

Regular meeting of the Village Board- December 5, 2022

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Lynn Lingford.

Present: Lingford, Anderson, Curtin, Marten, Weiler, Schmutzer and Marth. Stoflet arrived 7:15 p.m.

Absent: Atty. Dietrich and Yeske.

Minutes- Motion Marten/Curtin to approve the minutes from 11/7/22 as listed. Carried.

Variance request for Richard and Beth Clouse- The Zoning Committee met on November 16, 2022, to review a request to build a garage within three feet of the property line at 5749 Clark Street. The Zoning Committee recommends approval of the variance request. Motion Anderson/Marten to approve the variance request for the Richard and Beth Clouse. Carried.

North Road reconstruction- MSA will submit for BIL possible funding. This will be on the next agenda.

Police officer report- Gonzalez worked with Dave's Service to remove some vehicles from the road right of way. Gonzalez has been monitoring the cemetery, school, and park. He mailed warnings to residents about furniture out by the street and recycling and garbage bin removal. He ran a background check. He assisted with a truancy case. He is waiting for a quote for equipment to issue traffic citations.

Sewer plan Robert Draxler's shop- Mike Voss put together two quotes. One option goes north under the railroad tracks. The other is a grinder pump. This is from Progress Street to Fuehrer Avenue. Grinder \$488,000, Railroad \$564,860. Clean Water Funds may be available. Mike Voss will check with Dave Rasmussen for more details on possible TIF funding and CWF. This is in the TIF district.

Earth Inc. pay request- MSA doesn't recommend paying this \$10,610.38 yet because there are two leaks. Mike will contact Dan Deboer to get an estimated time frame when it will be repaired.

Shelter house light replacement with LED lights- this will begin after January 14, 2023.

Softball field light replacement- estimated cost of the project is \$41,750. The Park Association would donate \$5000, Lions \$5000, School \$10,000. The village would be responsible for \$21,750. The village would pay the full amount and be reimbursed from the other donors. Motion Marten/Stoflet to approve the change to LED lights. Carried. McMillan Electric will be doing the project.

Santa in the park- Over 150 kids were at the Santa in the park party. The sleigh ride was successful. Motion Weiler/Marten to approve a donation of \$300 to the Park Association. Carried.

Fire Department new vehicle- no action. They are waiting for drawings from Pierce along with a quote. Two others will be submitting quotes.

Retirement plans for new employees- we need to set a date and time for someone from Ameriprise Financial to meet with the employees. A simple IRA may be the best option. Deb Stoflet will coordinate the meeting. We will get more information on the State retirement plan.

Operator license- Motion Stoflet/Curtin to approve the operator license for Serena Cegielski. Carried.

Contract South Wood County Humane Society- Motion Stoflet/Marten to approve the contract. Carried.

Expenses- Motion Marten/Schmutzer to approve the expenses as listed and read. Carried.

Financial report- Motion Schmutzer/Weiler to approve the financial report as listed. Carried.

Motion Marten/Curtin to enter into closed session under Section 19.85 1c for discussion of employee compensation. Roll call- all ayes. Carried.

Motion Marten/Curtin to adjourn closed session. Roll call- all ayes. Carried.

Motion Marten/Curtin to adjourn to open session. Roll call- all ayes. Carried.

Motion Marten/Schmutzer to adjourn at 9:30 p.m. Carried.

Lynn Lingford, clerk