



Village of Industry
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
March 7, 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, Wheeler and Black. Also present were Treasurer Black, Superintendent Gorsuch, Clerk Larson and Attorney Erin Laegeler.

I. Public Comments

- a. Josh Miller was present and raised concerns about why he had not received a warning before a fine for a nuisance property. He stated that he has since cleaned up the porch and removed an inoperable vehicle. He stated he was unaware of the nuisance ordinance and he would have brought the property into compliance with a warning or notification. Mr. Miller requested that the fine be waived.
- b. Penny Williams inquired about when Spring clean-up day would be. Treasurer Black stated that she had not heard from GFL and she would contact them to inquire.

II. Benton & Associates – Doug

- a. The pre-bid meeting was held today and bids will open March 28th. There were five tank contractors and some general contractors at the pre-bid meeting. If we don't close by June 30th, the EPA will want another funding nomination form which has been done for the last 2 years. The application is not in yet for Phase II. Phase II involves replacing all meters and several valves. Doug stated that the required funding nomination form can be easily completed. Completing the Application would be a substantial undertaking and may require an additional special meeting. It was decided that the funding nomination form is to be completed now. Then, the score will be known and then we can proceed with the application during the by-pass period or next year. Doug will present a letter of recommendation at the April meeting.

III. Minutes and Bills

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

IV. Village Officials' Reports

- a. President/Mayor Ad Hoc

- i. There are several unsold children's T-shirt from a number of years ago available. Discussion was held and it was decided these shirts should be sold at pinhook days and any remaining donated to the school to give away.
- ii. Cheston Schultz inquired about the amount of his fine. Attorney Laegeler to notify him of amount due \$248.
- iii. The boat has been titled but still waiting on trailer.
- iv. The deed for the Old Mill has been received.
- v. Discussion was had on Josh Miller's fine appeal. A paragraph will be added to the fines to explain appeal procedures. The fine issued to Mr. Miller was \$150. Trustee Jones made a MOTION to grant the appeal request and Trustee Thompson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the MOTION CARRIED.

b. Clerk Report

- i. Nothing to report.

c. Treasurer

- i. Forms W4 were distributed.
- ii. The new payroll/tax service provider has taken over.

d. Superintendent

- i. There are 85 non-working meters in town. Some residents have been getting large bills due to estimates. Customers that have unusually large bills should contact Keith.
- ii. The requested purchases were discussed. Keith has purchased parts totaling \$5676.77 and still needs to get oil for pumps. He also still needs to purchase 2 trees to connect water meters to the main and to a house. He estimates those cost \$300-\$500 each. \$435 is needed for a packer purchase. The City of Macomb has stated that the Village could borrow one if there was an emergency.
- iii. There are a couple of bids coming for the repairs to the Kiwanis building steps. Bids are expected from Kendricks and Smiley. An estimate for siding repairs should be included.

e. Village Attorney

- i. The deed for the Old Mill has been recorded.
- ii. The Boat has been registered.
- iii. Attorney Laegeler spoke with IDOT regarding no thru truck signs. IDOT did not see an issue.

V. Committee Reports

- a. Water committee-nothing to report
- b. Ordinance committee-nothing to report

VI. Old Business.

- a. Discuss, consider, and take action on abandoned/nuisance properties.
 - i. Hickory Street-Service has been effected. The deadline for response is next Friday.

- ii. Nettie Paisley-There has been no additional progress or payment. The Board will proceed with Court action.
- iii. Scott Miller-No progress has been made. The Board can proceed with court action. Another notice to issue for dogs at large.
- iv. Trustee Stuckwish presented a list of properties that have been identified as potential issues:
 1. 110 N Main-Staircase
 2. 204 E McGowen-Driveway
 3. 112 E Main-Items in the backyard
 4. 303 E Main-Junkyard
 5. 201 E Bailey-Burned-out house
 6. Steve Mays need a reminder to move trailer
 7. 405 S Price St-Non-working vehicles behind house
- b. Discussion was held about purchasing new flying flags and welcome banners. There were eight flags just purchased and they cost \$9 a each. "Welcome" banners cost \$119 each. Trustee Stuckwish made a MOTION to purchase two "Welcome" banners. There is no need for any additional brackets. Trustee Jones seconded and the MOTION CARRIED. Trustee Stuckwish will order the banners and ARPA funds are to be used.

VII. New Business

- a. Several items relating to the Old Mill site were discussed.
 - i. The Clerk will call RMA to add the site to the insurance policy.
 - ii. The Trustees Stuckwish and Wheeler have put together a list of projects to have Superintendent Gorsuch give to RWE to obtain estimates.
 - iii. It was decided to pull the electric meter until completion of inspections.
 - iv. The Old Mill will be 100 years old next year. A celebration in-conjunction with Pinhook Days was briefly discussed with public acknowledgment of the Toland Family's contribution.
- b. Various projects at Pinhook Park were discussed.
 - i. There are two boys wanting to make Eagle Scout and they have inquired about doing projects at the park. Re-doing the stage has been presented as one possible project. The Scout has been looking into getting the required lumber donated. A second potential project would be repairing the broken benches and tables. These projects would be completed on a timeline that shouldn't interfere with Pinhook Days.
 - ii. Electrical upgrades to Pavilion will not be covered by the grant. Superintendent Gorsuch will contact Chris Toland for an estimate on cost.
 - iii. Superintendent Gorsuch will get an estimate for a 360-degree camera under the pavilion and advise the Clerk if a purchase request needs to be on the agenda for next month.
- c. Term expiration for Village Officials was discussed. Trustee Stuckwish contacted the County Clerk for a listing. Trustee Rittenhouse's position will need to be voted on this election cycle. The petition will have to be filed in December of 2024.

- d. Discussion was held on the posting of Village Ordinances. The certified copy is to be posted on the Village's website. Wording will be added to tickets to notify that ordinance is available to view online. Keith can distribute a flyer by 7/1 with notice that ordinance is in effect and is available to view online.
- e. ATV stickers should be ready for distribution by next week. Superintendent Gorsuch and Trustee Thompson will sell the stickers. Completed forms are to be made available to the Clerk to establish an electronic database.

VIII. Executive session

- a. None was held.

IX. Other

- a. Orange cones and a no parking sign to put in front of firehouse.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Shelley Larson, Interim Village Clerk