

Committee of the Whole Meeting

January 27, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Chairperson Steve Newbold. Members present were Mayor Joe Behnken, Trustees Arlene Geppert, John Feder, Gary Kearns, Debby Politsch and Steve Newbold. No visitors were present.

3. Streets and Alleys

3.1 CDBG 2025 Program. Project description due to Volkert 02/03/2025. Volkert requires 8-10 hours of billable work to fill out the application. Certain other needs such as water meter replacement are subject to a certain household income level that the Village cannot meet. ADA sidewalks are not subject to this requirement. The Village is, therefore, left with 3 options:

1. Pursue the CDBG grant with associated costs such as engineering and co-pay.
2. Repair selected sidewalks by Village workers.
3. Sub-contract to concrete companies. Money saved on engineering costs could make this a viable option.

It was agreed to not pursue the grant and to be placed on the agenda for a vote.

4. Ordinances

4.1 Discussion on Cargo Container Prohibition in Residential Areas Ordinance. Residential vs. Commercial areas was discussed. The proposed ordinance would prohibit containers in residential areas. There are 2 areas where containers are currently present in a residential area. One of these had permission from the Board years ago. This Board agreed to honor that agreement. The second is in violation of the subdivision covenant. Therefore, the owner will be advised of such. Ordinance 40-4-24 will be placed on the agenda for a vote to not allow shipping containers in residential areas.

5. Improvements and Grants

5.1 Discussion on T-Mobile Community Grant. T-Mobile is making available to communities, grants for up to \$50,000. The Board is pursuing funding for improvements to the ball diamonds. A preliminary bid of \$30,000 per diamond has been offered. The need for a pulverizer has also been presented. John is going to inquire with another company for cost information, and Debby has already begun the process for application.

7. Other Business

7.1 Discussion on Corporate Maximum Rate for Tax Levy (attachments). Apparently, the Village can increase the corporate tax levy from .25% to .375% by enacting a resolution. Joe will check with Attorney Eckert on procedure. This does not affect property taxes.

7.2 Resignation of EMA Coordinators, operation of Code Red communication system. Arlene Geppert and Devon Brown have resigned as Co-Directors without replacements being named. The Fire

Department and/or Police Chief usually commands in times of emergency and possibly with the Red Cross as well. There is apparently a void as to whom addresses other needs that the Coordinators fill. Arlene is going to provide a list of duties and responsibilities that this position requires. This discussion will continue at the next CoW meeting.

8. Motion to Adjourn. With no further business, motion to adjourn by Debby and seconded by Arlene. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 7:38pm.

Minutes submitted by Steve Newbold