

Village of Grantfork
March 4, 2024, Meeting Minutes

Village Hall

Prepared by Theresa Levora, Village Clerk

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Trustees present: Carla Crawford, Wendy Reinacher-Heilig, Ryan Hoepfner, and Nancy Schoen. Others present: DeDe Lohman, Brett Bruhn, Phil Decker, and Theresa Levora.

Cheryl Michael, Marissa Dunn and Justin Rottmann were absent.

No Additional Visitors.

Minutes from the Previous Meeting

1-22-24 minutes ordinance has old board members names. On the 2-5-24 minutes under Old Business, the Village is only responsible for “regular” maintenance and upkeep of Lagoon Road. Not improvements. We have not received a payment from Brad and Vanessa Michael since 2020. We need to send them a paper invoice.

Nancy never received Phil’s test e-mail.

Carla made a motion to approve the minutes with changes made. Seconded by Nancy. All in favor.

Treasurer’s Report

Eventually the budget info will be included on the P&L statement.

Power has been paid out of the General fund but should have come out of Sewer. That will be reclassified.

Excavating was done at Lagoon Road.

The stop payment was from a customer who wrote their check out of the wrong account.

Brett is researching the sales tax.

Carla motioned to approve the Treasurer’s report, Ryan seconded. All in favor.

Authorization of Bills

Carla asked if we are over budget on legal fees. Brett needs to check on that.

We have a lien on 204 William Street for 17K.

Wendy asked about an anti camping ordinance so people don't squat. There is an ordinance from Alton that we are considering.

Ryan motioned to authorize the bills, seconded by Carla. All in favor.

Bradford Bank has offered to match the Bank of Hillsboro CD rates. We will keep the waterworks at Bradford and move the rest of the accounts to Bank of Hillsboro. The plan is to put the CD proceeds and interest into a new CD. The credit card with Regions Bank needs to have the name changed from JoAnn. Both Phil and Justin would like their own credit cards. DeDe will get a new Sam's card.

Email notices went out for automatic deduction on the due date of the bill.

151 emailed invoices.

Brett is working on direct deposit employee payroll. Hoping to get the next checks sent straight to the bank.

Marissa, Ryan and Nancy will be attending the Public Works Committee meeting on March 14th at 7:00.

Brett has contacted a couple of audit companies to get bids.

A Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 28 at 7:00.

Ordinances and Resolutions

Resolution to sell the property at 301 Locust. The Board is in agreement.

Code Enforcement

Comp Plan Committee

The Plan is completed. One more payment is due for the remainder of the grant.

Public Safety

Relief Center primary is Wendy, secondary Nancy. The budget numbers are being finalized with regards to the cameras. Not sure how these will work with the in car video. We go live with the body cams on 1-1-25. There should be grant funding available but we don't know how much yet. Justin met with IT on the storage. Storing to the cloud is very expensive and is intended for large departments. There is a 90 day retention on the body cam videos. We will probably go with local storage. A server will last 5-7 years. We would have to replace the existing server which is 5 years old. We would need one server for the body, car cameras and one for day to day operations. Cost for one server would be approximately 2700.00. The communication camera project has been approved. We have permits from everyone but Ameren. The joint use with Ameren poles will go hand in hand with the Christmas lights. Two tires were replaced on the Explorer. Justin and Officer Troup were both accepted to train as Master Threat instructors. It will be 4 weeks/160 hours of training.

Nancy asked what was found on Locust St. A drone was found, the owner did not want it back.

4 wheel vehicles need to abide by the same rules as cars. We will spread the word on social media that permits and inspections will be required.

Public Works

The snow plow needs updated head and strobe lights and a new drag chain.

Had a few meter leaks in the last month. One lost 180K gallons.

It is the plan to get the mailbox installed this week. That should save us 1K per year in PO Box rental fees.

Also plans to take down the Bradford Pear trees next to the parking lot.

Haven't heard anymore from Schultz Road. He has filled some holes. We are not responsible for any improvements, only maintaining.

Old Business

204 William has been cleaned up.

Nancy asked how long the public library is going to stay. No skateboarding will be added to the code of ordinances. Fireworks come under noise ordinance. We don't need a Parks Chapter but will issue permits for the use of the gazebo. No charge but it will release us from liability. No special wording required for breast feeding in public. The Planning Commission and Zoning Board will be combined and have the same members. All business must have licenses. Subdivision code to be reviewed by Juneau.

New Business

Adjourn

Ryan motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Nancy. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:55.