

Village of Pocahontas

Regular Board Meeting

Monday October 28, 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: Sue Kovach, Matt Hawley, Dave Crawford, Pat Forhan, Adam Evans and Danny Beard Jr.

Also present were Randi Smith, Diane Griffith, Mel Griffith, Amanda Bodi, Brenda Kleinik, Don Hawley, Rob Kenny, Ryan Connor, and Jennifer Rick.

Approval of Minutes

Sue made a motion to accept the minutes as read, Dave 2nd – roll call on motion, with all yes, motion approved.

October Bills

Sue made a motion to accept the bills as presented. Adam 2nd – roll call on motion, with all yes, motion approved.

Attorney – Ryan Connor

Ryan advised that he is working on the ROW dockets for USDA. He needs a map of the streets and that is the last step for the ROW. He does also need to get some information from the engineers.

Problematic Property – They had a court case last week and is set to go to trial in February 2025.

210 W National – The owner transferred the house to her daughter. The residence still needs cleaned up but has not been able to. The Village can cut the grass, but a lien will be put on it.

Truck Stop Update – There was a meeting, and the Village was threatened with a lawsuit from the landowners. Work on this has been stopped until things are rectified. Currently the engineer is redrawing the design to see if the lines can be run on the east side. We have been trying since April to get an agreement.

Water/Sewer

A list was provided of some of the projects Public Works had worked on since the previous meeting.

Randi advised that they were able to find the culvert on Stewart St and are doing repairs.

The water tower inspection went well.

They wanted some guidance as to when they should put the Christmas lights up.

Building/Zoning

The fence ordinance needs to be done as soon as possible as there are individuals wanting to install fences and want to know the requirements.

Don wanted to suggest making a change to the Mobile Home Ordinances that any new mobile/modular home be installed with fireproof skirting.

Don gave some pricing on large generators and smaller stationery.

Don has been doing inspections at several locations.

He has a preliminary inspection at Tahoe Commons tomorrow.

There are some rentals that have new occupants that have not yet been inspected. Letters will need to be sent to those owners.

Police

Rob advised that a 2nd round of Ordinance letters have gone out.

Jon Carter works with County and will be starting at the Village soon. Rob also said there is an officer that is from Okawville that is interested in working some daytime shifts.

Consideration/Action: Pay Raise for Police

Adam made a motion to raise new part-time police to \$25 per hour and to raise Rob's pay to \$28 per hour. Matt 2nd – roll call on motion, with all yes, motion approved.

Creation of Appeals Committee:

No action currently. Karen will seek individuals interested in this.

Consideration/Action: Approve Diane as signer for the Reciprocal Agreement

Sue made a motion for Diane to sign as the Reciprocal Agent liaison. Danny 2nd- roll call on motion, with all yes, motion approved.

Consideration/Action: Donation to Pocahontas Food Pantry

Matt made a motion to donate \$500 to go towards the food pantry. Sue 2nd – roll call on motion, with all yes, motion approved

Consideration/Action: Donation to Shop with a Cop

Pat made a motion to donate \$250 to Shop with a Cop. Matt 2nd - roll call on motion, with all yes, motion approved,

Discussion:

Karent wanted to see about donating to the school to go towards kids who have a lunch service balance. The 1% grocery tax could be used towards this. She will check into it more.

Public Comment:

Don Hawley wanted to suggest that the finance committee meet and discuss the Tax Levy. We will utilize the meeting next week as the committee meeting to discuss this. Due to the elections being the next day. We will hold this meeting at the Masonic Lodge.

Sue advised that we are waiting for information from the auditors for the lift station loan.

The next SIMPAC meeting will be in May 2025. They are hoping to get this program going again so that it will help us with our Comprehensive Plan.

A question was brought up as to why we can't have the water for the truck stop. Currently we don't have the infrastructure or this and the inter-connect charge could be very significant. We can check with Bond Madison to see about the Village getting the water.

Pat made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Adam 2nd the motion – meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

