

VILLAGE OF LUTHER
REGULAR MEETING (Location: Village Hall)
April 9th, 2024
Approved

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

Members Present: Andy Treiber, Felicia Wert (arrived 7:08 p.m.), James Bacon, Connie Holmes, Brittany Carlson, Carrie Fansler, Amy Jo DeJesus

Members Absent:

Visitor's Present: Tiffany Clark, Michelle Goodman

Bacon made a motion, 2nd by Holmes to approve the agenda with addition of Leroy Hardware bills, all in favor. Motion carried.

Public Comment- none

Correspondence- B. Carlson presented Commissioner notes from Commissioner Raymond.

Carlson made a motion to approve the regular minutes dated March 12th, 2024, seconded by Bacon. All in favor, motion carried.

The Financial Report was presented dated March 2024 with the following balances: General Fund \$272,303.37; Major Street Fund \$154,103.10; Local Street Fund \$169,794.89; Payroll Fund \$3,435.70, Petty Cash Fund \$848.48; Park Improvement Fund \$3,418.04. A motion was made by Carlson made a motion to accept the financial report as presented, seconded by Holmes, All in favor. Motion carried.

Bills- The following bills were presented: Consumers Energy DPW \$83.95; Consumers Energy Street Lights \$611.80; Consumers Energy Street Lights LED \$610.35; Consumers Energy Linden \$42.73; Cv Kwik Mart \$79.00; Republic Services \$359.26; Brookes Elite Contracting \$119.00; MML Workers Compensation Fund \$57.00; Amazon Petty Cash signs \$69.95; Leroy Hardware \$23.48: Holmes made a motion to approve, seconded by Bacon, Roll call vote –Yes- Carlson, Holmes, Bacon, Treiber, Wert,. Motion Carried.

Committee Reports-

DPW- Treiber discussed bridge repair at the Millpond. The committee will be researching out to engineering firms to explore possible repairs. Curb repairs are needed and exploring chip and seal for roads.

Treiber discussed attorney requested Village board point of contact for the Fairbanks project, Treiber recommended himself, Bacon, and Fansler be approved point of contact for the attorney for all projects. Carlson made a motion to designate Fansler, Bacon, and Treiber as attorney contacts for the village, seconded by Holmes, all in favor, motion carried.

Treiber noted the little tractor is leaking fluid and will need to be taken to INA store. Matt P. is looking into it.

Bacon discussed Fairbanks project, once the legal description is ready, it should only take one to two weeks to finalize. Discussion was had if the village needs to finalize with a title company to record. The dump was surveyed and is owned by the Village, there is a discrepancy with the blue pole barn which will be resolved when the owner is back in Luther and provides their deed to Flies & Vandenbrink.

Hall Committee- nothing to report.

Fire Board- Wert provided update, the firemen received their radios. The fire department will receive the Lucas CPR machine from both townships. Treiber noted the grant was received and check will be sent to the fire department.

Planning Committee- nothing to report.

Ordinance Committee- nothing to report.

Blight committee- No update

Public Improvement Committee- Clark noted the Easter egg hunt was a success. Goodman discussed upcoming Earth Day event in April and flowerpots. Treiber mention Christmas lights on Purchase pavilion and asked who was in charge of music. The village septic system is where bands are backing up to unload. Treiber will reach out to Rosie, to let them know they can't back up over the septic.

Old Business-

1. **Laptop and docking system:** Fansler reported that she could use the desktop in the office, Amy Jo agreed. Amy Jo wanted to know if she could put quick books on her laptop. Wert mentioned using the Lake County Grant writer to see if they could write a grant for computer upgrades.
2. **Need a list of committee members:** Holding held until trustee positions are filled under new business.
 - a. **DPW:** Lynn Wert expressed interest. Matt Hamilton, Lynn Wert, James Bacon, Andy Treiber, Jeremy Susanka, Matt Pulaskey.
 - b. **Hall:** Connie Holmes Treiber is requesting a joint meeting with Newkirk Township
 - c. **Fire Board:** Lynn Wert, Tiffany Clark alternate
 - d. **Ordinance:** Connie Holmes, Brittany Carlson, Andy Treiber, Tiffany Clark, Michelle Goodman. James Bacon Alternate for Andy Treiber
 - i. **Blight:** The ordinance committee will pick blight committee during their meeting.
 - e. **Public Improvement:** same members as current members
 - f. **Budget:** Andy Treiber, Carrie Fansler, Amy Jo Dejesus

Treiber asked all committee members to schedule meetings and nominate a chair and vice chair.

New Business-

1. **Trustee positions:** Treiber provided the board with 6 letters of interest for the two trustee positions. Treiber noted the council appointment process read by Fansler. Bacon nominated Tiffany Clark to one of the vacant Trustee positions seconded by Holmes; Roll Call: Yes: Carlson, Holmes, Bacon, Wert, Treiber, all in favor motion carried. Wert nominated Michelle Goodman to the second vacant Trustee positions seconded by Carlson; Roll Call: Yes: Carlson, Holmes, Bacon, Wert, Treiber, all in favor motion carried. Treiber noted that Deputy Clerk does have a vote as a trustee.
2. **Blight Ordinance Update:** Wert asked if we were going to start enforcing. Treiber stated the ordinance will need to be reviewed to determine if there are any amendments at the next meeting. Carlson recommended all ordinance members review the bight ordinance for their next meeting. Treiber will have Patti provide a copy of what is recorded.

Public comment:

A motion to adjourn was made by Holmes, seconded by Bacon. All in Favor, motion carried.
Meeting adjourned 8:16 pm.

Carrie Fansler
Village of Luther Clerk