



Village of Industry

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

January 4, 2024

Kiwanis Building

The Board of Trustees, Village of Industry, McDonough County, State of Illinois met on January 4, 2024. President Staci Danner called the meeting to order. Those answering roll call were Trustees Jones, Thompson, Rittenhouse, Wheeler and Black. Also present were Treasurer Black, Superintendent Gorsuch, Clerk Larson and Attorney Erin Laegeler. Absent was Trustee Stuckwisch.

I. Public Comments

- a. Penny Williams was present and informed the Board that she had moved and that her prior residence was not abandoned.

II. Benton & Associates – Doug

- a. Doug with Benton & Associates was present and provided an update on pending projects. The water tank project is ready for permitting. Doug received one comment from the EPA representative and is continuing working towards acquiring the permit. Doug wants to put the project out for bids by 2/1. Final plans and specifications are to be submitted within the week. The Board needs to decide on what the tank design should be. The Water and Sewer Committee will discuss and invite Doug to next meeting. Authorization to bid phase I water improvements to be voted on at the next meeting. Personal issues have caused a delay with park improvements.

III. Minutes and Bills

- a. Trustee Thompson made a motion to approve the Minutes from the December Meeting and pay the bills for January. Motion was seconded by Trustee Black. The vote was unanimous, and MOTION CARRIED.

IV. Village Officials' Reports

- a. President/Mayor Ad Hoc
 1. President Danner spoke with Mr. Scroggins regarding the part-time on-call position. She believes Mr. Scroggins is qualified and available. An employment agreement is ready for him to sign.
 2. President Danner contacted Josh Mercer with WIRC seeking a grant to replace water valves. Superintendent Gorsuch provided an estimate tonight. The first estimate is for 6 inch valve (street shut-offs) and is \$6992.50 per valve. The second estimate is for 4 inch valve and is \$5099.63. There are 52 total valves and it is unknown how many are 4 inch vs 6 inch. ARPA money will not be able to cover in full. Mr. Mercer wasn't aware of any

grants to help. President Danner will be contacting Rural Development for other possibilities.

- b. Clerk Report
 - 1. Nothing to report.
- c. Treasurer
 - 1. Superintendent Gorsuch has purchased a boat and trailer and Treasurer Black will be taking care of documents with DMV.
- d. Superintendent
 - 1. There was an additional water leak located near Highway 67. Superintendent Gorsuch was unable to shut off valves so hydrants were opened to relieve pressure. The leak was repaired and numbers have since improved. However, there is an additional leak somewhere unlocated.
- e. Village Attorney
 - 1. Nothing to report.
- f. Committee Reports
 - 1. Water Committee
 - A. Trustee Jones presented on the cost of Village water vs bottled water, increases in water prices vs the increase in prices of other items, and the value customers are receiving. The importance of setting up a maintenance schedule and having working shut-off valves was emphasized. 17 of the total 52 valves will be replaced with next phase but that remains 2 years or more away.

V. Old Business

- a. The status of the Old Windmill acquisition was discussed. The Lawyer family agrees. They will need sign and have certified. Trustee Jones to call them to discuss signature plans.
- b. Dilapidated Properties
 - 1. W Hickory- There are tires and used oil on property. The EPA will need to be involved. Total cost to demolish for similar house was \$8,000-\$9,000. No action currently and issue will be revisited each month.
 - 2. Reed ST/Miller property-No clean-up has begun. Ordinance Officer Wheeler to issue notice and a ticket to Scott Miller.
 - 3. Nettie Paisley property-The inoperable truck has been towed. Another ticket to issue for an additional inoperable vehicle that was not moved.
 - 4. Cheston Schultz property-The ticket is to be mailed to his FL address.
- c. Trustee Wheeler informed the Board that the Sheriff's Office will serve notices rather than having to send them via certified mail.

- d. Treasurer Black is still waiting to hear back and get agreement for the new tax service provider.
- e. At this time, the Village will not be participating in Glass Recycling.

VI. New Business

- a. Amending the GFL contract was discussed. There would be no extra charge for second container but the container must be used or the trash will not be collected. The contract was amended.
- b. Replacement of holiday lights/decorations was discussed. Four new holders for flags are needed. Six large holders are needed. Costs vary from \$75-\$125 each. 4 out of 6 wreaths remain. The next holiday the holders will be needed for is Memorial Day. Recommendations to be presented at next meeting by Superintendent Gorsuch.
- c. Equipment needs for repairing water leaks was discussed. Superintendent Gorsuch believes the Village needs an additional pump. Looking at acquiring a 4 inch pump and it will be \$500 for inlet and outlet hook-ups. The Village currently has one pump. Superintendent Gorsuch also believes there need to buy a stop and slow sign, chest-waders and neoprene jackets. He estimates \$8000 total for water repair items. Superintendent Gorsuch also requested the purchase of a hand wench for the boat, boat oil, and a plate compactor. The Water and Sewer Committee will discuss and make recommendations. AARPA funding is available.
- d. Water meter replacement was discussed and it was decided that valve replacement was the priority.

VII. Executive Session

- a. None.

IX. Motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Jones and Seconded by Trustee Thompson. MOTION CARRIED and meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Shelley Larson, Interim Village Clerk