

## Committee of the Whole Minutes

May 28, 2024

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm by Chairman Steve Newbold. In attendance were Mayor Joe Behnken, Board Members John Feder, Arlene Geppert, Debbie Politsch and Gary Kearns. Visitors present were Treasurer Andy Fauth as well as Paula Allard and Nancy Ritter.

3. Streets and Alleys. There has been a delay in the accepting of the plans for the Spotsylvania project. The State is requiring that the pitch or slope of the road be changed due to an excessive crown. Volkert is working on the issue.

### 4. Finance and Audit

4.1 Andy Fauth analysis of check reconciliation issue. It was reported that the accounts are correct now after last month's balances were off thousands of dollars, with the ending balance on the bank record not matching the beginning balance on the new statement. After discussion it was determined that too many were involved in the process. Paula is requesting Andy to reconcile, and it was agreed that Andy should be reconciling. Joe has been making journal entries to correct errors without Andy's knowledge. Therefore, any changes are to be reported to Andy. The accountant is requesting that accounts be reconfigured to make the audit easier. A staff member from their agency will be meeting with Paula and Nancy to implement the change.

4.2 2024-25 Budget and 2023-24 Loss analysis. May be improving with the water rate increase and ending of the Ambulance Service. Multiple extraordinary items are still pending, including the Market Street sewer collapse, new police vehicles, and the Spotsylvania project.

4.3 LOCIS and Accounting System. Waiting on information on updating LOCIS 7 to LOCIS 8 at no charge in order to facilitate online payment of bills. There would be a \$500.00 charge for the link for enabling Water and Sewer, Trash, Licenses etc. to be paid online. E-pay from the State would incur an 8-cent fee that the Village would absorb and a 2.3% credit card charge that would be passed onto the customer.

### 5. Water and Sewer

5.1 E-pay Illinois Treasury Program Discussion. See 4.3

5.2. 2023-24 Fiscal Summary Report. Over budget but appears to be improving with the systematic small-scale replacement of aging meters. The Board is reluctant to borrow money, at this time, for the total replacement of all meters as has been proposed by the Mayor. The situation will be monitored.

7. Public Property and Parks. The Village workers have done a wonderful job on the condition of the ball diamonds and the park. Still a work in progress.

8. Cemetery. Village workers assisting with the maintenance

10. Improvements and Grants. Inquiring about Basketball nets and possible Pickleball courts. Ongoing process.

11. Public Safety, Ambulance and ADA. A question about the ownership and licensing of vehicles has arisen. Awaiting on their attorney for a solution.

12. Marina. Awaiting on someone to look at it to see if there is any interest in the substructure.

14. Motion to Adjourn. Made by Arlene and seconded by Debbie. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm.

Minutes submitted by Steve Newbold