



Village Board Meeting Minutes
January 9, 2023

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present: Rhonda Cardot, Denise Coffman, Martha Holder, Susan Larson, Tim Henert, Attorney Russ Crull, Clerk Katie Koks

Absent: Chuck Ellis, David Chapman

Approval of the Minutes

- *Motion to approve the December 12, 2022 Regular Meeting Meetings and the December 12, 2022 Executive Minutes* – Holder; Second- Cardot.

Voice Vote to approve: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent. Motion passed.

Approval of the Monthly Bills

- *Motion to approve bills payable-draw upon the treasury to pay monthly expenditures in the amount of \$84,927.19-* Larson; Second- Cardot

Voice Vote to approve: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent. Motion passed.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Committee & Officer Reports:

Community Economic Development (R. Cardot) - No report

Streets and Alleys (C. Ellis)

- Chairman Ellis was absent, but Clerk Koks stated that she had received a nice compliment from a local business owner about Street & Alley Superintendent Steve Garrison and how he cleared Main Street and the sidewalks after the recent snowfall.

Water and Sewer (D. Chapman) – No report

Parks & Recreation (M. Holder)

- Holder reported that she and Cardot were talking with the Lions Club about coordinating a vendor fair during the Car Show in June. The board discussed other things that may be nice to see at that event, including fireworks.

Liquor Commissioner (T. Henert) - No report

Clerk's Report (K. Koks)

- Koks presentation of Annual Treasurer's Report and stated a copy would also appear in the newspaper.
- Koks reminded the board members to complete OMA Training and mentioned that the county would be sending out Statement of Economic Interest Forms to be completed and sent back to the County Clerk's office this spring.
- Koks informed that board that the furnace at the Village Office broken beyond repair when the very cold weather hit. Richter's came and installed a new furnace and the work was authorized by Henert. We are still looking for a second quote for roof replacement on that building.

Cemetery Board (T. Henert) - No report

Ordinance Committee (T. Henert)

- Henert reported that this committee will be meeting this year to go through the current ordinance book. He asked Koks to elaborate on the process for the board. Crull mentioned that recodification usually takes place every 15-20 years and the last time the village did this was in 2003.

Mills and Petrie Board (M. Holder) - No report – the Library Board did not meet in December.



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Village Attorney (R. Crull) – No report

Other Topics

Business owner Lirim Mimini announced to the board members that his store has obtained a new grocery supplier and will move from “convenience” to “small grocery” in the coming months. He also stated that he was re-elected to the county board for another 2 year term and he is representing the district including Ashton. He would be available to help give resources and information at the county level when requested.

Motion to leave regular session - Larson; Second-Holder
Voice Vote: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent. Motion passed.

Motion to Enter Executive Session - Holder; Second-Larson
Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Cardot, Coffman, Holder, Larson

Nays: 0

Absent: Ellis, Chapman

Abstain: 0

4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent – Motion passed

The board left regular session and entered executive session at 7:17p.m.

Executive Session - 5 ILCS 120/29(c)-(1) Consider the Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, and Performance or Dismissal of Specific Employees

Motion to return to Regular Session- 7:25p.m. Larson; Second-Holder
Voice Vote: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent – Motion passed

Motion to employ Mason Munroe as a Part-Time Utility worker as of January 12th at the rate of \$15 per hour up to 19 hours per week and no benefits - Coffman; Second-Cardot

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Holder, Larson, Cardot, Coffman

Nays: 0

Absent: Ellis, Chapman

Abstain: 0

4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent – Motion passed

Motion to return to Adjourn - Holder; Second-Cardot
Voice Vote: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent – Motion passed
Meeting adjourned at 7:25p.m.

Submitted by Katie Koks, Village Clerk