

Village of Luther

REGULAR MEETING

July 11, 2023

Village President Treiber called the meeting to order at 7:02p.m.

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

Members Absent: Brandon Voyles

Visitor's Present: Village DPW Matt Pulaskey, Brittany Carlson, Joellen Foster

Connie Holmes made a motion to accept the agenda dated July 11, 2023, 2nd by Linda Wellman. All in favor, Motion Carried.

Public Comment- None made.

Linda Wellman made a motion, 2nd by Jim Bacon to approve the minutes dated June 13th, 2023. All in favor. Motion Carried.

The Financial report dated June 2023 was given with the following balances: General Fund \$306,677.63, Payroll \$3,604.83, Major Street \$174,624.49, Local Street \$154,917.09, Park Improvement \$24,089.46, Petty Cash \$1,276.38, Connie Holmes made a motion to approve the financials as presented. 2nd by Jim Bacon.

July 2023 Bills; Consumers Energy-(LASA \$112.44, DPW \$155.42, LED lights \$484.12, Street Lights \$613.13, Hall \$73.25), CV Kwik Mart \$310.53, OCD Accounting \$90.00, Legacy Fire & Safety (Annual Inspection) \$68.00, Matt (Dollar General Reimbursement for letters for sign) \$7.42, LeRoy Hardware \$215.18, Republic Waste \$82.51, Brooks Elite (Website) \$119.00.

Connie Holmes made a motion to pay all bills as presented, 2nd by Linda Wellman. Roll Call Vote-Yes-Linda Wellman, Lynn Wert, Connie Holmes, James Bacon, Richard Mongar, Andy Treiber. -No-None. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

The DPW Committee Report-

James Bacon reported on the tree kill in town. Rick Lucas from the Osceola Conservatism reported in a e-mail that nothing specific killed the trees. It was a combination of heat, sprays, salt, pest and disease. Discussion was held if anything could be done to save them such as watering. It was decided nothing could be done. However, the trees will be in place until next year to see if they come back. If not, they will be removed.

Fire Board Committee – Lynn Wert reported that grants were being applied for new radios. One more Airpack was paid for.

Hall Committee – There was no meeting held.

Ordinance Committee Report –

The Blite Ordinance letter was redone/rewritten and sent out to all the Village residents with the current tax statement. Brittany Carlson stated she did not see it as a renter. This was because it was sent to the owners of the residence and it's their responsibility to correct the discrepancy(s) found.

The new Ordinance officer was introduced. She will be allowed to take pictures of any blite from the street as part of her report. A map of Luther Village, inspection sheets were requested. The clerk will appropriate it for use. The camera will be returned to the Village President promptly.

Andy requested the Ordinance Committee to review all the ordinances and report back on which ordinances need to be eliminated and which need to be amended. He would like to see them, when finished, in a bound book and on the web site.

Andy Treiber, President, requested all committees to report their chairman and recorder by next meeting.

Parks (Public Improvement Committee) –

Linda Wellman stated that no extension dates for the county funds for park improvement were given. The Fairbanks Park project is on hold until property lines are resolved.

Jim Bacon stated that the owner in question with the park, Deb Miller, will be here August 8th in the afternoon sometime to discuss the situation with any board members. Jim Van Dyke will be present as a concerned citizen. Jim stated some Mill Pond trees are scheduled to come down but are not scheduled yet.

Andy requested again, for committees to have a meeting before our next Village Council meeting and determine to have all committees have a chairperson and recorder. Minutes of all meetings should be recorded and presented. Lynn Wert questioned why the DPW committee gets pay for their meeting and asked the same for other committees. Andy & Rick Mongar explained the history of that committee pay and who gets it. It is paid for by the state. If other committees were paid it would be an approximate \$300 per month budget cost not built into the current budget.

Current committees are: DPW, Ordinance, Park-Public Improvement, Fire, & Hall

Connie Holmes stated that all committees do not meet every month.

The discussion of pay for other committees will be put on next month's agenda.

Old Business - Included in other committee discussions.

New Business – Connie Holmes asked for a new lease and electric bill for LASA. Andy stated the electric bill is paid for by the village and reimbursed by LASA to the Village. Andy asked for permission to edit the old lease to create a new lease. Linda Wellman made a motion to have Andy make a new lease from the old and Lynn Wert 2nd the motion. All in favor. Motion Carried. Andy will create a new lease for LASA updated from the previous lease.

Lynn Wert asked for training for Dennis Karczynski & Linda Wellman on QuickBooks to help their performance. Discussion was held and Lyn will investigate and report options and cost to the board next meeting.

Brittany Carlson asked why a new version of QuickBooks was needed. Andy said it was part of the requirements from the lates audit.

Andy presented a Freedom of Information Act request from a lawyer in Hemlock Michigan regarding monies received from previous fires in the Village (Moors residence, Hardware & Store fires). Discussion and concern for the legitimacy of the letter was noted. The clerk, Dennis Karczynski, will investigate the request and report back to Andy and decide the correct action to take.

Public Comment-

Connie stated she will be attending a County Road Commission meeting and asked if anyone else would like to attend. E-mail her any question that members would like asked.

A motion was made by Connie Holmes 2nd by Linda Wellman to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 pm. All in favor! Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 8:13

Dennis Karczynski

Clerk

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