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6:30 p.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance, the regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees was called to order by Mayor Behnken. A roll call was answered aye by Trustees Feder, Newbold, Kearns, Politsch, and Fitzgerald. Trustee Geppert was absent. Also present were Chris Remick, Superintendent of Public Works and Tim Buehler, Chief of Police. Sgt Jake Renner and part-time Patrolman, Cody Powell and family were also present.

Mayor Behnken requested items 5.4.1 and 5.4.2 be moved on the agenda to directly follow visitors and public comments.

A motion was made by Trustee Fitzgerald, seconded by Trustee Politsch, to move item numbers 5.4.1 and 5.4.2 directly after the visitors and public comments section on the agenda. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

VISITORS

Edwin L. Cockrell, Jr., David Schmitt, John Meacham, Cassie Zimmer, Kathy Renner, Daniel Renner, DJ Steinwagner and Ryan Clutter.

Most of the visitors were present regarding award presentations for Sgt. Renner, Patrolman Powell, and resident Ryan Clutter.

John Meacham and David Schmitt were from the SAR to award Patrolman Cody Powell with a medal and award certificate for saving the life of a woman who overdosed.

Chief Buehler presented Sgt Jake Renner with a medal and an award certificate for going into a burning house on Christmas Eve to make sure no family members were in the house. Resident Ryan Clutter was awarded with a certificate for his actions in going into the same home during the fire.

READING THE JOURNAL (MINUTES)

The minutes from the January 6, 2025 Regular Board Meeting was presented to the Board for approval.

A motion was made by Trustee Newbold, seconded by Trustee Fitzgerald, to approve the minutes from the January 6, 2025, Regular Board Meeting. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

The minutes from the December 23, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting was presented for approval.

A motion was made by Trustee Politsch, seconded by Trustee Newbold, to approve the minutes from the December 23, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION

MAYOR

Mayor Behnken requested the bill from Volkert, Inc., which was not paid in the monthly

audit, be approved for payment this evening. The Board met with representatives from Volkert and IDOT regarding engineering issues last Friday.

A motion was made by Trustee Politsch, seconded by Trustee Fitzgerald, to authorize the payment to Volkert, Inc. in the amount of \$36,891.26, based on information given at the recent meeting with Volkert, Inc. A roll call vote was answered aye by all members present.

VILLAGE CLERK

The Clerk had nothing to report at this time.

TREASURER'S TIME

Treasurer Fauth submitted the monthly Treasurer's Report.

A motion was made by Trustee Feder, seconded by Trustee Newbold, to approve the monthly Treasurer's Report as submitted. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

POLICE CHIEF

Chief Buehler submitted the activity log for the first half of January.

SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND BUILDINGS

Chris Remick noted that American Tree contacted him that they have not received their check yet. It was noted that the checks were mailed on January 7th, and it is too soon to stop payment on a check and reissue. Also, the mail was not running every day during the snow.

Remick stated that he has put together a summary report for the campgrounds and will make copies for anyone who wishes to review.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

STREETS AND ALLEYS

The CDBG 2025 Program grant was discussed. Mayor Behnken noted that the application is due by March 14, 2025. It was decided to discuss this matter further at the next Committee of the Whole meeting on January 27, 2025.

FINANCE AND AUDIT

A transfer from the ambulance account to the general account was made on December 11, 2024 in the amount of \$37,000.

A motion was made by Trustee Newbold, seconded by Trustee Kearns, to approve the transfer that was made on December 11, 2024, of \$37,000 from the ambulance account to the general account. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

WATER AND SEWER

There was a brief discussion regarding water purchased and sold and the possible purchase of ultrasonic meters. No decisions were made at this time.

PERSONNEL

Nothing to report.

PUBLIC PROPERTY AND PARKS

Nothing to report.

CEMETERY

Nothing to report.

ORDINANCE

Nothing to report.

IMPROVEMENTS AND GRANTS

Trustee Politsch discussed a grant from T-Mobile. This was a notice sent by Kevin Schmitt's office. Politsch thought this could be used for ball diamonds. She is going to contact Schmitt's office for further details and requests the item be put on the agenda for the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

PUBLIC SAFETY/ADA

EMA Coordinator procedures for snow/ice storm was on the agenda for discussion. Trustee Geppert was not present to give more details. It was decided to wait to discuss it at the next regular meeting.

MARINA

Nothing to report.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Nothing to report.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDERS AND ORDINANCES

Ordinance 2024-13 was presented again, regarding storage containers. Trustee Politsch would like to have this tabled to discuss at the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

A motion was made by Trustee Politsch, seconded by Trustee Fitzgerald, to table the vote for Ordinance 2024-13 regarding storage containers, until they can discuss further at the next Committee of the Whole meeting. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Nothing to report.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Trustee Fitzgerald, seconded by Trustee Newbold, to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 p.m. A vote was answered aye by all members present.

Joe Behnken, Village President

Nancy Ritter, Village Clerk