

Regular Meeting August 5, 2021

The Village Board of Trustees met at 7:00 p.m. in the Gifford Village Building to hold their regular monthly meeting. Officers and Trustees present were President Ackerman and Trustees, Hammond, Harris, McFadden, Pannbacker, Severins, and Starkey. Clerk Diane Baker, Treasurer Christie Huls, Chief Weary and Zoning Jon Couture Present and Water and Maintenance Childress was absent.

Pledge of Allegiance and roll call.

Mike Buzicky from MSA and Jarod Acton present.

Mike Buzicky from MSA reported that IDOT has been very slow and we should see a schedule soon about roads and also see the paper work. Illiana received the bid. When doing the roads all of Church St. needs to be taken care of. He also asked if we applied for money from the American Rescue Act Fund, which we have. He also wanted to let us know that he has to go to meetings in Downs, that is why he comes every other month. Downs has a meeting same date as us each month.

Each Trustee and Officer had been furnished minutes of the last regular meeting. Trustee Severins made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes. It was seconded by Trustee Pannbacker. All trustees concurred in a roll call vote (6 yes, 0 no). Trustee Pannbacker made a motion to accept the minutes as read. It was seconded by Trustee Hammond. All trustees concurred in a roll call vote (6 yes, 0 no).

Each Trustee and Officer had been furnished printed copies of the bills to be considered for payment. Trustee Harris made a motion to dispense with the reading of the bills. It was seconded by Trustee Starkey. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (6 yes, 0 no). Trustee Pannbacker made a motion to pay the bills adding \$1,044.00 to Trav's for tires for the work truck. It was seconded by Trustee Starkey. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (6 yes, 0 no).

Each Trustee and Officer had been furnished printed copies of the Treasurer's Report, Trustee McFadden made a motion to dispense with the reading of the Treasurer's Report, except for the summary. It was seconded by Trustee Harris. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (6 yes, 0 no). The starting balance in Village accounts as of July 1, 2021 was \$1,021,223.51. Total money received for the month of July, 2021 was \$70,143.08 plus \$9.92 interest from CD#15399 and \$6.88 interest from CD#8170. Total expenses for the month were \$41,798.05 leaving a balance on July 31, 2021 of \$1,049,585.34

WATER AND SEWER REPORT-No Report from Jess Childress. Jonathan Couture said there is a water issue at Casey's again. He will look into and see whose responsibility it is to fix it. Jonathan reported issues with the waste/water treatment plant, he will work with MSA for a plan of action. The Trees planted at Ernray after the tornado need to be removed, Jonathan will be pulling them out.

POLICE REPORT- Police Report, hand out, in investigative matters there were 16 incidents, 1 report and 0 arrests. In traffic matters there were 21 incidents, 18 warnings, 0 citations and 0 arrests. Chief Weary asked the board if they were okay with part-time police being added. They said they were and he thinks he has someone interested. He informed the board that the bag tournament during the car show has been cancelled.

STREET AND ALLEY REPORT – No Report.

SANITARY AND STORM REPORT – Trustee Starkey reported he received a quote from Kocher for 30 feet not 20 feet for the ditch on West St., it is \$3,260.00. They will put this on hold and clean out ditches and see if this solves the issue.

POWER LIGHTS AND TELEPHONE REPORT– No Report.

RESOURCES MANAGEMENT AND PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT – Trustee Harris brought up dump day. 9/11/2021 was set for the date. Trustees Harris, Pannbacker and Hammond will be available to work it. There will be a \$10-dollar charge and it will be at the Village Building Lot. Trustee Hammond will talk to a couple different places about making the Military signs and then report back to the Board.

FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE REPORT – Trustee McFadden reported the concrete at South Park has been completed. He also spoke with Neil Baker and they had to jet out the sewer lines again by the old restrooms. This Fall they will probably need to be dug up and fixed. Trustee McFadden also reported there was an Audit at the Fire Department and because of insurance all of the hydrants in town need to be tested.

OLD BUSINESS

Information from the June Board Meeting was sent to Brian Schurter. He will generate 2 new ordinances for the village, animal control and liquor, we are still waiting to hear back from him.

Earl Smith would like to request \$1,000 from the Village for improvements for the War Memorial at South Park. The board would like him to present to them what is going to be done and the actual costs involved, still waiting to hear back from him.

NEW BUSINESS

The meter at South Park needs to be fixed.

Trustee Pannbacker moved the meeting be adjourned. It was seconded by Trustee Severins. All Trustees concurred in a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Approved this 2nd day of September, 2021

