

Regular Meeting November 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 Pannbacker and Trustees, Hammond, Harris, McCarty and McFadden. Trustee Severins and Starkey were absent. Treasurer Christie Huls and Clerk Diane Baker were present. Water Maintenance/Zoning Jonathan Couture present and Officer Weary was absent.

Community/Business members present: Staci Huls from the Gifford State Bank; Cindy Duden and Lance Firth community members.

Pledge of Allegiance and roll call.

Lance Firth was present to ask if someone could take care of the loud music/noise from a house close to his on Main St. Referred to ordinance 259B. President Pannbacker said he would look into the situation and then get back to him.

Staci Huls was present from the Bank to make sure the Village Board was okay with the Main St. Road closure for the Christmas parade on December 10th. There will be cookies and hot chocolate with Santa from 3:30-5 p.m. followed by the parade. She called Jeff Blue about the road closure and the Gifford Fire Department will help as well. She will also contact Metcalf to let them know about the Parade. The Village Board was okay with all that was taking place.

Each Trustee and Officer had been furnished minutes of the last regular meeting. Trustee McFadden made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes. It was seconded by Trustee Harris. All trustees concurred in a roll call vote (4 yes, 0 no). Trustee McCarty made a motion to accept the minutes as read. 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 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 (4 yes, 0 no). Trustee McCarty made a motion to pay the bills with the additions of Eastern Illini paid within 10 days of receiving the bill, \$206.40 Village of Rantoul and \$493.99 to Rural King. It was seconded by Trustee Harris. 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 Hammond made a motion to dispense with the reading of the Treasurer's Report, except for the summary. It was seconded by Trustee McCarty. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (4 yes, 0 no). The starting balance in Village accounts as of October 1, 2023 was \$1,066,117.41. Total money received for the month of October 2023 was \$79,479.96 plus \$15.02 interest from CD#15399 and \$62.29 interest from CD#8170. Total expenses for the month were \$47,876.30 leaving a balance on October 31, 2023, of \$1,097,798.38.

VILLAGE OF GIFFORD WATER & WASTEWATER REPORT

Total gallons of water pumped for November-1,849,000

Average daily consumption for November-61,000

No issues to report.

Sewer manholes extensions are completed.

WWTP has been switched to run winter operation.

POLICE REPORT- No report.

STREET AND ALLEY REPORT – Trustee McCarty, no report.

SANITARY AND STORM REPORT – Trustee Starkey, absent.

POWER LIGHTS AND TELEPHONE REPORT– Trustee Severins, absent.

RESOURCES MANAGEMENT AND PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT – Trustee Harris, no report.

FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE REPORT – Trustee McFadden, no report.

OLD BUSINESS-Dollar General is open.

Manhole risers are needed and has been discussed by the board several times. Jonathan Couture has the quote for the purchase.

Trustee Hammond made a motion to purchase the manhole risers for \$6,287.38. It was seconded by Trustee McFadden all trustees concurred in a roll call vote (4 yes, 0 no).

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee McCarty questioned why the Grade School must pay to play at the park diamond. President Pannbacker answered some of the history of getting the diamond up and going at the park. Many donations and fund raising has occurred to get the diamond going. It takes a lot as well to maintain the field. The school along with other donations/fundraising have helped with this. It has been something going on for years and has worked to better the park and diamond for the community. President Pannbacker said to let the Bank and School work this out if there is an issue.

Trustee McCarty questioned if the Village was audited yearly. President Pannbacker reassured him that the Village was audited this last year and has been audited yearly. Treasurer Christie Huls works close with the auditor's every year.

Trustee Harris made a motion to go into executive session. It was seconded by Trustee McFadden. All trustees concurred in a roll call vote (4 yes, 0 no).

Executive Session 7:27 p.m.

Personnel discussion.

Trustee McCarty made a motion to go back to regular session. It was seconded by Trustee Hammond. All trustees concurred in a roll call vote (4 yes, 0 no).

Regular Session 7:48 p.m.

Trustee McCarty moved the regular meeting be adjourned. It was seconded by Trustee Hammond. All Trustees concurred in a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Approved this 7th day of December, 2023
