

**Village of Pocahontas
Board Meeting
Monday April 24, 2023 6:00 P.M.**

Meeting called to order by Village President Karen Heilig. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Adam Evans, Matt Hawley, Dave Crawford, and Loni Hensler were sworn into office. Roll call was taken with Adam Evans, Susie Kovach, Jeff Weiss, Matt Hawley, and Dave Crawford present. Trustee Tim Palen was absent.

March Minutes:

Karen asked if there were any additions or corrections to the March minutes. Susie made a motion to accept the March minutes as presented. Jeff 2nd – Roll call on motion, with all yes, motion approved.

Bills:

April bills were presented to the Board for their approval. Susie made a motion to pay bills as written with a 2nd by Matt. Roll call on motion, with all yes, motion approved.

Public Comment

Dave Crawford spoke about the picnic tables at the ball diamond. He advised he is just going to revamp the tables out there. What does need to be addressed are new electrical breakers. At least 8 new ones will need to be purchased. The water lines in the bathroom are busted. This is going to take a lot of time to address and it was suggested to get a plumber. Discussion was held about seeing if there are some volunteers that would help with the repairs. Otherwise, Dave will get 3 bids and present at the next meeting. They will see if Dany will take the wall down before getting estimated. Matt advised he has some heavy-duty chemicals to kill mold that he will spray in there as well.

Village Attorney – Ryan Connor/Lou Laugges

*Lou advised that the agreements from Keeven and Tut should be ready before the next meeting.

*Lou asked for a copy of last year's appropriations, and he will take a look at them.

*The handbook is still being worked on.

*The McGuire Lane title change will be tabled until some more research can be done.

Water/Sewer

*Loni went over the list that Danny gave to her

*There was more vandalism done to the men's bathroom at the park.

*Karen advised that most of the equipment we have is in disarray. We will slowly be repaving/repairing the equipment needed. We will need a new trailer for the mower. We have one but it is currently not in the best shape. On one of the lawn mowers the gear shaft is out.

Building/Zoning:

*Don advised that there has not yet been any more progress done on 210 W National St

* #1 State has been listed by a realtor.

*Joe will be oil and chipping both storage units and Lenjos parking lot.

*ZBA will be having a meeting on May 9th.

*Letters will be sent out for derelict vehicles, trash, and grass violations.

*The property where Leisure Lounge used to be has weeds all grown over. It was addressed that the ditch is state property, but the Village might need to do something about the other portion.

Police:

*Angie advised that her and Frank did a sniff at the prison. He got injured but is fine now.

*The police computer is currently on windows 7 but to utilize the needed programs, they must have Windows 10 or higher. Loni will contact the IT department to get this rectified.

*Angie advised that the Village currently doesn't have any evidence bags, narcotic testing supplies, or a scale. Evidence bags are needed. The cost to get these items is \$330 and the price without the scale is \$230. Susie made a motion to purchase evidence bags, scale, and needed narcotic supplies. Matt 2nd, roll call on motion, with all yes, motion approved.

*Currently we do not have any ticket books to write Village ordinance violations. Susie made a motion to buy a universal ticket book for \$304. Adam 2nd – roll call on motion, with all yes, motion approved.

*Ordinance violations fees will need to be discussed and a fee scale will need to be made.

*The Explorer is back

*The board would like the Crown Vic be put for sale and possibly the Charger. This will be discussed at the next meeting. Lou advised he would draft something up for the sealed bid for the Crown Vic. It was priced at \$80-\$100 to remove the light and switchbox from the Crown Vic.

*Angie advised that she has a degree in Emergency management. She spoke with one of her old professors at WIU. If it works out, we might be able to get one of the students that are working on this degree to help us with grant writing as an internship. More details will come later.

*Angie took care of an emergency while she was not on duty. It was expressed that she should be paid compensation for this. Adam made a motion to pay for the time that it took to take care of the emergency. Susie 2nd, roll call on motion, with all yes, motion approved.

Financial Committee

*Karen advised that she would like to form a financial committee to help with guidance on budget and projects. This will consist of 5 community members, the mayor, and 1 trustee. Right now, the following are on the list: Jennifer Rick, Brenda Kleinik, Sandy Kuhn, Jim Moore, Tim Palen, and Karen. Adam made a motion to create the Financial Committee. Susie 2nd, roll call on motion, with all yes, motion approved.

Repairs for Park Roofs

*Goestenkers and R & R Construction were contacted for quotes. We only received one quote. The repairs are for 3 pavilions, little league buildings, and the bathrooms. We will need to get 2 more bids. This issue will be tabled until next month.

Donation to the School

*Jeff made a motion to donate \$100 to the school. Matt 2nd – roll call on motion, with all yes, motion approved.

*Discussion was held about grants to update the lift stations. We will check with Rural Development.

Cost of Living Resolution

*Susie made a motion to go into closed session at 7:16 PM to discuss personnel matters. Adam 2nd – roll call on motion, with all yes, motion approved.

*Karen called the meeting back to order at 8:03 PM, with no action taken in the closed session.

*Susie made a motion to increase Danny's pay to \$28 per hour and note that he would receive a 3%-5% cost of living increase. Matt 2nd – roll call on motion, Matt, Susie, Jeff, and Dave with yes and Adam abstaining from vote, motion approved.

*Adam made a motion to increase Jacob's pay to \$15 per hour. Matt 2nd – roll call on motion, with all yes, motion approved.

*To date, there have been 5 golf cart/side by side approvals.

*There was a report of a large tree limb in the park.

*Next month we will appoint a ZBA member to replace Matt.

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 PM