

VILLAGE OF MCLEAN

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

DECEMBER 2ND 2024

President Hammel called the Regular meeting of the Board to order at 7:00pm. Wille, Kirby, Mattson, Page, Gordon all present, VanDyke Absent. Mark McGrath and Eric Fulk Via zoom. Also in attendance; Chief Belvery, Courtney Nelson, Sgt Miller, Greg Rutherford, Susan Cameron, Jeani & Mark Lane, Greg & Amy Ummel, Howard Ahlstrom, Debbie Giesel, Henry Dawdy, Sandra Sheldon & Tom Ludlam.

Kirby made a motion for Courtney Nelson to be recording secretary for tonight's meeting only, Page- 2nd all ayes, motion carried.

Wille, Kirby, Page, Gordon and Mattson – Roll Call Vote all ayes motion carried. VanDyke Absent

MINUTES APPROVAL: Gordon makes motion to approve monthly November 4th regular Board meeting minutes. Kirby- 2nd all ayes. Motion carried. VanDyke Absent

MONTHLY BILLS – Gordon makes motion to approve and pay all monthly bills, Kirby 2nd. All ayes. motion carried VanDyke Absent

OPPOURTUNITY FOR PUBLIC:

Howard Alstrom- lights in park look great, asked if the public works add more each year, Greg Rutherford said yes, he would like to add more. Ray Schnuke was the one who donated most of the village decorations that the village has now. Howard asked if the village put on events to raise money for new lights, Page says Village should not put on events, the Community Hall has only kept doing things because of Mardel Bottles. President Hammel states we budget a few thousand dollars for Christmas decorations and lights. Howard asks if Core could help with the Christmas decorations, Hammel stated to reach out to the core and see if they would help. Has mayor or board members looked into hiring a new law firm to represent the Village of McLean? Hammel states he is happy with the law firm we have now.

Henry Dawdy- Noticed a lot of light poles around town with lights out. Could he tag the light poles so we would know which ones need to be replaced? Rutherford states if you notice a light pole with a light not working, reach out to the Public Works department or the Police Department and we can contact Ameren to get them fixed.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS-

Police- Chief Belvery new Tasers should be here in the next 2 weeks. Hudson got on board with our training so they are paying ½ of the training cost for the new Tasers. Everything else is going well.

Public works- Christmas lights got put up thanks to Greg Ummel and Curtis Gordon. New water service on Wood Dr. \$1200 Sewer and \$1200 Water hook-up per our ordinance. Finished the concrete pad by fire station. The project was estimated to cost \$28,000 and it was done \$1944.90 under budget leaving

the cost of the concrete work at \$26,055.10. Rutherford wanted to point out that if everything had been bid out with prevailing wage \$135,000 would have been the cost to have the concrete pad done with a company. So, with that being said the town was saved \$108,000 for the guys doing the work themselves. There were also 3 volunteers who helped us in finishing the concrete, they are Dennis Rich, Mark Sherman, and Michael Schriber. Find it in the kindness of your heart to get these guys something for all of their help, Hammel stated he is working on providing them with something to thank them for all of their work.

Water Dept. – Courtney states everything is going well bills are all going out ok. 53 people on ACH payments and 242 emails for water bills each month.

Audit – Heather states audit is taking longer since last time due to the reports from EJ, auditor is having trouble putting everything together. Bills are going well. Bills are the ones that are due the second of next month before our board meeting so those are included in here as well so they do not charge late fees. Page speaks up and stated she doesn't understand why we are getting so many late fees when they have at least 28 days from the time they send the bill out before it is due. Heather also states she was unaware of all of the reporting she needed to do being the treasurer so she is reaching out to the companies to get a list of all reports they are needing. Heather states she didn't know because she was never trained for this position. Page called an HR meeting for Thursday 12-5 at 6pm.

Plat Approval- Subdividing the house apart from the land, Gordon makes a motion to approve Meyer Hill subdivision final plat. Mattson 2nd all ayes. VanDyke Absent

Chief of police status- Chief Belvery states he will be gone by May of 2025.

Depot Lease Renewal – Tom is looking for a 2 year lease from March 1st 2025 – March 1st 2027.

The lease for the train depot discussion has been tabled for next month.

Unemployment Charge against Village – We received a charge against the Village but we did not dispute it since the claimant wrote reason for separation was that they quit. \$5,500-\$6,000 charge against the village. Unaware anyone could get unemployment for quitting. Wille makes a motion to file the dispute letter for unemployment. Mattson 2nd. Kirby and Page No, Wille, Mattson, Gordon, and Hammel Yes. VanDyke Absent Motion Carries.

Striping- The new concrete by Firestation needs striped for better parking, will have to visit the striping after the winter.

Christmas Bonus- Page made a motion for the Christmas bonus for full time \$1,500 and \$750 for part time employees. Wille 2nd. Page, Kirby, Wille yes, Mattson and Gordon No. Hammel voted yes. VanDyke Absent, Motion Carries.

Office Manager Vacation- Needing clarification if Courtney has vacation right now? Gordon made a motion to grant Courtney 1 week of vacation starting immediately. Page 2nd All ayes, motion Carries.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08Pm by Hammel

Respectfully submitted,

Courtney Nelson

Recording secretary for meeting 12-3-2024.