

**Village of Pocahontas
Board Meeting
Monday May 6, 2024, 7:00 P.M.**

Meeting called to order by Village Trustee, Susie Kovach. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call was taken with the following trustees present: Matt Hawley, Sue Kovach, Dave Crawford, and Adam Evans. President Karen Heilig and trustee Tim Palen were absent. Attorney Michael Geashal was present via phone.

April 22, 2024 minutes

Adam Evans made a motion to accept the April 22, 2024 minutes as written. Danny Beard 2nd – roll call on motion, with all yes, motion approved.

Bills from April 23, 2024 through May 6, 2024

Matt Hawley made a motion to accept the bills presented from April 23, 2024 through May 6, 2024. Danny 2nd – roll call on motion, with all yes, motion approved.

Public Comment

Don Hawley advised he got a quote to update the current playground equipment which would be approximately \$8,000. He met with a State Forester and is waiting to hear back with his suggestions. It was noted that there are some harmful trees in the park. Don asked for permission to get quotes to remove these harmful trees. The board has no problem with him doing this.

Truck Stop Update:

RuAnna with IDOT still wants a turning lane installed on the road. This will need an Intersection Design Study. Pat Netemeyer suggested to the Board that possibly having a speed reduction to 35 mph might help the situation. Michael Geashal will check into getting a petition together to reduce the speed from 55 mph to 35 mph. He will get this taken care of by Friday and submit it to IDES. In order to have a temporary connection, the village needs to write a letter to IDOT advising this.

Curry & Associates

Roger Mensing with Curry & Associates was here to give an update on the water main replacement project. He advised that they have all of the permits for USDA and will be sending all easement requests to Ryan tomorrow. Finance letters from the bank need to be sent to handle settlement. The contractor will begin work at the railroad tracks to see if we can save some money on the mains. Roger advised that he believes everything could potentially be completed within a year. He brought blueprints of the full project. There will need to be shut offs at every hydrant.

Matt advised that he submitted a request to Ryan to update the Occupancy Ordinance to advised that all current rentals will have 120 days to be inspected as well as the Building Inspector cannot property they are invested in.

Next Monday, May 13th, there will be Park Committee Meeting at 7 p.m.

Adam made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Matt 2nd – roll call on motion, with all yes, meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

