Plumbing to see what they offered and get a price quote to complete a diagnostic scan.
- There was a brief discussion on the FFA Livestock Lab Proposal. Board Members agreed that after the two previous presentations, the board had asked the organization to do a canvas of the community or hold a meeting to determine community support for the project. To their knowledge, that had not been completed.

*Motion to return to Adjourn - Ellis; Second- Larson*

Voice Vote: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent – Motion passed

Meeting adjourned at 7:27p.m.

Submitted by Katie Koks, Village Clerk