

October 12, 2023

The Board of Trustees met in regular session on October 12, 2023. Roll call was taken. Present were Village President Edens, Clerk Harrison, Treasurer Edens, Trustees Baker, J. Campbell, R. Campbell, Cimei, and Raiter. Absent was Trustee Trone. The minutes of the September 14 meeting were approved by Cimei with a second coming from Baker. Motion carried.

**TREASURER’S REPORT – 9/30/2023**

General Fund	
FSB – Checking Account	6,620.62
FSB – Money Market	704,427.07
Motor Fuel Tax Fund	
FSB	69,223.28
TOTAL	69,223.28
Sewer Fund	
FSB	165,035.43
TOTAL	165,035.43
Water Fund	
FSB	25,605.97
TOTAL	25,605.97
<b>TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$970,912.37</b>

9/30/23 Financial Report was approved by roll call vote. All ayes.

**BILLS (SEE ATTACHED SHEET)**

- Bills were approved for payment by all board members by roll call vote.
- Travel was approved by roll call vote for P. Harrison.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

- Thank you from Prairie State Tractor
- EPA Lab Participation Form – Village does not participate
- ElanCity – radar speed limit sign
- Jump-n-Party – party rentals

**GUESTS**

- Carrie Smith of Magnolia was presented with a gift certificate in appreciation for her donated time and talent for the painting of our Village sign and Centennial Park sign. Her work is very much appreciated.
  - Samantha Casey from Hopkins & Associates presented the 2022/23 Audit report. Village is, once again, in good standing. Reports were handed out to all board members.
  - Chad Arnett, owner of 107 West Main Street property, was present to discuss the re-zoning of this property. R. Haar stated that the zoning board met concerning the re-zoning of the apartment building. The zoning board approved the change to R3-multi family. Currently there are tenants in the front apartment and the middle apartment. Back apartment is still under construction. After discussion, the re-zoning has been tabled for the present time.
  - Attorney Churney presented the 2023 Tax Levy information to the board. She explained tax levy to the new board members. After discussion, Cimei made a motion to announce the 2023 Tax Levy in the amount of \$37,245. There was a second from Baker, motion carried.
- The next order of business for Attorney Churney was amending the water/sewer ordinance. The Board would like to cancel the May 1, 2024 rate increase for water and sewer. Churney will work on an amendment to that ordinance.

Churney will research our zoning ordinance to confirm if shipping containers are included in the ordinance. If not, she will add it to the zoning ordinance

#### **ZONING AND PLANNING**

-One building permit issued to Theodore St. resident – putting up a 10x14 storage structure.

#### **WATER AND SEWER**

-No report from Ahlers. Mark Ahlers will be resigning on November 30. He has agreed to stay on and train his replacement.

#### **MAINTENANCE**

-Log jam was removed from creek

-A downed tree is laying across the creek.

-Pole saw needed to be repaired.

-New sign is up

-Tree came down on 4<sup>th</sup> Street today – Haar and residents removed debris from the street

#### **ENGINEERING**

-M. Richetta will be informed that we have an excess amount of pea gravel piled by the pump house for future road projects.

#### **POLICE**

-Report was read to the board from Officer Quick/PC Sheriff Dept.

#### **BASEBALL – BI-COUNTY MEETING**

-No business

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

-R. Campbell made a motion to enter into a contract with Chamlin Engineering to prepare and submit the Source Water Protection Plan for the Village. J. Campbell seconded this motion, motion carried.

-Edens updated the board on the DCEO grant. Paperwork has been filled out and signed, waiting on approval and money.

-Halloween parade and Trick-or-Treating is set for October 31. Parade will begin in the McNabb Telephone Co. parking lot at 5 p.m. Hot dogs, chips, water, juice will be served to the children after the parade – Trick-or-Treat hours are 5-7 p.m.

-The Christmas greens for Main Street flower pots will be made, decorated and installed by The Corner Garden in Tonica. She will use our decorations to decorate. Cost is \$65 per pot. J. Campbell made a motion to hire The Corner Garden with a second coming from Trustee Raiter. Motion carried.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

-Trustee Raiter will check prices for Christmas poinsettia's to distribute to village senior citizens. Approximately 38 poinsettias are needed.

-We have been informed that the Village of Cherry Police Department would possibly be interested in purchasing the Squad car. No action was taken at this time.

-A letter was received from IV Cellular stating that they are ceasing operations of terminating their business as of 12/28/23. We must contract with another wireless service provider. After discussion, the board suggested going with Verizon. Harrison will get Village service changed.

-Liz Keller inquired if her son, Carter, could set up a stand to sell his eggs in the downtown area. The stand will be allowed.

-Edens had a donation request from Interact Club who is currently in charge of the old Grange Halloween party. A basket raffle is being held this year. Edens has put together a basket from the Village. Board agreed to pay Edens for the cost of the raffle basket.

-Albert Avenue property has been listed for sale this week. Harrison has updated the water/sewer and mowing liens on this property.

-Bob Steele has updated the Village on the collection lawsuit. He will proceed with small claims court.

There was no further business. Trustee R. Campbell made a motion to adjourn. J. Campbell seconded the motion, motion carried. Meeting was adjourned. Next meeting will be held on November 9.

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Patricia Harrison  
Village Clerk