

## Regular Meeting December 7, 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, McFadden, Severins and Starkey. Clerk Diane Baker was present. Treasurer Christie Huls, Water Maintenance/Zoning Jonathan Couture and Officer Weary were absent.

Community/Business members present: Toni McLane from the Gifford State Bank; Cindy Duden and Teresa McClain.

Pledge of Allegiance and roll call.

Tony McLane was present to explain how the ball diamond at the south park came about. The bank has paid for the largest part of the ball diamond and many other donations have been given to build and keep up the diamond. Tony has all records of all money coming in and out for the diamond. The school does not pay to use the diamond they have given donations to the diamond fund, which is at the Gifford State Bank. Tony has also helped with the grant at the park for the play equipment, paid for the basketball court and has donated the property west of the diamond and turned it into a parking lot. Tony McLane and the Gifford State Bank have purchased and donated many things for the community at large. Adam Pannbacker, President of Board, as well as the Clerk, Diane Baker, thanked Mr. McLane for all his donations, time and efforts to the community.

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 McCarty. All trustees concurred in a roll call vote (6 yes, 0 no). Trustee Hammond made a motion to accept the minutes as read. 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 printed copies of the bills to be considered for payment. Trustee Severins 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 Starkey made a motion to pay the bills. 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 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 Starkey. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (6 yes, 0 no). The starting balance in Village accounts as of November 1, 2023 was \$1,097,798.38. Total money received for the month of November 2023 was \$66,877.66 plus \$15.53 interest

from CD#15399 and \$64.42 interest from CD#8170. Total expenses for the month were \$101,487.72 leaving a balance on November 30, 2023, of \$1,063,268.27.

### **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 manhole extensions are completed.

WWTP has been switched to run winter operation.

### **October Report**

Total gallons of water pumped for October-1,805,000

Average daily consumption for October-58,000

Replaced broken service at 105 E Church St.

Leveled and seeded all yards from spring and summer repairs/projects.

**POLICE REPORT-** No report.

**STREET AND ALLEY REPORT** – Trustee McCarty asked about salting/sanding roads in the winter. President Pannbacker said we do not do any salting. The burgundy truck is getting old, it is 20 years old. This is something to look at for the April 2024 budget meeting.

**SANITARY AND STORM REPORT** – Trustee Starkey, no report.

**POWER LIGHTS AND TELEPHONE REPORT**– Trustee Severins, no report.

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

**FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE REPORT** – Trustee McFadden fixed the light at the concession stand at the south park.

**OLD BUSINESS**-January 3, 2024 is Sean Weary's last official day with the village. President Pannbacker is working closely with Sean to complete and turn in all necessary items before his last day.

County Elections, April and November, will be held at the village building in 2024. 1 day for each election was agreed upon.

The village lawyer, Brian Schurter, said there should be judgement on January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024 about the house on Park Street. President Pannbacker will attend the court date representing the village. If the village obtains the property, something would be put in place to tear down the house and then sell the lot.

There are still several other properties in question and the village will continue to look at each property.

The noise complaint on Main Street has been addressed per the ordinance. President Pannbacker has talked to the homeowner about the complaint and has advised him to call the County Sheriff when the loud music happens again.

**NEW BUSINESS**-Michael Hansen from Fehr Graham has quit. Narendra Patel is our new engineer. Adam has had contact with him and will continue to reach out to him about the WWTP to make sure everything is still in the works for this going forward.

Roads on West Street were patched and the bills were sent to the homeowners.

Eastern Illini will be in town trimming trees.

The dump truck broke down and is fixed at this time. The starter is also going out and has hydraulic leaks. The dump truck is used monthly.

**Executive**-Cancelled.

Trustee McCarty moved the regular meeting be adjourned. It was seconded by Trustee Severins. All Trustees concurred in a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Approved this 4th day of January, 2024

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