

**Village of Pocahontas
Board Meeting
Monday March 25, 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, Dave Crawford, Adam Evans, and Danny Beard Jr present. Trustee Tim Palen was 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. Susie 2nd, roll call on motion, with all yes, motion approved.

Bills:

Bills for March 12th, 2024, through March 25th, were presented to the Board for their approval. Adam made a motion to accept bills as written with a 2nd by Matt. Roll call on motion, with all yes, motion approved.

Public Comment

Jared Gilomen, who purchased 706 W Johnson, and Justin & Riva Weiss, owners of Rampart Range, were present. They were concerned with the boring of the sewer lines for the truck stop. Jared requested documentation of the easement. Currently, the construction company is going through both properties and had received no permission from them. They requested that all work be stopped until things are taken care of properly. Also, the construction company needs to barricade where they dug as it is currently an open hole. The board agreed that work cannot continue until they get the proper permits. Don will go to the site and talk with them in the morning.

Michael, with Globe Life insurance, was here and gave a small presentation as to what they have to offer.

Attorney – Mike Eberle

The ZBA will need to have a meeting to approve the new Zoning classes.

They can create a dog ordinance but just need more clarification on the subject.

The Occupancy, Rental Inspection Checklist, and Building Inspector Job Duties Ordinances were discussed and will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

Water/Sewer

A list was presented for what was completed since the last meeting.

Karen wanted to note that they are doing a wonderful job.

Before approving the MFT totals, Danny and Adam both offered to work with Randi and go over it with her.

Hail damage for the brown truck was presented. The Charger and K9 car will be going in also.

Before we sell our large generator, we must have fixed generators on the lift stations.

Building/Zoning

Don gave an update on the progress of the truck stop. He advised that there is still no access for through traffic for Robinson Cemetery Road and will talk with them again.

Slattons quoted \$21,000 to fix the dam. He has the grant ready to see if we might be able to get some funding.

Don advised that IDNR shocked the lake in 2019. Every other year they stock the ponds. IDNR also has set rules for the ponds: 6 fish daily limit, a 15-inch limit, and only 3 large-mouth bass.

Don has the State Forrester lined up to look at the trees in the park around mid-April. He is looking into a walking track, which could cost quite a bit. He wanted to get permission to price this out with some engineers.

The website should be up and running by April 15th. He gave local businesses the forms that Moonlighting Computer provided to describe their businesses.

Police

- No update

Old Business

We are still waiting for information from Bradford Bank about the lift station loan. Tomorrow Susie and Matt have appointments with The Bank of Hillsboro, Bradford Bank, and First Mid to discuss prefunding for the water line project.

Brenda Kleinik was appointed to the ZBA to replace Bev Mollett and Mel Griffith will take Gene Mollett's place.

New Business

Trash rates will go up April 1st. Matt made a motion to raise the trash fees for residents from \$18.50 to \$19.77 as of 4/1/24 until the next contract year. Adam 2nd – roll call on motion, with all yes, motion approved.

Adam made a motion to go into closed session for personnel at 9:12 PM. Susie 2nd – roll call on motion, with all yes, motion approved.

The meeting was called back to order at 10:07 PM. Roll call was taken, with all members still present. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 PM.