

**Village of Pocahontas
Board Meeting
Monday March 11, 2024, 7:00 P.M.**

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

March 11th Minutes:

Loni read the minutes from the previous meeting. Karen asked if there were any additions or corrections to the March 11, 2024, minutes. Matt made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Danny 2nd, roll call on motion, with all yes, motion approved.

Bills:

Bills for February 26th, 2024, through March 11th, were presented to the Board for their approval. Susie made a motion to accept bills as written with a 2nd by Matt. Roll call on motion, with all yes, motion approved.

Public Comments:

Michael Romshek – was here to present another layout of the apartments. He stated that each room would be approximately 350-400 square foot. There were questions for him about occupancy. He advised that each apartment should only consist of 1 or 2 residents.

Committee Reports:

Matt advised that the ordinance committee met and would like to recommend that the Village adopts the proposed ordinances with some suggested changes as follows:

23.1 must be approved prior to being in place.

Section 39 has to do with city stickers – the suggestion is to eliminate that section altogether.

They suggest increasing trash \$1 every April 1st since our trash services will be going up during that time as well.

The Building Inspector responsibilities have already been added but there were some revisions which removed the 40hours per week.

Include the rental inspection ordinance once this has been approved.

They would like the Building Inspector duties, Rental Occupancy overview, and Rental Inspection checklist be sent to Ryan.

Attorney – Ryan Connor:

No update currently.

Water/Sewer:

The report provided some highlights of what the Public Works was working on from 2/26/24 through 3/11/24, which include: marking of JULIES, change oil in Chevy pickup, open park and bathrooms, change water valve on meter on Kavanaugh, replaced guts in toilets in bathrooms, installed alley signs, change hydraulic fluid in backhoe, ordered plexy glass for playground equipment, put rock in several driveways and side of road, replaced batteries in trail cams as well as installing one at the dump.

Karen acknowledged Randi for all of the hard work she has been doing.

Randi advised that some of the wood on the bathrooms will need replaced.

More signs have been ordered.

They will be installing the plexiglass on the playground equipment.

Due to vandalism in the past, the bathrooms will be locked at night.

Randi is working on the MFT totals.

Building/Zoning:

The truck stop is getting close to pouring concrete.

IDNR is working on a fish survey to know if the pond needs restocked. In order to do this, we would need to shock the pond.

Don is waiting for an estimate from Slatton for riprap and dam clearing of trees. He is looking for a grant to fund this project.

Don advised the building code books that we are working with are approximately \$600 total.

Police:

Angie advised that she would not be able to schedule a grant writing class until around July, August, or September. She is also in contact with her former professor, and he will be working with her to get caught up to be able to write grants.

Angie wanted to suggest that the Village look into purchasing 4 – No soliciting signs to post at all entrances into the Village.

She also advised that there have been reports of people driving their golf carts and side by sides on the grass at the parks causing damages.

Old Business:

Loans for Lift Station – Susie, Matt, and Karen went to Bradford Bank and the Bank of Hillsboro to inquire about the loans. Susie provided information from the Bank of Hillsboro but won't have anything from Bradford yet as they need an additional document.

New Business:

***Consideration/Action** – *ZBBA Appointments*. Gene Mollett's term was up in February, and he is not seeking reappointment. Bev Mollett has also decided to give up her position. The person replacing Gene would have a 7-year term and the one that would replace Bev would have the term until February 2025.

Matt made a motion to adopt Resolution 2024-03 which outlines the Bond County Mitigation Plan. Tim 2nd the motion – roll call on motion, with all yes, motion approved.

Matt made a motion to reimburse Kris Parent for the recording fee for his property that the Village should have taken care of prior to now. Susie 2nd the motion – roll call on motion, with all yes, motion approved.

Karen announced there is a big yard sale on Frey Meadows this weekend.

Matt made a motion to go into closed session at 8:04 PM, for personnel reasons. Susie 2nd the motion – roll call on motion, with all yes, motion approved.

Karen called the meeting back to order at 9:27 PM. Roll call was taken with Susie, Matt, Danny, and Tim being present.

Tim made a motion to adjourn and Matt 2nd the motion – meeting was adjourned at 9:28 pm