

NOVEMBER 1, 2021

REGULAR MEETING

6 P.M.

Regular meeting of the Village Board held at the Village Hall and called to order by President Starcevich with the following members present: Loving, Olson, Beattie, Willems, Bakers, Burton, Starcevich, and Johnson. Absent: none.

Motion by Beattie, second by Burton to accept the October 4, 2021 regular Board meeting minutes. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

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

Jack Kusek of IMEG, engineer for sewer project, present. He reported that all driveways are done, Brandt Construction ran out of oil on Thursday, but came back on Saturday and used a rapid set oil, the total cost is \$174,444.04 and is what was awarded. He stated that the amounts came in less; leveling binder came in on the nose. He also had Langman Construction's App #23 and #24 with \$139,875.87 held back and not paid. Mr. Kusek stated the manhole at Justin Fowler's has elevation 1 7/8 higher, which is 4/10 lower elevation from the west and falls to the east. President Starcevich questioned the manholes.

Mr. Kusek reported that Langman Construction came back to adjust a few items, and he had App #23 at \$380,234.87 and App #24 at \$48,361.65 for a total of \$428,596.12.

The Board agreed to have Advance Mechanical hook up the Village Hall sewer.

Mr. Kusek stated that Lift Station 3E generator needs to be fixed, and will check to see what happened. Lift Station #1 has a bad transducer, Village Maintenance Superintendent Stephen Thorp called it in and was sent one with 75 feet of cord but it needs a longer cord.

Trustee Olson stated that his driveway is not done and no one has come to fix it. Mr. Kusek said that approaches will be done in the spring, and ones that are not done, it is too late now. He stated that Saturday was the last day, and Langman Construction will be back to fix in the spring, along with sidewalks that need to be done, and any roads. The Board stated that 11th Avenue is like a washboard. Mr. Kusek said Langman will fix it.

Motion by Burton, second by Baker to hold back \$200,000 from pay app #23 (380,234.87 – 200,000 = 180,234.87) and pay app #24 \$48,361.45. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

President Starcevich reported that the Village got the new snow plow.

Motion by Burton, second by Olson to pay Brandt Construction when due with no price yet. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Trustee Willems reported that he went around with the Architectural Engineer and looked at the two buildings on Main Street, the Chezem house on Walnut Street, and the Niles house on North 7th Avenue. He said the paperwork would be sent to Attorney Halpin.

Interim Police Chief Frenell present and reported that he had the stickers for the vehicles in violation, and is working on meth/drug problems, is getting ticket books made, the Village needs an ordinance for the tickets, and is not able to find any part-time police officers.

The Board agreed to get the garage door opener for the police at the Village Hall and check prices.

The Board asked about a Christmas Walk. Trustee Baker said the Ladies Alliance will be meeting and will decide on a plan.

Trustee Baker also reported that between South 2nd and 3rd Avenues at Franklin Street a guard rail should be put between her house and the Carlson Apartments on the south side of the street. President Starceovich said the Board should check this area out. The Board tabled doing a new culvert at a 50/50 cost. Stephen Thorp stated that his house on Franklin Street needs a culvert and gravel by West Franklin and the pipe is bad on where the Village drains are.

The Board agreed to check on the Welsh house on State Street due to bad condition of the house, and children living there.

Trustee Burton approached the Board about a junk day in the spring with the township paying half with the Village. The Board agreed to check into who other Village's use.

President Starceovich stated the Michael Chezem needs to be fined for violations, and the Fred Vann property also needs to be checked.

President Starceovich stated that the Board should have a meeting at the C.E. building about the sewer and any complaints after the first of the year.

The Board agreed to change the December meeting to December 13, 2021 at 6 P.M. at the Village Hall due to absences.

Trustee Willems stated that he has a list of trees to come down December 14 – 18, 2021.

The Board agreed to put up snow fence at the John Walsten property and north Seventh Avenue with metal fence posts and range fencing.

Motion by Loving, second by Burton to pass the Ameren Contract Franchise. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Motion by Burton, second by Baker top purchase a furnace for the pump house at a cost of no more than \$2,000. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Motion by Olson, 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