

SEPTEMBER 13, 2021

REGULAR MEETING

VILLAGE HALL 6 P.M.

Regular meeting of the Village Board held at the Village Hall and called to order by President Starceвич with the following members present: Loving, Beattie, Willems, Burton, Starceвич, and Johnson. Absent: Olson.

Motion by Loving, second by Beattie to accept the August 9, 2021 regular Board meeting's minutes. Voice vote: all votes were in favor and the motion was carried.

Motion by Willems, second by Burton to authorize the August 2021 bills. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

President Starceвич announced that there is a trustee vacancy left by Dana Brooks to be filled. He appointed Karin Baker to fill the remaining term of trustee. The Board all agreed. Village Clerk Johnson swore Ms. Baker in as Trustee.

President Starceвич reported on the status of chickens in the Village. He noted that Caleb Williams has chickens and a rooster, Jennifer Parker has chickens, and Julian Davison has gotten a permit for chickens, but has not gotten rid of the rooster. The Board agreed that Interim Police Chief Frenell notify these residents of their violations.

President Starceвич inquired about work on driveways from the sewer installations. John Kusek, IMEG Engineer, present and stated that they are working on them and the punch list now.

Jack Kusek gave a sewer update. He reported that Langman Construction is working on the punch list and will let him know when they are done, work was done on the valves at the treatment plant, the blower was going constantly, but taken care of, IDOT sent their papers on the streets, the oil and chip on the streets is being done along with preparing the base, leveling with the grinder, and bids would be let on September 27, 2021 for the remaining streets. He stated that the Board would approve the bid at the October Board meeting; He said Langman Construction was planning to bid. Mr. Kusek stated that Langman will do paving, but the Board stated there was no improvement on the bumps or pot holes in front of the former Jr. High building, and Langman did not mill or shape the street, and manholes were low. Mr. Kusek stated that Langman had blacktop left over so they used it in front of the Village Hall. Mr. Kusek stated that not every street got milled or flattened. Mr. Thorp of the Village Maintenance Department stated that the guys working on the streets told him they did not know what they were doing. John Kusek said he would take another look at the streets.

President Starceвич stated that the streets are not done on the North side, and there are a lot of problems. He said they need to be compacted down, and the end product of the streets need s to be what was said by Mr. Kusek and Langman Construction. Mr. Kusek stated that Langman Construction will be back to do base work, and the South side of the Village needs to be done by the end of October, and the milling machine has been brought back. Mr. Kusek asked if there was someone who could watch over the work, since John Carlson resigned.

The Board asked about the manholes, a vacuum test, and the running fourteen hours straight after the four inch rain. President Starceвич reported a couple manholes seeping, and Mr. Kusek suspects sump pumps as the cause, but will check the ones on the punch list when they are done.

Mr. Thorp reported large vines growing around the lagoon, but the ditches with mesh look good. Mr. Kusek said a mixture was used at the lagoon, but may have to reseed outside the lagoon due to the weeds. Mr. Thorp said they look like pumpkin or gourd vines, and he mowed the grass around the screen and blower. He also said that there are ruts from the machines, and the Board told him to mow to see if the grass comes back.

Mr. Kusek said the billing statement will be \$380,234.37 leaving a balance of \$188,237.62, but Langman Construction still has to do the punch list. Mr. Kusek said there is \$130,388.89 in retainage, and IMEG will hold to the contract. The Board stated that they did not want to pay or pay part due to all the problems.

John Kusek said that he would call Langman Construction and have a meeting with President Starceвич, the contractor, himself about the streets. Mr. Kusek stated that IMEG Engineers do not supervise the contractor's work, but he does inspect.

Motion by Baker, second by Burton to not pay \$380,234.37 or anything more until the street work is done correctly, Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Mr. Kusek reminded the Board that the Village's MFT funds would be used on the South side streets.

President Starceвич reported about the two Main Street buildings, former restaurant and Dan's Pub, the Mary Niles house, and the Chezem house, and that the Farnsworth Group are structural engineers. The Board tabled the matter until the next Board meeting,

President Starceвич stated he still is concerned with residents who were taken advantage of during the sewer installations under the LMI. The Board agreed that it would be the residents involved to take action.

Bryce Frenell, Interim Police Chief, present to report that everything for the squad has been ordered, the Taurus squad has to be jumped to start, the cameras are on hold, he is working on the IT things, and the computer for the car and for the office would cost \$8,000 total including set up with fire wall, storage for body cam is ninety days saved, computer in car sixty-one days lease for \$300 to \$400

for five years then upgrade or keep what we have, and keep legal for the desk top computer. He also stated that there is no one out there to hire.

Chief Frenell stated that the big white truck that was seen belonged to Eric Daves,

Trustee Baker reported several incidents in her neighborhood with noise and drug use. Chief Frenell said that they are working on the drug matters.

Trustee Burton reported on an F150 2021 at \$38,545 or upgrade to a 2022 for 3% more as a squad or a 2022 Explorer at \$42,768 with the same options that Rock Island got plus license and title. Chief Frenell stated he preferred the Explorer with all the Village's electronics, and would look for a grant.

Chief Frenell said he was looking at delinquent vehicles and would like stickers in a fluorescent color in a 4" X 4" size to place on the vehicles.

Chief Frenell said he would order patches and badges for the Police Department at a cost of \$140. The Board agreed

Village Clerk Johnson reported that the Antique Tractor and Engine show would be September 25th and 26th with set up on the 24th at the Rodeo Park.

Village Clerk Johnson reported that the Census had The Village at 668

Motion by Burton, second by Willems to adjourn. Voice Votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried. The meeting was adjourned

Claudine D. Johnson, Village Clerk