

DECEMBER 4, 2023

REGULAR MEETING 6 P.M.

Regular meeting of the Village Board held at the Village Hall and called to order by President Starceвич with the following members present: Loving, Olson, Sappington, Willems, Baker, Waugaman, Starceвич, and Johnson. Absent: none.

Motion by Willems, second by Sappington to approve the November 7, 2023 regular meeting's minutes. Voice Votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Motion by Sappington, second by Olson to approve the November 2023 bills. Voice Votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Two representatives from White Construction present to inform the Board of their installation of lines for Diverse Communications internet fiber optics. Phil Wirt also present of Diverse Communications to state that Diverse comes back after White Construction finishes to check on all work that was done. They stated that they will do restoration in the spring, and that John, the project manager, is here every day and the other manager comes in every two weeks. Mr. Wirt said that if there is a problem, the Board should contact John. Mr. Wirt told the Board that people can sign up on line and can have a drop at no cost, but it will not be operable now. He stated that they will do mains first, and then knife in to customer, with the last step being the testing after everything is in place. Mr. Wirt told the Board that Diverse still needed a cabinet place. He said that appointments needed to be scheduled to put in hook-up, and he estimated May 1, 2024 as the date. M He stated that at the end of the project, a final log of the amount of water used will be given.

President Starcavich stated that the sewer hookup deadline is March 1, 2024 with an \$800 tap on fee after and a shut off of water May 1, 2024 if not done. The Board estimated close to thirty left to hook-up to the sewer.

President Starceвич stated that the "old hotel" at 300 South Fourth Avenue needs to be taken down or repaired. Trustee Sappington stated that an Insurance Company owns it now.

President Starceвич reported that he is sending out a letter with the next water bills informing residents of the two new Board members, the sewer hook-up deadlines, the new water meters, and other information about the Village.

President Starceвич noted that John Wachter is the Field Superintendent for White Construction on the fiber optic installation and can be reached at 920-296-8353 or johnw@whiteconstruction.net.

Motion by Sappington, second by Olson to pay \$239 for the fire hose from Rivoli Fire Protection District, Scott Frenell, Fire Chief. Voice Votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Trustee Sappington reported that Sonni, new owner of the gas station, is planning on six slot machines with alcohol available by the machines, and some products are being brought in from Walmart, like milk, and stuff from other stores, and the coolers were from the previous owner, but he is getting new gas pumps. Trustee Sappington said that Sonni wants more hours to sell alcohol, but the Board said that the Liquor Ordinance has set the hours to sell package liquor. The Board noted that package liquor must come from a wholesaler company, and it is illegal to purchase products from another store and resell them. The Board agreed to find out what other Villages are doing with hours, and President Starceвич stated he would talk to Sonni.

The Board agreed to order the speed bumps for Eleventh Avenue in the amount of eight speed bumps and signs and poles to be put up.

President Starceвич stated that the digital sign in the Depot Park needs to have some rules on what is acceptable to put on it. The Board looked at ideas of advertising, birthdays, anniversaries, how many times it needs to be updated, would churches be free, no drama or swaying or attacking allowed, and any fees for its use. President Starceвич stated that Hannah Converse would do the sign and he suggested paying her \$100 per month for changing the sign twice a month or a certain time as per week. The Board stated that Kevin Willems will do the sign for free, and he has been doing it. The Board agreed to have Kevin Willems update the sign.

Stephen Thorp present and stated that the new meters need to be put in, and has to locate water lines, but JULIE is not on his phone only on Fax. He said Mike Johnson, Water Superintendent, gets messages from JULIE on his phone. The Board told Mr. Thorp to contact JULIE to have his phone added to the call list of locates. Mike Johnson reported that he could help with putting in the new meters for a cost of \$50 per hour. The Board agreed that that amount was too high, and Mr. Thorp stated that it would only take about one-half hour to install, but in some cases longer depending on the location or problems that may occur. The Board tabled the matter.

Trustee Olson told the Board that Mr. Thorp does not have health insurance. Mr. Thorp said he has what the veteran's offer him. The Board told Mr. Thorp to shop around for insurance, and they would reimburse him a reasonable amount to pay for it.

Mr. Thorp stated that there were problems with Lift Station #1 on North Seventh Avenue.

Trustee Sappington asked how many street lights and what kind the Village has. Village Clerk Johnson said she would check on that.

Motion by Waugaman, second by Olson to adjourn. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried. The meeting was adjourned.
Claudine D. Johnson, Village Clerk

