Village of Illiopolis Board Meeting Minutes

February 7, 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**

Agenda was adopted as presented.

**Minutes**

J. Devore made a motion to approve the January 17th minutes with D. Koonce seconding. Motion carried 4-0-1. B. Honea abstained

**Visitors**

 **Open Forum**

Tony Caccomo mentioned that one of his employees is now a new resident of Illiopolis. He thanked everyone for supporting his Open House.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Treasurer mentioned we received the check for reimbursement of CURE purchases, the insurance claim check and Ameren Land Lease payment.

**Economic Development Report**

Taft Appraisal Group completed the appraisal for the former Formosa property and the board approved payment.  The Springfield/Sangamon Growth Alliance had committed to paying 1/2 of the total fees of $5,500, and the Village the other half.

The Village's Economic Development Committee for 2022, David Koonce, Rodger Reed and Diane, took a walk-through of the Waddell property on Jan. 22nd.  Kuhn and Trello will be conducting a structural engineering inspection at a cost of $2500.  The Board approved.  Diane suggested the Board might want to do an appraisal on the property.  Attorney Segatto agreed and stated municipal-owned property requires an appraisal.  Diane will report back to the board with firm names and pricing.

D. Koonce made a motion to perform an Engineering Study at a cost of $2500 on the Waddell Buildings. B. Honea seconded Roll Call taken All Ayes 5-0-0

Ameresco will be attending the next board meeting on Feb. 21st to present their solar proposal for board consideration.  Diane reached out to the other two solar developers offering an opportunity to address the board.

Diane contacted Greg Hutchinson regarding a bid to clear brush and concrete pads on the recently appraised industrial property.  They will schedule time in the next 2 weeks to inspect the property.

**Engineering Report**

**Old Business**

**New Business**

D. Koonce made a motion to appoint Cathy Mitchell as Temporary Clerk. B. Honea seconded. Roll Call taken Motion Carried All Ayes 5-0-0 Attorney Segatto recommended that C. Mitchell be appointed Assistant Clerk when the new clerk is appointed so that she can step in when needed.

D. Koonce made a motion to approve the building permit from Stephens for the construction of a new house at 280 W. Matilda. R. Reed seconded Motion Carried All Ayes 5-0-0

J. Devore made a motion to adopt Resolution 22-2 changing the Board Meeting time to 6:30 p.m.

R. Reed seconded. Roll call- all ayes Motion Carried 5-0-0.

Employee Handbook was discussed.

**Dilapidated Property**

**Comments**

B. Honea asked for an update on the Peden Building. Mayor said it is current on everything.

J. Devore thanked Public Works for their plowing. He proceeded to ask what the Village can do to get the roads cleaned better. A discussion was held on the plowing issues and peoples complaints. Mayor Rogers mentioned that he just found out that the blade for the big truck needed parts and that was why it was not in service. He also said that if he had that information sooner he would have made arrangements to get assistance with plowing.

D. Reinhart asked about the alerts coming from E J regarding the snow plowing. Mayor Rogers said that EJ Water can reach 95% of the households where the SAM alert system only has aprox. 200 people signed up.

Mayor Rogers let the Board know that the valve that was put in at FS was not a part of the meter project.

B. Honea made a motion to adjourn at 7:07 pm with M. Pevler seconding.

Respectfully Submitted,

Catherine Mitchell, Temporary Clerk