Village of Illiopolis Board Meeting Minutes

May 2, 2022

Mayor Rogers called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A roll call was taken, all members were present except J. Swick.

**Agenda**

The agenda was adopted as presented.

**Minutes**

J. DeVore made a motion to approve the April 18th meeting minutes with B. Honea seconding. motion carried

5-0-0.

**Visitors**

**David Mendenhall, Sangamon County Board Rep. along with Bill Lee, Director of Emergency Management were present to discuss the installation of a communications tower along with a small building for equipment. There would also be construction of a fence around the area. It would be located south of the old water tower on Mt. Pulaski Road. R. Reed asked if the water tower was functional and he was told no. B. Honea asked if the tower was on historical registry and he was told yes. D. Koonce made a motion to open negotiations with the Sangamon County Emergency Management for the location of a communications tower with B. Honea seconding.**

**A roll call vote was taken, motion carried 5-0-0.**

**Tony Caccomo with Heartland Ventures presented the Board a proposal from his company and Mid America Green Energy for the purchase of the Illiopolis Industrial Rail Site. He also mentioned that the Waddell site would be a good location for a grocery store.**

**Open Forum**

**Treasurer’s Report**

**Economic Development Report**

Attorney Segatto's comments on the two solar proposals are under review with their legal departments; update expected at May 16th board meeting.

Waddell property appraisal received today (May 2nd) from the estate.  Will provide copy to Segatto and the board for their review.

Engineer advised that cores have been drilled for the Phase II Environmental and awaiting lab results.

**Engineering Report**

**Old Business**

**New Business**

B. Honea made a motion to approve the Luna building permit for a garage with M. Pevler seconding. Motion carried 5-0-0.

**Dilapidated Property**

**R. Reed mentioned about a couch that is still sitting in a yard and the Mayor said he contacted the homeowner and he also contacted the garbage company and he will do a follow-up call.**

**Comments**

**D. Koonce said he wanted discussion of weekend hours on the next agenda. The Mayor said that no applications had been turned in for the weekend/on-call position. The Board agreed to run the Help Wanted Ad for another 2 weeks. Dave Shaw is going to be working on his driveway and wants to remove the pipe at the end of it. It was damaged several years ago and does not drain properly. The board said it was okay as long as it doesn’t take too long. The Mayor had people asking about the rental fee of the Park and in his opinion for years we never did charge a fee and now that we get money that goes to the parks, he didn’t think it was necessary. R. Reed asked where the money comes from and he was told by the Mayor that we get gaming revenue that goes toward the parks. D. Koonce said that if we don’t charge a fee that we should get a deposit. B. Honea made a motion to remove the park fee with M. Pevler seconding. A roll call vote was taken, motion carried 5-0-0. The anonymous letter that the village received was discussed. The board agreed if it’s not signed, just to get rid of it. M. Pevler asked who is responsible for the gutters/culverts along Matilda and he was told, the village is. His is in need of replacement.**

D. Koonce made a motion to adjourn at 7:10pm with R. Reed seconding.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lori Correa, Village Clerk