

Committee (COTW) Meeting Minutes

Public Safety, Parks, Building & Facilities, Cemetery, Refuse, Water Sewer, Streets Alleys, Finance, Economic Development and Personnel

Monday February 12, 2024

Meeting Called to Order: 6:00 P.M.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:45 P.M.

ATTENDANCE		PRESENT	ABSENT & EXCUSED
Village President	Jason Beam	X	
Trustee	John Taylor	X	
Trustee	Karen Brandau	VIA PHONE	
Trustee	Amanda Johnson		X
Trustee	Dan Galle	X	
Trustee	Sam Bennett	VIA PHONE	
Trustee	Ryan Franck	X	
Administrator	Steve Brown	X	
Administrative' Assistant	Connie Johnson	X	
Village Clerk.	Sarah Jern		X
Village Attorney	Attorney Jacobs		X
Audience	ESDA Director, Leonard Guild		X

Public Comments:

* Lynn Willis, Lavonne Nimrick, Jeremy Stach presented changes they would like to make at The Kitchen Restaurant which include a night menu on the weekends and a request for a liquor license being issued to serve alcohol drinks with the meals.

Public Safety:

- *Review Police report, discuss dog vaccination violation and refuse violation. Reported that the village full-time officer will be delayed on his starting date due to an injury.
- *ESDA no report.
- *Discussion of Street closure June 22, 2024, for Hometown Bar and Grill Street dance, they are requesting the closure of Center St. from Prospect St. to the alley on West side.

Parks:

*Discussion of Dog Park location, due to the water tower placement and the maintenance of the well the size needs to be decreased. Prices for fencing will be obtained which will include a divider to have two sections in the area. The temporary fencing will need to be moved to Hand Park for Baseball season

at this time. If there are enough temporary fences to utilize for the Dog Park, they will be used until permanent fencing can be installed.

*Discussion of bench and lamp post placement reviewed the map of College Square for placements. Quotes will be gotten to run the electricity to the lamp post. Discuss using funds from this year's budget to purchase a few benches for the park, then adding more in the future.

*Discussion of Grade School community project, some options possibly are planting trees and flower and landscaping the area or a mural project. Will be reaching out to the school and discussing this project further.

*Discussion of Arbor Day event, organizing Arbor Day planting will continue and paperwork will be completed for the Proclamation.

Building and Facilities:

*No items to discuss

Cemetery:

*No items to discuss

Refuse:

*Discuss Village wide cleanup and yard sale dates, May 3rd & 4th will be sale dates and May 10th will be cleanup date.

Water Sewer:

*Discussion of Mobile Home Park leaks, the owner would like consideration of sewer rates decreased during the cold months if she has pipes freeze and leaks occur due to the draining of the runoff water area. The only requirement of the Village is to read the main meter and bill accordingly the village has been very accommodating with the switch over, and further responsibility was previously agreed to be the owner's responsibility.

*Discussion of water rate increase for ILEPA loan, a proposal was submitted to V & K which included a water rate increase, potentially in two phases. A letter will be sent out to residents with an explanation stating that an increase is required by the ILEPA to receive funding for the rehab of the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

Streets Alleys:

*No items to discuss

Finance:

*Reviewed and discussed January 2024 finance report

*Reviewed and discussed Preliminary bills list

*Discussion of BO fence, the Village will offer BO to apply for an Improvement grant to assist with the cost of fencing being installed.

*Discussion of Vacancy W. side of 124 W Exchange Street Building, prior rent on the building was \$600 monthly which included water and renter was responsible for electric bill. Discuss continuing the same agreement for future renters.

*Discussion of 2024-2025 budget, Income projection was compared to last year's budget as looking into the projection for the new fiscal year budget. Further budget discussion will continue in March.

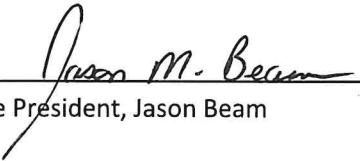
Economic Development:

*Discussion of the Kitchen proposal, Lyndar Innovations LLC would like to take on a partnership with Lavonne Nimrick and Jeremey Stach. They would like to add supper hours on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 5-9, with that they are asking the Village for a liquor license to serve beer and wine. Discuss setting some parameters prior if the liquor license is issued.

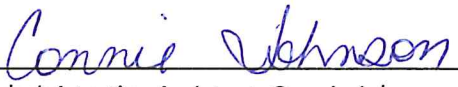
* Update on FFA mural project, FFA is having a contest for a mural design that will be 15 x15 and digitally printed. This will be hung on the side of the building in the Kwik Shop drive area. FFA will present mural designs to the Village Board.

Personnel:

*No items to discuss.



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Administrative Assistant, Connie Johnson