



Village of Industry Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes February 1, 2024 Kiwanis Building

The Board of Trustees, Village of Industry, McDonough County, State of Illinois met on February 1, 2024. President Staci Danner called the meeting to order. Those answering roll call were Trustees Jones, Thompson, Rittenhouse, Stuckwisch and Black. Also present were Treasurer Black, Superintendent Gorsuch, Clerk Larson and Attorney Erin Laegeler. Absent was Trustee Wheeler.

I. Public Comments

- a. Misty Thompson was present and had been contacted by the Girl Scouts who are wanting to use the Kiwanis Building up to twice per month. They may be unable to pay the \$25 fee. The Girl Scouts usually met on Saturday mornings and will meet at park if the weather is nice enough. The Board agreed that the fee could be waived as long as the Girl Scouts clean up after the meetings. If there is a conflict, a paying renter would get priority. If Misty is unable to unlock the building, another keyholder should be contacted by the troop leader, Kara Surratt.

II. Benton & Associates – Doug

- a. Doug with Benton & Associates was present and provided an update on pending projects. The water tank project is authorized to bid pending IEPA concurrence. Bidding scheduled to open 3/1/24 and close 3/21/24 at 2pm. The Board will vote a few weeks after that at the April meeting to whether or not to accept. Total budget is \$1.9 million. Advertisement for bids will be posted in the Peoria Journal Star, the Benton and Associates website, and the Community News Brief. It was decided that the shop doors should be insulated and no other part of the building except office.

III. Minutes and Bills

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

IV. Village Officials' Reports

- a. President/Mayor Ad Hoc
 1. The steps in front of the Kiwanis Building are in need of repair. Superintendent Gorsuch has been in contact with a couple of people to get estimates to repair. The steps will need to be completely removed. Superintendent Gorsuch will get ahold of Kendricks for an estimate. It may be possible to use AARPA funds and/or insurance money.

2. President Danner inquired about when the Christmas decorations will be taken down. Superintendent Gorsuch stated that they would be coming down ASAP. There had been a delay due to the recent winter weather.
- b. Clerk Report
 1. Nothing to report.
- c. Treasurer
 1. General fund CD matures on the 9th. Treasurer Black recommended a 19 month CD at 4.16%. Trustee Jones made a MOTION to renew at the recommended rate and term. Trustee Thompson SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.
 2. Treasurer Black made a request to change tax service providers. She had not been getting responses from the current provider. Treasurer Black had been in contact with Carey Calculations to gauge their interest and ability. Trustee Thompson made MOTION to switch tax service providers to Carey Calculations. Trustee Black SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.
 3. The boat trailer has been titled. Must go to DNR in Springfield.
- d. Superintendent
 1. There have been six leaks in town. All of the recent leaks have been in homes. There is still an unidentified leak somewhere in the Village.
- e. Village Attorney
 1. The deed for the Old Mill is in the mail. It will be recorded by Attorney Laegeler when received.
- f. Committee Reports
 1. Water Committee has discussed finding a strategic way to replace valves. IEPA loan appears to be the best way to fund replacement. Some valves will be replaced in Phase II of improvements. The Illinois Rural Water Association is coming in the Spring to help identify those valves needing replaced. Phase II does include repairs to Sullivan Street. Phase II is ready to go next fiscal year.
 2. Ordinance Committee-nothing to report.

V. Old Business

- a. Discuss, consider, and take action on abandoned/nuisance properties.
 1. Hickory St-Owners remain unresponsive. Trustee Jones made a MOTION to proceed with demolition proceedings against Fountian Investments LLC. Trustee Thompson SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED. AARPA money may be used.
 2. Miller property-Attorney Laegeler to issue a letter to Millers for inoperable vehicles and litter.
 3. Nettie Paisley property-The condition of the house is dangerous. A board member will need to get pictures to Attorney Laegeler and she will issue a letter.

4. Josh Miller house-A board member will need to get pictures to Attorney Laegeler and a letter is to issue.
- b. Superintendent Gorsuch's purchase requests were discussed. He is to bring a list with estimates for next meeting and a list of items already purchased. MOTION was made by Thompson and SECONDED by Trustee Stuckwisch to set a pre-approved spending cap of \$10,000. A roll call vote held. MOTION CARRIED.

VI. New Business

- a. The Schedule for 2024 Board Meetings was discussed. Trustee Thompson made a MOTION to accept the proposed schedule. Trustee Jones SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.
- b. Combining the Park and Windmill Committees was discussed. A MOTION was made by Trustee Thompson to combine the committees. Trustee Black SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.
- c. The need for a "No Semi-Truck Sign" on South Alley between Price and Sullivan Streets was discussed. Creating a designated truck route was discussed. Attorney Laegeler will confirm with IDOT rules regarding designated truck routes. Superintendent Gorsuch will look for a sign. Additional need for NO PARKING signs discussed. MOTION to purchase 3 signs made by Trustee Thompson. SECONDED by Trustee Rittenhouse. MOTION CARRIED.

VII. Executive Session

- a. None.

VIII. Other- Trustee Thompson thanked Superintendent Gorsuch for his help with his parents' furnace

IX. Motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Stuckwisch and Seconded by Trustee Rittenhouse. MOTION CARRIED and meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Shelley Larson, Interim Village Clerk