

## Regular Meeting April 7, 2022

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. Treasurer Christie Huls, Clerk Diane Baker, Water/Maintenance/Zoning Jon Couture were all present. Chief Weary was absent.

Community members present: Jeb Kennel, Justin Fullenkamp, Dean Gehrt, Dave Bletscher, Travis Youmans, Tony McLain, Dustin Ehler, Kurtis Johnson, Don Suits and Jarod Acton. MSA: Steve Airing present.

Pledge of Allegiance and roll call.

Dave Bletscher presented information about automated sirens.

Mike Airing had the paperwork to sign for the WWTP aeration system replacement/IEPA construction permit application, calculations and equipment design. The paperwork was all signed.

Trustee Pannbacker made a motion to approve the WWTP aeration system replacement/IEPA construction permit application, calculations and equipment design. It was seconded by Trustee McFadden. All trustees concurred in a roll call vote (6 yes, 0 no).

Travis Youmans was present to talk about water issues at his house. He has had water two times now. The first time his pump failed. He said he feels he has exhausted possibilities of this being his problem. He has spent money and time. He has recruited many community members to help and some were present at the meeting. Some digging to look for cause has already taken place.

Lots of different ideas and avenues to look at. Tony McLain offered the Village a 1% loan for a tile project. Justin Fullenkamp would like to know where all the tiles are and where they go. Jonathan will get him this information.

Trustee Pannbacker made a motion to approve digging for a tile at a lot located by the pond. It was seconded by Trustee Severins. All trustees concurred in a roll call vote (6 yes, 0 no).

Each Trustee and Officer had been furnished minutes of the last regular meeting. Trustee Pannbacker made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes. It was seconded by Trustee Starkey. 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 Starkey. 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 Hammond made a motion to dispense with the reading of the bills. It was seconded by Trustee Harris. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (6 yes, 0 no). Trustee Pannbacker made a motion to pay the bills with the addition of \$2,029.75 to EPA. 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 Treasurer's Report, Trustee Pannbacker made a motion to dispense with the reading of the Treasurer's Report, except for the summary. It was seconded by Trustee Starkey. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (6 yes, 0 no). The starting balance in Village accounts as of March 1, 2022 was \$1,305,269.63. Total money received for the month of March 2022 was \$74,084.21 plus \$5.80 interest from CD#15399 and \$6.43 interest from CD#8170. Total expenses for the month were \$56,276.98 leaving a balance on March 31, 2022 of \$1,323,089.09.

### **VILLAGE OF GIFFORD WATER & WASTEWATER REPORT**

Total gallons of water pumped for March-1,953,000

Average daily consumption for March-63,000

Sent out 15 letters for non-payment of water and sewer bills.

Wrights tree service cut down the trees from 402 S. Main to 504 S. Main at no cost to the Village.

There is a plugged tile on the east side of Eiler dr.

Reinstalled the siphons in the dosing tank at the WWTP for summer operations also turned-on sand filters 1,3,4 leaving 2 off for a few months to clean from winter operations.

Had an 8-inch sewer main plugged on Ames Ct., I had Gulliford bring a vac truck in to clean out two manholes. Then I jetted the sewer main about 300 feet from S East ST manhole going east into Ames Ct.

The tornado siren at the South Park has a noise and they are coming back in June to do maintenance on it and fix it.

The contract for dredging needs to be changed because of prevailing wages.

Trustee Pannbacker made a motion to approve the changed contract for dredging to \$122,029.00. It was seconded by Trustee Severins. All trustees concurred in a roll call vote (6 yes, 0 no).

**POLICE REPORT-** Monthly investigative, 12 Incidents, 2 Reports and 1 Arrest. Traffic Matters, 17 Incidents, 16 Warnings, 0 Citations and 0 Arrests.

**STREET AND ALLEY REPORT** – No Report

**SANITARY AND STORM REPORT** – Trustee Starkey reported he had an inquiry about a driveway replacement on West St. due to the drainage fix.

**POWER LIGHTS AND TELEPHONE REPORT**– Trustee Severins reported 9 lights out and all called in.

**RESOURCES MANAGEMENT AND PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT** – No Report

**FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE REPORT** – No Report

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Trustee Pannbacker made a motion to approve the new liquor license Ordinance #434. It was seconded by Trustee Hammond. All trustees concurred in a roll call vote (6 yes, 0 no).

Trustee McFadden made a motion to approve Cummins to install new relays at the water plant. It was seconded by Trustee Pannbacker. All trustees concurred in a roll call vote (6 yes, 0 no).

Trustee Hammond made a motion to approve the work on West St. for \$13,635 from Kocher. It was seconded by Trustee Harris. All trustees concurred in a roll call vote (6 yes, 0 no).

**NEW BUSINESS**

Trustee Pannbacker is to call about the crosswalks on Main St.

Trustee Starkey is to finalize the stencil for 45-minute parking in 4 places in front of boutiques on the West side of Main St. downtown.

Trustee McFadden is to get an estimate from United Paving for the concrete work at Roberts house on Main St. and the asphalt work at Robins Body Shop on Main St.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion to move into executive session, Trustee Severins and seconded by Trustee Starkey. Voice vote all yes.

Entered into executive session at 9:35 p.m. to discuss personnel issues.

Motion to move back to regular session, Trustee Severins and seconded by Trustee Starkey. Voice vote all yes.

Regular session 9:55 p.m.

Trustee Severins moved the meeting be adjourned. It was seconded by Trustee Starkey. All Trustees concurred in a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Approved this 5th day of May, 2022

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