

# VILLAGE OF LUTHER

REGULAR MEETING (Location: Village Hall)

March 12th, 2024

**Approved**

President Treiber called the meeting to order @ 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Andy Treiber, Felicia Wert, Brandon Voyles, James Bacon, Connie Holmes, Brittany Carlson, Carrie Fansler

Members Absent: Linda Wellman, Amy Jo Dejesus

Visitor's Present: Tiffany Clark, Michelle Goodman, Matt Pulaskey, Melanie Davis, Joe Umbright, Jim Pollock, Rich Martin

Carlson made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Voyles to approve the agenda as presented, all in favor. Motion carried.

**Public Comment-** Clark requested public comment be added to the end of the meeting as well. Davis provided fireworks contract for signatures and insurance will be provide once the rider is available. Holmes made a motion to authorize signature on the contract, seconded by Carlson. All in favor, motion carried. Pollock from Ellsworth introduced himself and will be assisting with the annual cleanup he inquired on the tire funding, Carlson stated Newkirk Township will need to apply for the grant this year.

Correspondence- Emails from Commissioner Raymond, upcoming property tax reform meeting, harm reduction conference on March 7<sup>th</sup>, Downtown Baldwin beautification, county dispatch residential information.

Holmes made a motion to approve the regular and budget minutes dated February 13th, 2024, seconded by Bacon. All in favor, motion carried.

The Financial Report was presented dated March 2024 with the following balances: General Fund \$390,269.94; Major Street Fund \$79,424.65; Local Street Fund \$128,590.39; Payroll Fund \$-1,034.31, Petty Cash Fund \$848.37; Park Improvement Fund \$3,062.76. A motion was made by Holmes made a motion to accept the financial report with correction to payroll, seconded by Carlson, All in favor. Motion carried.

**Bills-** The following bills were presented: Consumers Energy DPW \$92.17; Consumers Energy Street Lights \$535.36; Consumers Energy Street Lights LED \$543.32; Consumers Energy Linden \$41.81; Cv Kwik Mart \$48.43; \$; Republic Services \$359.26; Brookes Elite Contracting \$119.00; Crystal Flash Propane DPW \$565.31; James Riker (cut/chip squires) \$850; INA Store \$115.17; OCD \$90.00; USPS PO Box Rental \$120.00; Carrie Fansler (paper toner reimbursement) \$119.98; Leroy Hardware \$18.76; Western Michigan Fleet Parts \$119.80; Carlson made a motion to approve, seconded by Holmes, Roll call vote –Yes- Holmes, Bacon, Wert, Voyles, Carlson, Treiber. Motion Carried.

## **Committee Reports-**

**DPW-** Treiber Flies & Vandenbrink completed survey, the survey shows another property is included in the village deed. The property owner will provide Flies & Vandenbrink a copy of their deed to make corrections. Quick claim deed will be processed for Fairbanks. Willard Street doesn't have a right of way, the Village does own both sides.

County provided bid to chipseal 8 miles of road for \$232,000, including a cost 235% mark up for employee benefits and 108% mark up for materials. The Village will seek an alternate solution.

landscape rake was purchased as approved at prior meeting.

**Hall Committee-** Hall Committee met, discussion was held about purchasing more lights for the tree. Discussion was held on who would be removing the lights. Discussion was held on switching offices or remodeling the garage into another office. Treiber would like a hall meeting with both the full Newkirk and Village board. Treiber reached out to the County Clerk around requirements for voting machines. Carlson stated both Newkirk, Ellsworth, and the Village were the only municipalities in the county who held the 9 day election. All others in the county sent voters to Baldwin to place their votes.

**Fire Board-** Minutes were presented, Wert stated the budget was covered. Treasurer from MI grant stated the Village should receive the \$10,000 reimbursement within a few weeks.

**Planning Committee-** nothing to report.

**Ordinance Committee-** nothing to report

Blight committee- No update

**Public Improvement Committee-** Committee minutes were provided. Goodman discussed upcoming Easter Egg hunt at the Mill Pond in partnership with the Lions Club.

Clark expressed concerns over committee budget for Village decorations and lights, Treiber agreed and stated the board can consider budget transfers if needed.

Bake sale raised \$335.00, Clark said over \$800 was raised in the Month of March.

Wert stated Tommy would buy bikes for the egg hunt. She will need to discuss with her group first.

#### **Old Business-**

1. **Need a list of committee members:** Holding till next meeting due to resignations.
2. **Laptop and docking system:** Fansler reported, waiting for IT professional at work to determine which system would work best.

#### **New Business-**

1. **Resignation:** Linda Wellman submitted resignation; she has other obligations. Holmes made a motion to accept resignation, seconded by Voyles, all in favor with on opposition by Wert, motion carried. Voyles submitted his resignation effective end of the March meeting, motion made by Bacon to accept resignation, seconded by Holmes, all in favor with on opposition by Wert, motion carried.

**Public comment:** Wert raised a concern about deputy clerks voting if they are also a trustee, she stated the County Clerk stated someone in both positions couldn't vote. Discussion was held Treiber asked Wert to provide documentation from the County Clerk that states that. Treiber noted the prior deputy clerk who was also a trustee also voted.

Davis wanted to know who pays for dumpsters, Carlson stated the Village pays for the dumpsters. Davis wanted to know if the Village could order three dumpsters. Discussion was held and the Village will place the order. Davis asked if the food vendor was able to plug his stand in as he does every year. Treiber stated yes.

A motion to adjourn was made by Bacon, seconded by Wert. All in Favor, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 7:45 pm.

Carrie Fansler  
Village of Luther Clerk