

The November 12, 2024, Board Meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by President Keneipp.

Trustees present: Hoeft, Foley, Moore, Swartzendruber, and Williams.

Trustees absent: Dial.

Also present: Chief Parkinson, Superintendent Graber, Attorney Herman and Clerk Horner.

Parkinson stated the Police Department has received a taser grant in the amount of \$12,717.00. This would cover about half of the cost of new tasers. The Police Department also received their body cameras, they will start using them around December.

Keneipp inquired if the Police Department will still be hosting a blood drive. Parkinson stated the blood drive was moved back to not conflicted with Olympias blood drive.

Graber presented his monthly reports. Graber stated the Public Works Department has flushed mains. The Public Works Department has been getting ready for winter by closing public restrooms, closing down public drinking fountains and removing flowerpots from around town.

Herman enters at 7:05 PM.

Graber stated the zero-turn mower has been returned to Cross Implements for the season.

Graber stated the generator at the lift station had a controller switch go bad and was replaced. The cost of the repair will come out of contingencies.

Graber stated the Public Works upcoming projects will be finishing the pickleball court, a culvert replacement and installing Christmas lights.

Graber stated he had worked with Attorney Herman on finalizing the Right-A-Way Ordinance. Graber stated his department has the wastewater inspection on November 20th, this inspection is every three years.

Graber stated the pickleball court cost to date is approximately \$18,415.00. The Public Works Department will still need to add a sidewalk to the court and seed the area.

Trustee Moore inquired about the totalizer Graber had mentioned at the previous meeting. Graber stated they are trying to zero out the system a few times a week and had not received a quote on a replacement.

Trustee Moore inquired if Graber has an estimate of repair for the switch and a plan to prevent this issue in the future. Graber stated the bill would be approximately \$5000.00 to \$5,500.00 and the technician had no reason for the breakage.

Swartzendruber entered at 7:15 PM.

A **Motion** was made by Swartzendruber and seconded by Hoeft to approve the Consent Agenda.

A. Approval of monthly bills as presented and allowed.

B. Approval of the transfer of \$30,000.00 from Illinois Fund Checking to General Fund Checking.

C. Approval of the transfer of \$23,000.00 from Clearing Fund Checking to Operation and Maintenance Checking.

D. Approval of the 10.15.2024 Board Meeting Minutes.

E. Approval of the transfer of \$9,839.71 from the Clearing Fund Checking to General Fund Checking for the October Garbage Payment.

Ayes: Hoeft, Foley, Moore, Swartzendruber, and Williams.

Nays: None.

Attorney Herman stated that Heartland Fiber agreed to the changes in the agreement that were requested by the board members.

A **Motion** was made by Hoeft and seconded by Foley to Approve Ordinance #898

“To Enter into a Franchise Agreement with Heartland Fiber.”

Ayes: Hoeft, Foley, Moore, Swartzendruber, and Williams.

Nays: None.

A **Motion** was made by Hoeft and seconded by Swartzendruber to Approve Ordinance #899 “REQUIRING RIGHTOF-WAY OPENING APPLICATION FOR ANY CONSTRUCTION REQUIRED”

Ayes: Hoeft, Foley, Moore, Swartzendruber, and Williams.

Nays: None.

The board discussed the purchase and possible uses of the trams.

A **Motion** was made by Hoeft and seconded by Foley to Approve the purchase of two trams in the amount of \$2,000.00.

Ayes: Hoeft, Foley, Moore, Swartzendruber, and Williams.

Nays: None.

A **Motion** was made by Hoeft and seconded by Foley to Approve Ordinance #900, “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE VILLAGE CODE REGARDING PENALTY PROVISIONS.

Ayes: Hoeft, Foley, Moore, Swartzendruber, and Williams.

Nays: None.

A Motion Failed due to no Motion to Approve handbook change to weekly payroll.

The board disused changing the effective date of Graber's raise. The board agreed the date should be December 27th, 2024.

A **Motion** was made by Swartzendruber and seconded by Foley to Approve Superintendent Kent Graber Salary of \$58,656.00 with amended effective date of December 27th, 2024.

Clerk Horner stated the Caucus will be December 2nd, 2024.

In the area of Unfinished Business. Graber stated that he is working on a Park Development Plan.

President Keneipp stated that the Community Claus dinner went very well this year. Approximately 378 meals were distributed. Mr. Keneipp will be holding his annual Christmas dinner on December 16th at 6:00PM. The Minier Christmas Parade will be

held December 7th at 2:00 PM with this year's theme being "All American Christmas".
The Kiwanis will be inviting Veterans to join in the parade.

Trustee Moore stated she would like to rotate committee chairs the first of the year.

Trustee Foley stated she would like to discuss what percentages of raises can be offered to employees. In the past department heads would make the recommendations to the board. Would like it to be established what a department can offer.

Graber stated he would like to clarify if the raises are cost of living raises or merit raises.

Keneipp stated that in the past it has been based on cost of living and budget.

A **Motion** was made by Hoeft and seconded by Swartzendruber to Adjourn to Executive Session Pursuant To 2(c)1 of the Open Meetings Act to Discuss Employment and Salaries of Personnel and Pursuant to 2(C)5 The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired. 7:54 pm.

Approved by roll call vote. Ayes: Hoeft, Foley, Moore, and Swartzendruber.

Nays: None.

A **Motion** was made by Swartzendruber and seconded by Foley to move to Open Session at 8:49 PM.

Ayes: Hoeft, Foley, Moore, Swartzendruber, and Williams.

Nays: None.

A **Motion** was made by Swartzendruber and seconded by Foley to Hire Part-Time Officer Austin Bohlmann effective November 13, 2024, at the current Part-Time Officer Rate of Pay conditional on passing his medical physical and drug screening.

Ayes: Hoeft, Foley, Moore, Swartzendruber, and Williams.

Nays: None.

A **Motion** was made by Hoeft and seconded by Foley to instruct Trustee Williams to make an offer on the purchase of property.

Ayes: Hoeft, Foley, Moore, Swartzendruber, and Williams.

Nays: None.

A **Motion** was made by Hoeft and seconded by Foley to instruct Clerk Horner or President Keneipp to submit a bid in accordance with the Bid terms, committing to the \$5,000 earnest money and contingent upon entering into a mutually acceptable purchase agreement.

Ayes: Hoeft, Foley, Moore, Swartzendruber, and Williams.

Nays: None.

A **Motion** was made by Hoeft and seconded by Foley to adjourn at 8:53 p.m.

Ayes: Hoeft, Foley, Moore, Swartzendruber, and Williams.

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Sasha Horner, Village Clerk

Neill Keneipp, Village President