

Regular Meeting March 7, 2024

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, McFadden and Severins. Trustee McCarty and Starkey were absent. Clerk Diane Baker and Water Maintenance/Zoning Jonathan Couture were present. Treasurer Christie Huls was absent.

Community/Business members present: Cindy Duden, Scott Hammond, Johnnie Emkes, Kevin Emkes, Jarrod Acton, Angie Jones, Ryan Jones, Josh Kopmann, Marianne Kopmann and Leon Sieberns all Community Members. Logan Hesterberg, Gifford Community Celebration Member.

Pledge of Allegiance and roll call.

Logan Hesterberg was present to talk about the annual 4th Community Celebration, which will be on Saturday, June 29th, 2024. 5K run, parade, events at Werner-Roessler Park, fireworks south at the Werner-Roessler Park. She said she would contact the County for road closures. If part of Main St closes it will be from Willard St. North to the end of where Jessi Starkey's shop is. There is a wedding taking place and a reception at the Community Building on this date. She also wanted to make sure the Village Board would be contributing this year towards the event. President Pannbacker said they will be contributing \$5,000.00.

Kevin Emkes was present to ask if the Village had received a letter from his lawyer. President Pannbacker said it came in the week before on Wednesday. President Pannbacker said he had talked with the lawyer and will contact him again this week or next if the lawyer does not call him. President Pannbacker said he will work on moving the issue along about drainage east of town on Kevin Emkes's farm ground. Kevin Emkes also said a letter had been sent to Brian Emkes and it had sat on his desk for 9 months. Kevin Emkes also said there was 30 days from the date on letter to disconnect the tile. President Pannbacker will move forward with this.

Jarrold Acton was present to discuss not tearing down the house on Park Street that he previously owned. Jarrod stated some dates were wrong on the paperwork, October 18, 2023 and October 21, 2023. President Pannbacker said they would not reconsider, the house had sat too long with no work present to fix it up, several years. President Pannbacker said that we also received a letter indicating his house on Main St. was also in foreclosure which he, Jarrod Acton, had not made any progress that he could tell of fixing up this house.

Josh and Marianne Kopmann were present to talk about the ordinance changes made for the garage protruding a house. They were concerned about it being an entire ordinance when it only affects two properties in town. Could it not have been a variance. They felt the entire thing was confusing. Marianne would like to see the ordinance changed back. She felt it was done

untruthfully. She said she was very disappointed with the board. Josh feels his property value will go down because of the garage being put up and the board should be accountable for this. He also said no due diligence to changes made.

Trustee Hammond said he did not vote. Jonathan Couture, Zoning and Maintenance said he is not a voting member of the zoning board. He said he sends changes months in advance for the zoning board members to go over, read and review. The zoning board makes changes and votes. Then the changes go to the village board for approval.

Ryan Jones questioned the timing of minutes being posted. It is a month behind being posted because of minutes being approved by the board. Diane Baker, Village Clerk, will send minutes out sooner to be posted online after approval from the board.

Angie Jones inquired about the village hiring a new police chief. President Pannbacker said they had interview two people, neither one worked out. He said other towns are in the same situation, there is a shortage of police officers at this time. County has been in our area and is to respond to calls.

Each Trustee and Officer had been furnished minutes of the last regular meeting of February 1, 2024. Trustee Severins 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 Hammond 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 Harris 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 Hammond made a motion to pay the bills. 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 McFadden made a motion to dispense with the reading of the Treasurer's Report, except for the summary. It was seconded by Trustee Severins. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (4 yes, 0 no). The starting balance in Village accounts as of February 1, 2024 was \$1,125,047.27. Total money received for the month of February 2024 was \$70,511.40 plus \$64.90 interest from CD#15399 and \$64.56 interest from CD#8170. Total expenses for the month were \$60,691.97 leaving a balance on February 29, 2024, of \$1,134,996.16. Corrected Funds on balance received from Treasurer Christie Huls for the Month of December and January. December 2023 starting balance was \$1,063,268.27 and money received for the month was \$75,718.80. Money paid out in December 2023 was \$56,285.17. CD money interest \$62.39 CD#8170 and \$15.03 for CD#15399. Balance on hand for ending December 2023 was \$1,082,779.32. January 2024 starting balance was \$1,082,779.32 and money received for the month was \$80,907.06. Money paid out in January 2024 was \$38,768.38. CD money interest \$64.51 CD#8170 and \$64.76 for CD#15399. Balance on hand for ending January 2024 was \$1,125,047.27.

VILLAGE OF GIFFORD WATER & WASTEWATER REPORT

Total gallons of water pumped for February-1,994,000

Average daily consumption for February-68,000

Transducer went bad in the aeration tank at the WTP switched it out with one that has a removeable head unit.

Replaced broken water service at 314 S Main

Replaced broken water service at 105 Kendall St.

POLICE REPORT- No report.

STREET AND ALLEY REPORT – Trustee McCarty, absent. Jonathan Couture said new culverts need to be placed at the end of the circle behind the school and new culverts on Derrick Rhoades property off Main St.

SANITARY AND STORM REPORT – Trustee Starkey, absent.

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

RESOURCES MANAGEMENT AND PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT – Trustee Harris questioned updating ordinances online.

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

OLD BUSINESS

President Pannbacker said he has received more truck prices. More discussion at the April 11, 2024 budget meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Executive-Cancelled.

Trustee McFadden moved the regular meeting be adjourned. It was seconded by Trustee Severins. All Trustees concurred in a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Approved this 4th day of April, 2024

