

Regular Meeting September 5, 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, Harris, McCarty, McFadden and Starkey. Trustees Hammond and Severins were absent. Treasurer Christie Huls, Clerk Diane Baker and Zoning/Water Maintenance Jonathan Couture were present.

Community/Business members present: Cindy Duden, Angie Jones, Bill Carnahan, Kevin Emkes, Leon Sieberns, Dave Huckstep and Jarrod Acton.

Pledge of Allegiance and roll call.

Jarrod Acton asked about the house the village had demolished on Park St. He wanted to know what cost the Village has put into this. Adam said it was approximately \$50,000.00.

David Huckstep, Homestead Bar Owner, asked about the liquor ordinance and if the board could make a change to the liquor ordinance to accommodate them opening at 6 a.m. They want to open for coffee but thought there might be someone wanting a drink(alcohol)also during the early hours. The board said they would discuss this.

Kevin Emkes and Leon Sieberns were present regarding tile issues East of town. Leon Sieberns and Kevin Emkes are now the only two they said on the drainage district committee. President Pannbacker said he tried contacting the lawyer and was not successful in doing so. Kevin Emkes said he had been fired. Leon Sieberns said "They will force the village to make a decision. If you see a backhoe in the field cutting tile you will know why." The discussion ended.

Each Trustee and Officer had been furnished minutes from August 1st, 2024. Trustee McCarty 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 Harris made a motion to accept the minutes as read. It was seconded by Trustee Starkey. 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 McFadden 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 as read. It was seconded by Trustee Starkey. 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 Harris 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 August 1, 2024 was \$1,112,203.35.

Total money received for the month of August 2024 was \$74,930.29 plus \$65.72 interest from CD#15399 and \$64.85 interest from CD#8170. Total expenses for the month were \$45,583.00 leaving a balance on August 31, 2024, of \$1,141,681.21.

VILLAGE OF GIFFORD WATER & WASTEWATER REPORT

Total gallons of water pumped for August-2,095,000

Average daily consumption for August-67,000

Worked with Hesterberg, put 160 feet 15 inch dual wall on West St.

Fixed all the driveways from the culvert replacement project and Church St. tile.

Dug up the Bio-Reactor due to water backing up and pushing up from the bio-reactor. Found that the wood chips are deteriorating and plugging, not allowing the water to flow through fast enough.

The water tower new paint job is bubbling up. Jonathan will follow-up on this.

POLICE REPORT- No report.

STREET AND ALLEY REPORT- Trustee McCarty, No report.

SANITARY AND STORM REPORT- Trustee Starkey, No report.

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 reported an electrical problem in the concession stand, he fixed it. Trustee McFadden was approached by Nick Carpenter about not having disability access at the ball diamond. The board talked about adding some concrete, possibly by the concession stand to take care of the issue.

Zoning- The zoning board was asked to change the old EI Park to agricultural from Residential. They voted to leave it as Residential. Now presenting this to the Village to make the final decision.

Trustee McCarty made a motion to keep the old EI Park as residential agreeing with the zoning board. It was seconded by Trustee Harris. All trustees concurred in a roll call vote (4 yes, 0 no).

Mr. Saltgaver would like to put up a garage in place of where his pool is West of his house on Kendall St. The garage would be over-sized 36X44. The zoning board has voted yes to this. Now presenting to the Village to make the final decision.

Trustee McCarty made a motion to allow the garage 36X44 on Kendall St. It was seconded by Trustee Starkey. All trustees in a roll call vote (3 yes, 1 no) motion carries.

OLD BUSINESS

Wastewater Treatment Plant Plan still in process.
Fehr Graham-Nothing new to report.

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee McCarty made a motion to Hire Raymond Rich as the New Chief of Police for Gifford. Starting pay will be \$78,000.00 with additional benefits. Voice offer and voice acceptance of position at tonight's meeting. Contract to be signed by both parties before everything is confirmed. It was seconded by Trustee Harris. All trustees concurred in a roll call vote (4 yes, 0 no).

Executive

Trustee McCarty made a motion to move to executive session to discuss personnel. It was seconded by Trustee Starkey. All trustees concurred in a roll call vote (4 yes, 0 no). Moved to executive at 7:25 p.m.

Executive Minutes-Personnel discussion.

Trustee McFadden made a motion to move back to regular meeting. It was seconded by Trustee McCarty. All trustees concurred in a roll call vote (4 yes, 0 no). Moved back to regular session at 8:00 p.m.

Trustee Starkey moved the meeting be adjourned. It was seconded by Trustee McFadden. All Trustees concurred in a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Approved this 3rd day of October, 2024

