

**Village of Pocahontas  
Regular Board Meeting  
Monday June 24, 2024, 7:00 P.M.**

Meeting called to order by Village President, Karen Heilig. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call was taken with the following trustees present: Matt Hawley, Sue Kovach, Dave Crawford, and Adam Evans. Trustees Danny Beard and Tim Palen were absent.

Karen asked if there were any additions or changes to the minutes. Adam made a motion to accept the June 10, 2024, minutes as written, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sue Kovach. Roll call on motion, with all yes, motion approved.

Karen asked if there were any questions about the presented bills. Sue Kovach made a motion to accept the bills as presented, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Matt Hawley. Roll call on motion, with all yes, motion approved.

Attorney – Michael Geaschel

Consideration/Action: Problematic Property – Michael advised that he will file to take this to court next week. He will ask the judge for an injunction with a court order to stop the burning and collecting of trash.

**Consideration/Action:** Zoning Text Amendment – Michael advised that we will hold off on creating this until all ordinances are recodified. He anticipates having this completed at the August meeting.

**Update on Truck Stop:** Sunny is currently trying to obtain a bond. The reason for the hold up is that normally it is the contractor asking for the bonds and not the developers.

**Update on Easement:** The landowners are asking for too much money to get the easement. This leaves no other choice but to change the route of the sewer line. The engineers are working on the updated plans.

**Consideration/Action:** Approval of *AN ORDINANCE REGARDING THE RENTAL OCCUPANCY PERMIT GUIDELINES*. Matt Hawley made a motion to approve the updates made to AN ORDINANCE REGARDING THE RENTAL OCCUPANCY PERMIT GUIDELINES, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Adam. Roll call on motion, with all yes, motion approved to create ordinance 624-24.

**Consideration/Action:** Approval of *AN ORDINANCE REGARDING THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR*. Susie made a motion to approve AN ORDINANCE REGARDING THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Matt Hawley. Roll call on motion, with all yes, motion approved to create ordinance 624-24-2.

**Consideration/Action:** Approval of *AN ORDINANCE REGARDING THE RESIDENTIAL RENTAL OCCUPANCY INSPECTION CHECKLIST*. Matt made a motion to approve AN ORDINANCE REGARDING THE RESIDENTIAL RENTAL OCCUPANCY INSPECTION CHECKLIST, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sue Kovach. Roll call on motion, with all yes, motion approved to create ordinance 624-24-3.

**Water/Sewer:**

A list was presented in what was completed/worked on.

Briar asked the board what size and kind of generators he should look for for the lift stations. He was advised to find a licensed electrician and get their advice.

Since the quotes for sidewalks were larger than what was budgeted by MFT, it was advised to have Briar and Randi remove the concrete and see what sidewalks can be installed with the MFT funds.

*Attorney Michael Geaschel made a comment to remind the public that they can only make comments when the mayor approves you to speak or at the public comment section. Also, he advised not to have side conversations while the meeting is being conducted.*

**Building/Zoning:**

There were 2 people that put new roofs on that did not come get a building permit.

**Police:**

Rob advised that Tyler would be working for the Village both nights of the picnic.

**Consideration/Action:** *Make next LPR camera payment or cancel* - Adam Evans made a motion to pay the \$1000.00 to remove the 2 LPR cameras that the Village purchased and to cancel the subscription, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Matt Hawley. Roll call on motion, with all yes, motion approved.

**Consideration/Action:** *The purchase and upgrade of LOCiS* – Adam made a motion to purchase the LOCiS system software and upgrade for \$6,500.00, with Sue Kovach 2<sup>nd</sup>. Roll call on motion, with all yes, motion approved.

**Consideration/Action:** *Add referendum to the ballot to add \$1 to water bills to take the place of the Vehicle Fee* – Adam made a motion to add a referendum to the ballot to add \$1 to water bills to take the place of the Vehicle Fee, with Matt Hawley 2<sup>nd</sup>. Roll call on motion, with all yes, motion approved.

**Consideration/Action:** *Adding to the ballot the name changing of the Gretchen Wilson Park back to the American Legion Park.* Karen asked to hold on to that until Gretchen has been made aware.

**Consideration/Action:** *Approval of Appropriations Ordinance:* Adam made a motion to accept the presented Appropriations Ordinance, with Matt 2<sup>nd</sup>. Roll call on motion, with all yes, motion approved. Adam also advised that we need to start looking at next year's Appropriations by November of this year.

**Consideration/Action:** *Possible water rate increase.* It was decided to table this and send numbers to the water/sewer committee to discuss.

**Consideration/Action:** *Process for when building permits are not obtained.* The question was brought up as to what to do when someone fails to obtain a building permit as it is not fair to those that do/have gotten their permits. Once the ordinances are completely codified, we can add that to one of the ordinance violations.

**Consideration/Action:** *Donating money to Lenjos for the annual fireworks display.* Sue made a motion to donate \$1,000.00 towards the fireworks display, with Matt 2<sup>nd</sup>. Roll call on motion, with all yes, motion approved.

**Other Items:**

The Revive & Thrive Tribe will be having their fishing tournament this Saturday at 8am. The park committee will utilize the next meeting to discuss things that are moving forward.

**Public Comment**

Dave Clark was present and wanted to ask what the board decided about turf tires being permitted on the grass at the park. He was advised that the board decided to keep it as not to allow motorized vehicles on the grass.

Amanda Bodj wanted to ask when the ordinances would be in effect and how to make a complaint on issues with neighbors.

It was questioned on how we were going to control the growing number of cats in the village.

Adam made a motion to go into closed session at 8pm, with Matt 2<sup>nd</sup>. Roll call on motion, with all yes, motion approved.

The meeting was reopened at 8:16 pm, with all members still present.

Matt made a motion to close the meeting at 8:16 pm, with Adam 2<sup>nd</sup>. Roll call on motion, motion unanimously approved.