

Village of Illiopolis Board Meeting Minutes

November 6, 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.

Agenda

The agenda was adopted as presented.

Minutes

D Koonce made a motion to approve the October 16, 2023 meeting minutes seconded by S McIntyre, with R Reed abstaining all ayes Motion carried 4-0-1

Visitors

Jim McDaniles was present to update the board on Village Public Works items. The material has come in for the Matilda drainage project and will be picked up this week. He hopes to start on it the week of the 13th. J McDaniles reported that the street sweeper didn't do as good a job as expected. He felt that 70% of the curbs were cleaned and 30% still needs more work. Public Works is currently working on leaf removal. Mayor Rogers asked if Public Works had been in contact with the Fire Chief about the hydrant at Dollar General. J McDaniles said he spoke to Brad Stewart and the suggestion of removing dirt is a trip hazard. He was told by Brad that he would figure something out. Issues with the red dump truck were mentioned.

R Reed asked the Mayor about the status of the hydrants replacement and the Mayor told him that he had contacted several governmental offices and they are looking into possible funding options. S McIntyre asked if the ring for the water meter that was damaged by Public Works had been replaced. She was told it had.

Open Forum

Treasurer's Report

C Mitchell mentioned that the water bill for the water purchased from URWC has been consistent for the last few months. She also informed the board the payment to IML for the Village insurance will be going out this week so the discount can be taken.

Economic Development Report

R Reed gave an update on the Ameresco solar project. They are currently in the Development Phase. He also had a conversation with Joe Watts to see how his work on his property (Old Waddell Dealership) is progressing.

Engineering Report

Phil Weber said the bid letting for the sidewalk work was held on 10/31/2023. Christy Foltz presented a bid of \$86,880 and Hutchins Excavating presented a bid of \$49,920. D Koonce made a motion to accept Hutchins bid of \$49,920. S. McIntyre seconded. Roll Call vote was taken, all ayes motion carried 6-0-0 West side park had the survey done and the results came in today. Phil will look them over and figure out a plan.

2024 MFT resolution items were discussed. \$50,000 for sidewalks and \$50,000 for road work. D Koonce and R Reed asked about possible future road work in the Village. Discussion followed.

S McIntyre made a motion to approve the MFT Resolution 2023-14 and seconded by D Koonce. Roll Call vote was taken, all ayes motion carried 6-0-0

Old Business

J DeVore made a motion to approve the Auditors report for Fiscal year 2022-2023 with D Koonce seconding. Roll call vote was taken all ayes Motion carried 6-0-0

New Business

M Pevler made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2023-10 for the tax levy in the amount of \$28,342 with B Honea seconding, roll call vote was taken all ayes motion carried 6-0-0.

Discussion was held on the tree bid. Only one bid was received for Leka Tree. R Reed would like the tree on Third street added and D Koonce would like the gumball tree on Elizabeth removed from the list. R Reed made a motion to accept Leka's bid with a not to exceed of \$7,800 with B Honea seconding. Roll Call was taken all ayes motion carried 6-0-0

Discussion was held on the possible changes to the current garbage ordinance. Attorney Segatto said that language needs to be updated and changes need to be considered. He recommends everyone reads the proposed ordinance and discuss at future meetings.

Dilapidated Property

Mayor Rogers stated that the property at 217 N. Dye Road has been sold and cleanup has begun. D Koonce asked about status of the house owned by Affordable Homes. Nothing has been done. Mayor Rogers mentioned that he had talked to Tony Cacomo with Affordable Homes about possibly having GFL use their property for staging area for the new toters until they are distributed.

Comments

D Koonce wanted to thank everyone who helped the scout projects with their projects at the Formosa Memorial and also at Westside Park. It was mentioned that the sign at the north end of the park could use some rock there.

J DeVore was confused on the toters for the church and whether or not people had to call to get service. Letters from GFL Environmental had been sent to current residents that you needed to call to opt in for recycling or request an extra toter. Waste Management also stated they will be sending out letters to the Staff areas concerning the service there.

Mayor Rogers said he was asked if the staff areas would be able to participate in the clean up day event. Discussion followed, no decision was made.

Mayor Rogers informed the board of the 8% rate increase from URWC for the purchase of water. He also asked the board to review the reports from URWC that they were given. D Koonce said he would like a breakdown on why the increase is necessary. R Reed and B Honea have been added to the URWC email list for minutes etc. They meet every quarter.

There will 2 public hearings prior to the next meeting. One is at 6:10 pm for the closing out of the old Storm Sewer Grant and the one at 6:20 pm is for the new Storm Sewer Grant.

D Koonce made amotion to go into Executive Session at 7:27 pm for personnel with S McIntyre seconding. Roll call was taken all ayes motion carried 6-0-0

D Koonce made amotion to come out of Executive Session at 7:35 pm for personnel with S McIntyre seconding. Roll call was taken all ayes motion carried 6-0-0

D Koonce made a motion to adjourn at 7:37 pm with S McIntyre seconding. All ayes 6-0-0

Respectfully Submitted,
Cathy Mitchell, Village Assistant Clerk