

Committee (COTW) Meeting Minutes

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

Monday August 21, 2023

Meeting Called to Order: 6:00 P.M. Meeting Adjourned: 8:00 P.M.

ATTENDANCE		PRESENT	ABSENT & EXCUSED
Village President	Jason Beam	X	
Trustee	John Taylor	X	
Trustee	Karen Brandau	X	
Trustee	Amanda Johnson	X	
Trustee	Dan Galle	X	
Trustee	Sam Bennett	X	
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:

* None

Public Safety:

*Discuss and review Police report and Community Service officer report. Discuss some individual children that are being disrespectful to our parks and patrons (multiple incidents involving cursing, bullying others, not responding to authorities when talked to, vandalizing and mistreating park property) Discuss serving them a No Trespassing order with a year time frame.

*Discuss ESDA report, there was no report. The village is currently looking into a method to secure the new siren.

*Discussion of Downtown building safety, Fines have started reoccurring due to time frame guidelines not being followed through at 117 W Exchange, 100 N East, 121 N Prospect. All building inspections of the properties have been completed and submitted to the lawyer. This will continue to be handled through the lawyer.

* Discussion of 2023 Trick or Treat Hours, Tuesday October 31st was discussed from 5:30 to 7:30.

Parks:

*Discussion of Park projects, fencing will be done in a couple more areas and blacktopping around volleyball and basketball courts. Discuss styles and sizes of light post, prices have been received. Further evaluation of the number of light post need and placement as well as style and size will continue.

*Discussion of playground equipment originally ordered equipment is not available at the price quoted. Alternative options available are a smaller climber available now or the one previously ordered at full price next spring.

*Discussion of Park facility reservations, when using the pavilion for an event the advantages and disadvantages were discussed for opening for public use or limiting usage to community events and organization usage. A packet will be put together stating requirement and usage directions of the pavilion kitchen. Organizations and village events will be allowed to use the kitchen and opening to the public may be evaluated in the future.

*Discussion of Park events for September, September 23rd FFA will hold their Homeless Night at College Square and the Methodist church will hold their event times are coordinated for these events. September 16th is the Backyard BBQ & Beer Fest events will be held throughout the day and evening. Street closure will include East ST., Main ST. and Center ST. portions will vary throughout the day per event.

*Discuss September 30th/October 1st Artisan Market at Henry County Fairgrounds and movie in the park with a display of American Graffiti cars. Closure of Main ST. & East ST. is requested for September 30th during movie in the park.

Building and Facilities:

*Discussion of Village owned property sales, the Food pantry will purchase village building at 123 W Exchange, the village building at 132 W Center will then be on the market for sale.

*Discussion of lighting upgrades for Village Buildings, with utilizing rebates available to upgrade to LED lightings prices quoted as follows: Village Office \$1,770.00, Waterworks \$1289.00, Basketball & Tennis Courts \$1500.00. Discuss this is an opportunity for the Village to upgrade the lighting.

Cemetery:

*No items to discuss

Refuse:

*No items to discuss

Water Sewer:

*No items to discuss

Streets Alleys:

*No items to discuss

Finance:

*Reviewed and discussed July 2023 finance report

*Reviewed and discussed Preliminary bills list

*Discussion of purchase of village properties, Upper St land which will be used for future lift station has a purchase price of \$25,000. The Parcel areas in alley behind businesses on East and Exchange ST. was also discuss for village purchase. Paperwork is being prepared for the properties.

*Discussion of Donation request, The Village will sponsor 2 sets (4 tickets) to the Artisan breakfast with proceeds going to FFA. These tickets will be given away at the Backyard BBQ cruise in.

*Discuss United Way donation, investigate amount given last year and donate the same amount this year.

*Discussion of Audit, Discuss for Trustees to review the packet. The auditor will be present at the August 28th Board Meeting to discuss the Audit and answer any questions.

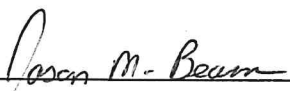
Economic Development:

*Discussion of Downtown storage ordinance, the ordinance prepared by the Village lawyer has memorandums that have supportive documentation with it per zoning codes. This will move forward with new building sales.

*Discussion of Bank Orion Ribbon cutting Friday August 23, 2023, they would like to present the Village with a donation for their service in helping them with the process. Discuss using the donation for a score board at college Square with Bank Orion listed as a sponsor toward the scoreboard.

Personnel:

*No items to discuss



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Administrative Assistant, Connie Johnson