

**Village of Pocahontas  
Board Meeting  
Monday June 26, 2023 6:00 P.M.**

Meeting called to order by Village President Karen Heilig. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call was taken with Susie Kovach, Jeff Weiss, Matt Hawley, and Adam Evans present. Tim Palen and David Crawford were both absent.

**May Minutes:**

Karen asked if there were any additions or corrections to the May minutes. Matt made a motion to accept the May minutes as presented. Adam 2<sup>nd</sup> – Roll call on motion, with all yes, motion approved.

**Bills:**

June bills were presented to the Board for their approval. Adam made a motion to pay bills as written with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Matt. Roll call on motion, with all yes, motion approved.

**Attorney – Ryan Connor**

Ryan advised that Lou Laugges left the company. He brought an associate, Matt Eberly, to the meeting advising Mike will be attending the meetings that he cannot attend. Ryan also advised that there will be an additional associate, also named Mike, that would attend as well.

The handbook is still pending as there is a need for tandem updates and the part-time leave will need to be added.

Ryan suggested that the Mayor get approval to enter into a contract with Danny as he does not have this available yet.

Ryan went with the same Appropriations as last year but wants the Board to have some realistic numbers for this next year.

The lawsuit for #1 E State St has been settled. The new owners paid \$1700.00 of the attorney fees which is a win for the Board. He advised that the Board would need to approve the dismissal. Ryan also advised that the previous owners will be paying the outstanding water bill they have with the Village. Jeff made a motion to accept the \$1700 for attorney fees as well as the water settlement. Matt 2<sup>nd</sup> – roll call on motion, with all yes, motion approved.

Ryan sent and recorded the Annexation Ordinances with the County. The County needs the original plat descriptions.

Frank needs more information for the ordinances.

Adam made a motion to approve the Appropriation Ordinance. Matt 2<sup>nd</sup> – with all yes, Ordinance 6-26-23 was approved.

**Public Comment**

Molly Kious was present and wanted to ask where we stood on the Decibel Ordinance. She was advised that once the ordinances are recodified, we can look into it. Ryan suggested forming a committee to investigate this. It was also suggested that potentially change the directions that bands play.

**Committee Reports**

The Electric Committee met and is looking to remove the vehicle sticker and change the title of water bills from that to utility bill. They would like, in place of the vehicle sticker, to add \$1 per bill per month and for it to go into the Street Lighting fund. This will need to be submitted to legal before moving forward.

Nuisance Committee - They would like to see the Building Inspector's job description be laid out.

Ordinance Committee – They would like a drop-dead date on when the ordinances will be recodified; when do fines start and what are the charges; trash needs cleaned up immediately;

abandoned vehicles need to be removed; there was also discussion as to the limit of all other animals besides cats and dogs. Also, the animals need to stay in pins.

### **Water/Sewer**

They reviews the list of some of items the Public Works guys worked on for the month.

Loni advised the board of the list of items that are needed. Some Board members feel that the list should go through a committee and line out what is needed most.

Adam made a motion to purchase the Z997R John Deer mower for \$21,000.00. Susie 2<sup>nd</sup>- with all yes, motion approved.

Andy also advised that there are 2 lawn mowers in the shed that are broken down. We will need to make a list of what is over there to sell.

### **Buildiing/Zoning:**

Don advised that here have been 16 permits to date for 2023 given out.

The mobile home on State St has been delivered and the camper should be down by this weekend.

1 E State has been purchased but no permits have been given out yet.

### **Police:**

The Crown Vic is ready to be sold. This will be done via sealed bid. Unsure about the Charger right now. The proceeds will go to the police fund. We can put the ad for sealed bids in the Advocate, notice on the door, WGEL, and Facebook. These will be accepted until the Friday before the Board meeting.

Angie advised that the fundraiser made approximately \$230 to go to K9 Frank's surgery for his constant bloat. The cost of the surgery is \$4500.00

Training dues are due August 1<sup>st</sup> which are \$250.00 of which the Board advised they would pay.

Angie advised that we need to look at getting cameras for the parks.

Rob & Tyler will be working the picnic.

We will need to update the Rental Property Ordinance/Committee

### **Fireworks at Lenjos**

Adam made motion to allot \$1000.00 donation for the fireworks at Lenjos and if they don't have them later, should they not be able to do it on the 4<sup>th</sup>, the money will need to be given back. Susie 2<sup>nd</sup> – roll call on motion, with all yes, motion approved.

### **Village Hall Hours**

Karen would like to update the village hall hours. Adam made a motion to amend the hours within a reasonable availability. Susie 2<sup>nd</sup> – roll call on motion, with all yes, motion approved.

There was a discussion about the part-time hours. We will need to figure out how many hours were left.

### **Playground**

Susie advised she has spoken with Vicki Tift about a Farmers/Craft market. Sue would like to see about having bingo or festival to raise funds for various things. She would like to have this on September 23<sup>rd</sup> to coincide with the Dale Lindley Memorial Softball Tournament. She will get more information later.

Adam brought up that the ZBA needs to meet to rezone the annexed property north of town. We will need to see if the ZBA can meet on the 18<sup>th</sup> of July to rezone the property.

Karen advised that she is looking to have a Halloween parade for Halloween.

### **Miscellaneous**

The Firemen's Picnic is on July 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting adjourned at 8:01PM