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Village Board of Trustees Meeting APPROVED MINUTES August 12th, 2024 at 7:00 PM

- 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LEAD BY MAYOR GIFFORD
- 2. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:03 PM

ALL PRESENT: Mayor Gifford, Trustee O'Connor, Trustee Grenier, Water Commissioner Iveson, Clerk /Treasurer O'Connor, Building Inspector Parslow, 1st Assistant Chief Fink, Aiden Enders

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Village Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes July 15th, 2024

MOTION TO ACCEPT: Trustee O'Connor 2nd: Trustee Grenier

4. UNSAFE BUILDINGS DISCUSSION – STEVE STRICHMAN, LAND BANK/METROPLEX

Steve Strichman's attorneys reviewed the Unsafe Buildings Law and found it to be sound. He understands that our Village Attorney is also drafting some letters to move forward with our unsafe buildings in the Village, but that his attorneys would also be happy to review them as well at no cost to the Village. Once we have access to the buildings, the Land Bank also has funding to assist with demoing the unsafe building that the Village can take advantage of. He recommends we proceed with trying to demo the property and then having the county proceed with foreclosure process on the property.

5. REPORTS:

A. FIRE DEPARTMENT: 13 calls last month. 9 were EMS; 1 was structure fire to Esperance; 1 alarm drop; outside explosion and 1 aircraft standby.

Everything is status quo.

Landscaping around the firehouse is looking less than ideal; can we do something to

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improve that?

The surplus vehicle is out for auction.

B. TREASURER/CLERK:

Financial Balances:

General Fund Checking: \$13429.02 General Fund Savings: \$210526.95

Trust & Agency: \$4530.21 Water Fund: \$15979.42

Water Service Line Inventory: Reminder letters went out at the end of July. Of 131 accounts, we have had 26 responses.

- 13 Copper
- 2 Galvanized
- 3 PVC
- 8 requested Jeff's assistance

Tax collection still going through the end of this month. Outstanding unpaid list is \$10690.93.

Outstanding water account balances: \$8899.24. Next quarter bills will be going out on October 1st.

- C. DEPUTY CLERK: No report.
- D. WATER DEPARTMENT:

Water usage is up; likely because it's been dry. The numbers are all over, even though they are trending up. One complaint of lower pressure levels on East Shore. Mayor Gifford also received a complaint about brown water on Main St on Friday, prior to the hydrant flushing. Water Commissioner Iveson is concerned there may be a leak and will be checking.

4EverBods meter reading has been high again as well. Water Commissioner Iveson will need to talk with them about the protocols for water usage.

The County Health Department will be coming out to do a test of Assistant Commissioner Pigliavento at the Water Plant; Water Commissioner Iveson will need to be present.

Discussion regarding a conversation regarding the potential location of a septic tank on top of the water main on Main St, outside of the village. The owner of the residence is concerned about the liability and the potential cost and is discussing potentially getting an attorney involved.

- E. PLANNING BOARD: No update but working on the 192 Railroad Ave.
- F. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS: Minutes received; working on the 180 West Shore project.
- G. PUBLIC WORKS: Mowed up at the plant.
- H. BUILDING MAINTENANCE: No report.
- I. PARKS: No report/update.
- J. BUILDING INSPECTOR: Reports received.
- K. DOG CONTROL: Darla Gullotta's last day is July 31st. Jameson Facteau will be taking her place. Report received.
- L. TRUSTEES PROJECTS:

Trustee Grenier inspected the light poles and has generated a report of lights missing. Main St - # 8
East Shore - # 5, # 7 & # 19

5. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC: 8:00 PM

Resident Jill Menzies – discussion regarding the condemned property on Main St and the Village of Delanson's pursuit of the unsafe building law on the property.

Privilege of the Floor closed at 8:23 PM

6. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. DWSRF Water Infrastructure Improvement Grant (WIIA) Mayor Gifford talked to Jason at Lamont about scheduling our informational meetings. Looking at potentially October; schedule in September.
- B. Amend Water Law & Fee Schedule No update.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Drainage

Drainage outside is sinking in and falling apart. There are concerns that someone could get hurt on it or that a fire truck could collapse it. Trustee O'Connor suggests we email some pictures of the drains to DOT to see if they would be willing to repair.

B. Stewart & School Dr Road Resurfacing Proposal

Proposal received from Empire Paving – total lump sum exceeds the total amount in CHiPs. Discussion about asking Empire to match what we have available. Mayor Gifford will call and inquire.

C. Lamont Engineering Proposal – 192 Railroad Ave

Trustee O'Connor makes a motion to sign the Lamont Engineering Proposed services for Engineering review on the Luizzi Project pending attorney review. Trustee Grenier seconds.

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8. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

9. AUDIT OF BILLS AND APPROVAL OF PAYMENT BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

MOTION TO PAY: Trustee O'Connor CLAIMS: 319 - 340 2nd: Trustee Grenier TOTAL: \$8462.70

10. MOTION TO ADJOURN: 8:43 PM

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Gifford 2ND: Trustee O'Connor