

August 14, 2023 (Unapproved minutes)

Village of Stetsonville

The meeting was called to order at 4 pm by President Greg Brunner. Present were Brunner, Joseph Dowden, Stephanie Bohn, Will McCarron, Doug Klemm, Jay Jochimsen and Clerk/Treasurer Jan Tischendorf. Al Riemer had excused absence. Also present were Nannette and Scott Monklein, Tommy Blasel, Marcia Duellman, Art Walls, Library board including Barb Wesle, Rachel Parks, Carla Huston, bank reps Renee Leinfelder and Dave Kuhlman.

The meeting was posted according to statutes. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion to approve minutes of July 2023 meeting: M/2nd-Bohn/McCarron. All ayes, motion carried.

Public Comments: there are property maintenance complaints from concerned citizens-Marcia Duellman asked what is progress on the seven written complaints that she filed earlier this summer. Nannette Monklein asked about the issues at the property on East Mink Avenue. (No DNR report after multiple requests via email from the DNR rep R. Hoffman. Building inspector Bob Christensen took those complaint forms and was to make visits with the owners of the properties. Bob was not available for attending the meeting this afternoon as he was on vacation and clerk Tischendorf has not gotten any reports from him neither. Board president Brunner assured those present that the issues are not forgotten and that there are necessary steps to be taken to resolve the property maintenance issues, and not that all people have the same idea of order in a community. Mr. Art Walls asked if the village was going to enforce issues regarding the property line (fence) between his property and his neighbor-that is an issue between neighbors and does not require the village to get involved, he was told. Clerk reported on two separate dog issues, one involving the destroying the injured dog-parties were advised to contact Sheriff's department on dog issues.

Prevail Bank- Renee Leinfelder presented to the board information for Prevail Bank. Also present was Dave Kuhlman, the loan officer for Prevail bank.

Library Board- Carla Huston made a presentation to the board, requesting an increase in the library levy of \$16,800 so that the library can continue improved services and attract employees as well. The library has maintenance issues to address and there just isn't the extra money in their funds to do the projects. Will McCarron suggested to Carla to look into the Fulcrum Fund for a grant for extra funds.

Old business: REPEATED---Property Maintenance Issues-Bob Christensen was not available so there's no progress on issues talked about last two months. Board members asked that Christensen be present at the September 2023 meeting. DNR meeting regarding wetland on East Mink Avenue-also have not heard from Robert Hoffman of the DNR, after repeated email requests.

Nothing has been heard from the property regarding the water ordinance penalties imposed so they will continue to be charged until the water system is hooked back up, the property owner was invited to come to a previous meeting and has since made contact with village office, and was instructed to contact the DPW office that day and he did not. A spreadsheet with up to date charges was mailed with the August utility bill to the property owner.

SAFER FUNDS-the village was not awarded the sidewalk building grant this time, and was encouraged by grant writer Jay Wheaton to re-apply by October 27, 2023 for the next award period. Jay also recommended letters of reference from the public building reps.

New business: Vandalism at Legion Ball park. Marcia Duellman was present to ask the village to put up security lighting at the Legion's concession stand as there are people loitering there when ball games are not taking place. Jay and Doug will look into a solution. Duellman also asked about lights at the Tank at the park on the south end of the village.

Shop addition-Al Riemer was absent but submitted a rough plan for the shop addition. The board members and DPW workers discussed alternatives and will ask to Al to change the initial plan to include an office along the whole north side, rather than just one corner. Riemer will re-work the sketch and get an estimate on materials for the next meeting.

BUDGET- Also board members were encouraged to start thinking about budget items for 2024. A part of governor's bill allows for up to a \$39,479 additional shared revenue for the village. A year to date budget comparison report was given to each board member.

Clerk Treasurer report is attached. Included are bank funds, funds spent, utility report and garbage collection report. It was reported that there were NO impending water shut-offs this month! The clerk will not renew the notary of public as it has not been used in past four years. It was m/2nd Dowden/Bohn, to approve report-. All ayes, motion carried. There was discussion on banks' proposals as well.

Municipal wastewater/water reports by Jay Jochimsen and Doug Klemm. Report is attached. All test results are within required guidelines. Included in report is testing, lead and copper results received, Jochimsen passed water operator test, hydrant flushing in September, North lift station progress-SCADA board proposal, actuators on order, sludge removal report on wastewater ponds, and report on phosphorous levels.

Street and Maintenance report by Jay Jochimsen and Doug Klemm. Report is attached. Included in report, Troiber/Jakel issue resolved, weed control, generator quote, summer help almost complete with school starting, black dirt for pond area installed, weeds on pond and Taylor Electric discussion on aerator. m/2nd to accept both reports McCarron/Bohn. All ayes, motion carried.

Employee Evaluation- Jan Tischendorf, clerk/treasurer, completed four years of service, a \$1.00 per hour raise awarded. M/2nd Dowden/McCarron. All ayes, motion carried.

Bill payment- vouchers 28888-28943 and EFT 08-01 through 08-15 were approved for payment. M/2nd Bohn/Riemer. All ayes, motion carried.

Adjourn, Dowden/McCarron. All ayes, motion carried.

/s/ Jan Tischendorf, Clerk/Treasurer

Next meeting is Monday, Sept 11, 2023 at 4 pm at the Jean M. Thomsen Memorial Library.