

**Village of Pocahontas**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**Monday September 9, 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, and Pat Forhan. Trustees Adam Evans and Danny Beard Jr were absent.

**Public Comment**

Chris Timmermann & Brad Criner were present to discuss SIMPAC (Southwestern Illinois Metropolitan And regional Planning Commission). They explained that this program used to do a lot of work but due to employee shortages, they cut back on the things they could do. They have since hired Rebecca Kinnison and intend to hire up to 5 more employees. Building a Comprehensive Plan is something they can do for the whole County. They can also write grants. Bond County intends to make the full payment of \$5500 but then will bill the other municipalities according to population. Chris and Brad also advised that they are looking to add more individuals to the board of SIMPAC. These spots would need to be filled by elected officials.

**Discussion: Additional Problematic Property**

There is a court date tomorrow for the original property. The Ordinance Committee met earlier in the day and discussed other problematic properties. They have a list of residences that will receive letters.

**Discussion: Truck Stop**

Currently they are waiting on signatures on the design exceptions. Once this is done, then things can move forward.

**Committees:**

Ordinance Committee met before the regular meeting. They have a list of 26 people that will get notices about weeds, abandoned vehicles, and junk/debris in yards.

**Police** – Rob advised that vandalism is happening all throughout the County.

**Water/Sewer:**

Due to the vandalism, the signs will be replaced, and picnic table can be fixed.

Briar presented a price sheet of different quotes for oil and chip. The only company that can do all the things we need is Maedge, with a total project cost of \$30,175.00. Sue made a motion to go with Maedge. Matt 2<sup>nd</sup> – roll call on motion, with all yes, motion approved.

**Consideration/Action:** *Adoption of the Resolution to apply for the Park Grant*

Matt made a motion to approve Resolution 9-9-24R that gives permission to apply for the Park Grant. Susie 2<sup>nd</sup> – roll call on motion, with all yes, motion approved.

**Consideration/Action:** *Hiring of a Part-Time Treasurer*

Matt made a motion to hire Diane Griffith as the part-time Treasurer. Susie 2<sup>nd</sup> – roll call on motion, with all yes, motion approved.

**Consideration/Action:** *Moving forward with the Comprehensive Plan*

After some discussion, the board agreed not to act upon the quote from Moran Economic Development and see what can be done through SIMPAC.

## **Building/Zoning**

Don advised he would fully support someone working on grants.

The Park Grant is complete but has not yet been submitted.

Don advised that he would like to suggest that the Board thinks about getting the Trees of Heave removed as soon as possible. The best time to do this will be in the fall.

To date, there have been 50 Building Permits given out.

Don wanted to know what the status was on 210 W National.

Don has a Stop Work order for #1 E State St due to the following reasons: The building permit expired in January; a new frame and drywall has been installed, without being inspected first. Don is seeking the Board's permission to issue the Stop Order until an inspection has been done or until a report has been received by whomever inspected the property.

**Consideration/Action:** *Pay raise for elected officials*

This will be tabled until the next meeting.

**Consideration/Action:** *Changing of the Clerk Position from elected to appointed.*

Matt made a motion to make the clerk position an appointed position instead of an elected position. Susie 2<sup>nd</sup> – roll call on motion, with all yes, motion approved. Loni will contact Ryan to create the ordinance.

**Consideration/Action:** *Switching all Frontier Accounts to Allpoint*

Loni will have more information soon.

The Radius Rods Car show will be on September 15<sup>th</sup>.

Trunk or Treat will be on the square on Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup>

Karen advised that they will possibly have church in the park on the last Sunday in September.

Chris spoke about the election and possibly having a lottery as to who gets 4-year terms and 2-year terms.

Susie made a motion to go into closed session for personnel at 8:10 pm. Matt 2<sup>nd</sup> – roll call on motion, with all yes, motion approved.

The meeting reopened at 8:45 pm.

The board talked about accepting applications for the Clerk position until the end of the month.

It was brought up about looking into security cameras at the parks. This will need to be investigated further.

Meeting adjourned at 9:01 PM