**Village of Illiopolis Board Meeting Minutes**

**August 18, 2025**

Mayor Reed called the meeting to order at 6:00 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 August 4, 2025 meeting minutes seconded by S McIntyre All Ayes Motion carried 5-0-1 B Claypool abstained

Visitors

Jeff McKinney was inquiring about a building permit for a porch and deck. The building permit will be on the next meeting agenda. Three residents from Sunny View were in attendance to show their support for the annexation of Sunny View into the Village and also to support the request for the Village to apply for a feasibility grant for sewer in Sunny View.

Michael Coffman, the auditor for the Village, presented the audit findings for FY24\_25. The Village had no findings and is fiscally sound.

 Open Forum

Treasurer’s Report

Treasurer gave a report on the July income and expenses. J Devore made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s report as presented with B Claypool seconding All Ayes Motion Carried 6-0-0

Economic Development Report

Mayor Reed updated the board on Ameresco project. The project has been accepted and they will be using approximately 30-35 acres. Clearing of the land on the Formosa property should begin in the fall. A representative from Ameresco will be attending the meeting in the near future.

Engineering Report

S Flach from MG Engineers gave updates on the current grants. The bid opening was held on the Storm Sewer Grant on Elizabeth and a Notice of Award will be approved. The Lead Service Line Inventory is in the process of preparing to bid the project. Phase 1 of the oil and chipping of the roads is completed. Phase 2 which is Kelsan Heights will be completed next year. Phase 3 which is the rest of town will be completed the following year after the Storm Sewer work is completed.

Old Business

A discussion was held on the possible annexation of Sunny View and the Feasibility Grant. The Grant is 100% reimbursable so the Village. The grant will show costs associated with adding lines to the sewer plant and any upgrades needed to handle the extra homes.

S Perry made a motion to apply for the Feasibility Grant with D Koonce seconding Roll Call All Ayes Motion Carried 6-0-0

The mayor and public works looked at the backhoe the Township is considering selling. The Backhoe needs new tires and some work on a bucket but seems in good shape. It is newer than the current backhoe and has a few new features. The asking price is $48,000.

D Koonce made a motion to proceed with purchasing the backhoe from the Township with a not to exceed price of $48,000 with S MCIntyre seconding Roll Call All Ayes Motion Carried 6-0-0

 New Business

The bid opening for the new Storm Sewer Project was held. The lowest bid was from Groundworks Constructing Inc.

D Koonce made a motion to award the contract for the Storm Sewer to Groundworks Contracting inc with S McIntyre seconding. Roll Call All Ayes Motion Carried 6-0-0

D Koonce made a motion to issue a raffle license to Resurrection Parish for their Chicken Dinner with S Perry seconding Roll Call Motion Carried ?All Ayes 6-0-0

Dilapidated Property

Sangamon County has not responded back yet on the properties they are investigating. Mayor Reed would like to add another property to that list. The tall grass on the corner of 7th & Anne street has been contacted and taken care of.

Comments

B Honea commented about the dirt bikes in town. The mayor will reinforce to the county to keep a watch out for the mini bikes and 4 wheelers on the streets .

Mayor Reed says he has not heard of a start date on replacing the hydrants.

S McIntyre made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 pm., with B Claypool seconding All Ayes Motion Carried 6-0-0

Respectfully Submitted,

Cathy Mitchell, Village Clerk