**Village of Illiopolis Board Meeting Minutes**

**May 1, 2023**

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

D Koonce made a motion to approve the April 17, 2023 meeting minutes as presented seconded by J Devore All ayes Motion carried 5-0-0

Visitors

Trisha Hildebrandt and Mike Nunn were these to give an update on Illiofest plans. The committee asked if they could close a couple of streets uptown. They have spoken with the businesses and they have their approval. A tent would like to be put up on Friday and left until Sunday on Mary Street . The Board had no problem with either of these requests. Insurance and licenses are in progress and also the route for the 5K.

Seth Flach from MG Engineers gave an update on the Storm Sewer Project. The project is now in progress on Matilda Street. He updated the Board on the Village’s responsibilities concerning sidewalk removal and placement of rock after removal until settling and new concrete is put in. The culverts are also being replaced with metal instead of plastic. M. Pevler asked about the driveways. These will be put back by the construction company to their prior surface. The easement has been signed and possible tree removal will be needed in that area.

Thomas Rigdon was present to explain about locating the water lines. The Mayor reminded him that locates are to be done from the street to the sidewalk but not on personal property. A new Sawzall was also requested and bids will be brought to the next meeting.

Open Forum

Treasurer’s Report

C Mitchell mentioned that the Village year end was April 30th. The budget is also in process and she hopes to have something for the next meeting. The treasurer also mentioned that there are a lot of extra expenses being incurred with the Storm Sewer Project and the engineer stated there are probably more to come.

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Economic Development Report

Engineering Report

 Mayor Rogers said that he was told by Phil Weber that the drainage had been checked out at Westside Park and says that everything is as it should be. The problem is a blockage on the south side of Beaman. Attorney Segatto will send a letter about disrupting the natural flow of water. The engineers report will be included.

Old Business

Fence at Westside Park was discussed. R. Reed will contact General Fence and request an updated bid for next meeting.

The climbing equipment and the wooden picnic table at Westside Park were discussed. The Municipal League recommended to get rid of the climbing equipment because it is dangerous according to National Standards and keeping it will incur a big increase in insurance and liability. D Koonce made a motion to declare the climbing equipment and picnic table as surplus property, R Reed seconded Roll Call All ayes 5-0-0

D Koonce made a motion to sell the climbing equipment with a minimum bid of $500 with R Reed seconded Motion carried 5-0-0

The Video Gaming Terminal Ordinance was discussed. After the discussion D Koonce made a motion to repeal the original Ordinance with J. DeVore seconded Roll Call all ayes motion carried 5-0-0

New Business

Mayor Rogers did the Swearing in of Trustees; Rodger Reed, Dave Koonce and Judson DeVore.

J DeVore made a motion to approve the Haylee Embrey memorial raffle license with M. Pevler seconding All ayes 5-0-0

A brief discussion was held on the bids for the concrete pads for the new benches in Wabash Park. D Koonce made a motion to approve the bid from Hutchins for $950 with M Peevler seconding Motion carried 5-0-0

J. DeVore gave an update on the Hazardous Mitigation plan. J. DeVore made a motion to approve Resolution 23-06 in Support of the Hazardous Mitigation Plan with B. Honea seconding Roll Call all ayes motion carried 5-0-0

Dilapidated Property

Mayor Rogers said there are still safety issues with the old Methodist Church. Attorney Segatto said another letter will have to be mailed to the owner.

Comments

B. Honea mentioned the construction company needs more traffic control especially during the times when school is starting and then lets out as the traffic is heavier at those times.

D. Koonce informed the Board that some upkeep on the Formosa Memorial needs done. There will be weeding and spraying of weeds and then possible river rock or pebbles be put in. Mayor Rogers mentioned there could possibly be scouts looking for a project. Township has also said they would assist.

J. DeVore asked if there were any updates on the Dye Road crossing. Mayor Rogers said he had spoken with the track supervisor hoped to have it taken care of by the 5th of May.

Mayor Rogers said the golf cart stickers are in and letters have been sent for renewal. He brought up that the cost for a No Outlet sign in Kelsan Heights will be around $50. He also mentioned that a request was given for the possible installation of yield signs at the intersection of Cherry & Prairie Run and also Foster & Prairie Run. This and the possibility of removal of yield signs at the intersection of Foster & Beaman will be discussed at the next meeting.

B Honea made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:21pm for the sale or lease of village property M Peevler seconded Roll Call all ayes motion carried 5-0-0

B Honea made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 7:52pm with J DeVore seconding Roll call all ayes motion carried 5-0-0

R Reed made a motion to authorize the sale of the Waddell building for 80% of the appraised value with B Honea seconding Roll call all ayes motion carried 5-0-0.

R Reed made a motion to explore usage of Business District funds for eligible costs of improvements with a not to exceed cost of $25,000. D Koonce seconded Roll call All ayes Motion carried 5-0-0

D Reinhart mentioned that they are looking into Illinois EPA grants on behalf of the Sunny View Homeowners association to be able to connect to the Village sewer system.

B Honea made a motion to adjourn at 8:00pm with M Pevler seconding.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cathy Mitchell, Assistant Village Clerk