

Village of Luther

REGULAR MEETING

June 13, 2023

Village President Treiber called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m.

Members Present: Village President Andrew Treiber, Treasurer Amy Jo DeJesus, Clerk Dennis Karczynski, Trustees Brandon Voyles, James Bacon, Connie Holmes, Richard Mongar, Felisa Wert and Linda Wellman.

Members Absent: None

Visitor's Present: Village DPW Matt Pulaskey, Jerry Janssen, Levi Riker, Linda Hoover, David Thorp, Cheryl Jayne Fullerton, Sheriff Rich Martin, Tiffany Clark, Amy Shank, James Riker

Mongar made a motion to accept the agenda dated June 13, 2023, 2nd by Linda Wellman. All in favor, Motion Carried.

Public Comment- Levi and other neighbors brought a complaint of a neighbor with farm animals running loose in the neighborhood, damage being done by the animals, the odor and mess left by the animals and them being caged improperly. He asked what action the village would take. A discussion was held about animal control being called. Respondents said that was done and no action was taken. Andy Treiber responded the village will follow procedure. The neighbor in question is Jacob Wilkins. The procedure is a letter of removal of the animals, a 2nd certified letter and finally legal action.

Amy Shank, the Library Director, introduced herself and asked for public comment for any improvements felt that could be made to improve the library's operations and service. Discussion on the flagpole in front of the library and it's condition was brought up. James Riker stated he will be there to look at it.

Sheriff Rich Martin presented programs he and his office are looking to introduce to the Luther community. They are a free driver's education program and a recycling program. He commented that they are in the discussion and planning stages.

James Riker questioned what is happening to the trees on State Road in town. Most appear to be dying. Andy Treiber stated that a Osceola conservationist will be here next week to examine the trees and determine the cause of the trees death and hopefully provide a recommendation.

Connie Holmes made a motion, 2nd by Brandon Voyles to approve the minutes dated May 9, 2023. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Linda Wellman made a motion to approve the minutes of the special meeting held May 17, 2023, 2nd by Jim Bacon. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Financial report dated May 2023 was given with the following balances: General Fund \$275,674.59, Payroll \$6,310.25, Major Street \$182,365.86, Local Street \$158,177.97, Park Improvement \$25,473.28, Petty Cash \$1,611.06, Connie Holmes made a motion to approve the financials as presented. 2nd by Linda Wellman.

June 2023 Bills; Consumers Energy-(LASA \$46.23, DPW \$76.41, LED lights \$474.01, Street Lights \$599.88), CV Kwik Mart \$94.00, OCD Accounting \$180.00, Fleis & Vandenbrink (Mill Pond Inspection) \$1,384.86, INA store \$756.00, Lake Osceola Bank (Safe Deposit Box) \$30.00, Dept. of Treasury (Taxes) \$550.31, Jimmy Bacon (Key Reimbursement) \$21.09, McCurdy Wotila (Legal Service for Deeds) \$440.00, Mi. Municipal League (Workman's Comp) \$1,550.00, Office supplies \$90.00 est., Postage Stamps \$126.00. Connie Holmes made a motion to pay all bills as presented, 2nd by Brandon Voyles. Roll Call Vote-Yes-Linda Wellman, Lynn Wert, Connie Holmes, James Bacon, Brandon Voyles, Richard Mongar, Andy Treiber. - No-None. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

The DPW Committee Report-

Andy, made a request to order U.S. Flags, made in the USA specifically, before the 4th of July. A price quote of \$14.95 each was given and a request for 24 flags. Estimated total price \$315.00 Connie Holmes made a motion to approve the purchase and Linda Wellman 2nd the motion. Roll Call Vote-Yes-Linda Wellman, Lynn Wert, Connie Holmes, James Bacon, Brandon Voyles, Richard Mongar, Andy Treiber. -No-None. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Andy Treiber to purchase.

DPW committee continued to report, the grounds are in good shape, chip seal will be continued to be used and patch the village roads. Matt Pulaskey brought the walkover bridge condition to the council. The wood used to walk on the bridge is deteriorated and unsafe for use. He requested the bridge to be closed for use before the 4th of July, until it is determined to be repaired or to be removed entirely. Andy Treiber suggested it to be repaired as a mainstay to the park. Connie Holmes made a motion to close the bridge and barricade it from both sides until repaired. James Bacon 2nd the motion. All in favor and motion carried.

Andy announced the Rieth Riley project is scheduled for mid-August which entails a 23ft wide section of State Road between the road Y's at the north and south ends of the village, to be ground and replaced with a 2 inch deep replacement surface. The cost is \$73,000. The project will take between 3 & 4 days.

Fire Board Committee – Minutes were made available.

Hall Committee – Minutes were made available.

Ordinance Committee Report –

It was announced that the person who signed the contract as blite officer, Shannon Mitchell, called Andy and had to terminate his contract for personal reasons. Linda Wellman stated she knew someone who was interested in the job. A discussion was held and decided that the Ordinance Committee will use the process in place to interview and approve hiring any candidates for the position. Connie Holmes stated the Blite Ordinance letter will be redone/rewritten and sent out to all the Village residents.

Parks (Public Improvement Committee) –

Andy Treiber stated the property owner in question of Fairbanks Park is on vacation now but, will be present around the 4th of July to discuss the park property and other nearby properties in question (.7 of acre for sale adjacent to park). Linda Wellman brought up concern for the length of the extension for the ARPA grant funds and a timeline to use them. Public comment was asked about the approximate \$7,000 already spent. Andy listed the items money was spent on; Welcome to Luther signs, fire rings, picnic tables and benches.

Andy Treiber made a request, based on MML regulations, that all committees have a chairman and a recording secretary designated and reported to him by the next village council meeting.

Old Business -

Andy reviewed the village properties situation and deeds to those properties. They are with the lawyer for determination. Andy said he has no recent contact with the lawyer.

The deeds regarding the old school is good and all the ball diamonds except the furthest diamond. It will have to be settled in court.

New Business –

Andy reviewed the audit that was conducted and was generally positive. There were a number of journal entries, never entered but will be reentered correctly by the audit company. An equipment rental price list was missing. And, a new copy of Quick Books needs to be purchased to be current and correct. The cost is \$799.00 annually.

Connie Holmes made a motion to purchase the software, Linda Wellman 2nd the motion. A roll call vote was made to pass the motion. Roll Call Vote-Yes-Linda Wellman, Lynn Wert, Connie Holmes, James Bacon, Brandon Voyles, Richard Mongar, Andy Treiber. -No-None. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Village to purchase.

Andy introduced Dennis Karczynski as the new Village Clerk and asked who he nominates to be his Deputy Clerk Dennis nominated Linda Wellman to be his Deputy Clerk. Brandon Voyles made a motion to make Linda the Deputy Clerk and Connie Holmes 2nd the motion. All in favor and the motion carried.

Connie Holmes presented the resolution (2023-06-01) to remove Brittany Carlson and Connie Holmes from the bank accounts and to add Dennis Karczynski and Linda Wellman to the bank accounts (Safety Deposit Box, all checking and savings accounts).

Public Comment-

Connie stated that the diamond dust from ball diamonds need to be removed and reapplied for preparation of Luther Days

Andy stated he will attend the next LASA meeting about sub leasing the diamonds. Andy explained the requirement for subleasing properties to organizations for use.

Andy made a final comment to all regarding his performance in office and asked if there is any question reading his performance to please address him personally about it and not make it a rumor mill discussion.

A motion was made by Connie Holmes 2nd Jim Bacon to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 pm. All in favor! Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 8:53 pm.

Dennis Karczynski
Clerk
Village of Luther