

JANUARY 8, 2024

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 December 4, 2023 meeting's minutes. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Motion by Waugaman, second by Baker to authorize the December 2023 bills. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

President Starceвич reported that he had a meeting at the Village Hall with Rep. Dan Swanson, engineer Jack Kusak, Brian Gaul of Langman Construction, Stephen Thorp of the Village's maintenance department, and Lynn Armstrong of the USDA. President Starceвич reported to all members of this meeting of the problems with the Village's sewer system. He stated that vac testing was done, but some are failing, the screen building is broke, and the Village had already paid for it, but the manufacturer built it to engineer's specifications, and Langman Construction did not test anything. Jack Kusak denied that anything was wrong, and Lynn Armstrong was not aware of what the problems were. President Starceвич requested more information and assistance in this matter.

President Starceвич stated that Kevin Willems is doing the Village's sign in the Depot Park, and there needs to be a policy of what goes on the sign, and if there should be any cost. The matter was tabled.

President Starceвич reported that the sewer pump on north Seventh Avenue by the David Willems property needs to be rebuilt and a seal put on. He also stated that a backup pump is needed, and the Village already has a trash pump. He stated that it would take four to six weeks to get parts for this plus time to fix it.

President Starceвич reported that the water meters need to be put in and Trevor Divorjenec is willing to help. Stephen Thorp stated that there are about fifty meters in, and Josh with Utilities Equipment needs to transition to get into the Village's system.

President Starceвич stated that there are broken sidewalks, but no one knows who did it.

The Board agreed to keep the present lawn mower, since it only had 500 hours on it.

President Starceвич stated that the speed bumps on south Eleventh Avenue would be put in this spring at a cost of \$3,300 estimate plus signs.

President Starceвич requested a list of sewers that still need to be put in.

President Starceвич stated that the Water Fund needs money, and the sewer fund is reimbursed from the water fund.

StephenThorp's I-Pad will connect and will show amount of water a residence uses.

President Starceвич asked that Board members to make a list of things the Village needs done.

Village Clerk Johnson asked who owns the Jr. High Apartments, but no one knew except the realtor was Abbey Wilson who works with Sharon Esslinger.

President Starceвич renewed the Mike Garber term on the Zoning Board.

The Board questioned if someone was living in the gas station.

Motion by Olson, Second by Waugaman to adjourn. Voice votes: all votes in favor, and the motion was carried. The meeting was adjourned.

Claudine D. Johnson, Village Clerk