

## Regular Meeting March 2, 2023

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, McFadden, Pannbacker and Severins. Trustees Harris and Starkey were absent. Treasurer Christie Huls, Clerk Diane Baker present. Water/Maintenance/Zoning Jon Couture absent and Officer Weary present.

Community members present: Kevin Emkes, Cindy Duden, Berney McCarty, Levi Kopmann, Toni McLain, Leon Sieberns, Johnnie Emkes, Abbey and Aaron Sieberns, Jarod Acton and Ryan Jones.

Pledge of Allegiance and roll call.

Toni McLain was present from the bank, he said he wanted the board to know that the loan for the fix east of town was no longer good at the 1% rate. He also said he had heard the board was considering not hiring full-time police protection when Sean retires. Trustee Pannbacker said he had looked at the option for County to cover Gifford but that was not a decision at this time. Financially it would save the village money, but there are a lot of things to consider before making a decision. Toni McLain said he would need to close the bank lobby at all times if we did not have police presence.

Kevin Emkes was present to talk about the drainage issue east of town, lots of issues surrounding this fix. Trustee Pannbacker said the drainage district has some issues with this drainage problem, but the village needs to do their part as well. Kevin Emkes asked to be kept in the loop with any decisions made.

Levi Kopmann from Fehr Graham Professional Services. MFT forms signed for oil and chip. Three weeks out for bid.

Trustee Pannbacker made a motion to put out bid for oil and chip. It was seconded by Trustee Severins. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (4 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 Severins. All trustees concurred in a roll call vote (4 yes, 0 no). Trustee Pannbacker made a motion to accept the minutes as read. It was seconded by Trustee Severins all trustees concurred in a roll call vote (4 yes, 0 no).

Each Trustee and Officer had been furnished printed copies of the bills to be considered for payment. Trustee Pannbacker made a motion to dispense with the reading of the bills. It was seconded by Trustee Hammond. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (4 yes, 0 no). Trustee Pannbacker made a motion to pay the bills with no changes. It was seconded by Trustee Hammond. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (4 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 Hammond. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (4 yes, 0 no). The starting balance in Village accounts as of February 1, 2023 was \$1,203,762.07. Total money received for the month of February, 2023 was \$67,777.01 plus \$15.45 interest from CD#15399 and \$28.50 interest from

CD#8170. Total expenses for the month were \$50,785.76 leaving a balance on February 28, 2023 of \$1,220,797.28.

**VILLAGE OF GIFFORD WATER & WASTEWATER REPORT**

No issues to report.

**POLICE REPORT-** Monthly Investigative, 16 Incidents, 2 Reports and 0 Arrests. Traffic, 15 Incidents, 15 Warnings, 0 Citations and 0 Arrests.

**STREET AND ALLEY REPORT** – Trustee Pannbacker reported the lighted crosswalk is being put in on South Main St.

**SANITARY AND STORM REPORT** – Trustee Starkey, Absent.

**POWER LIGHTS AND TELEPHONE REPORT**– Trustee Severins reported no lights out at this time. Questions about a light near the school parking lot, it keeps going out making the parking lot very dark. Trustee Severins will contact Ameren about the light to get it fixed and see if it is the school’s responsibility or the Village.

**RESOURCES MANAGEMENT AND PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT** – Trustee Harris, Absent.

**FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE REPORT** – Trustee McFadden reported he installed the light out front of the Village Building.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Paperwork for the Dollar General annexing into the Village will be ready at the April 2023 meeting.

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 7:57 p.m.

Approved this 6th day of April, 2023

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