

VILLAGE OF WOODHULL

BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
March 13, 2023

Committees

President – D. Holmes

Building – J. McCready, J. Bell, J. McLean

Finance/Insur. /Audit – D. VerHeecke, D. Holmes, C. Anderson

Personnel – J. McLean R. Hoburg, D. Holmes

Public Works – J. Bell, R. Hoburg, J. McCready

Pro-Tem Pres – R. Hoburg

Economic Development – D. Holmes, J. McCready

Parks & Recreation – C. Anderson J. McLean

Police/Civ. Def./Zon. – R. Hoburg, Derek VerHeecke

Mayor Dave Holmes called the meeting to order on March 13, 2023 @ 7:00 pm.

Followed by roll call: Christena Anderson, Ron Hoburg, Jeff McCready. Jeff Bell was absent due to personal reasons, Jake McLean was absent due to illness, and Derek VerHeecke was absent due to an unexpected work situation. Mayor Holmes declared a quorum, however, there was a short discussion about how to handle decisions made at this meeting with three trustees missing. It was decided that any decisions that needed all board trustees to discuss would be postponed until the next meeting.

Also present at the meeting: Dave Holmes – Mayor, Kelli Hand –Village Clerk, Leigh Brinson – Village Treasurer, Michael Keener – Public Works Assistant, and Chad Hillier - Police Chief. It was noted that Dusty McKeag, Public Works Superintendent was gone due to his vacation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Christena Andeson made a motion to approve the February 13, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes as presented. Ron Hoburg seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Jeff McCready asked for a date to be corrected to read February 13, 2023 in the closed minutes not February 12, 2023. Jeff McCready made a motion to approve the February 13, 2023 Closed Session Minutes as corrected. Christena Anderson seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

General Fund	\$ 515,662.69
General Fund Payroll	\$ 29,420.37
Video Gaming FSB Savings	\$ 97,601.26
Veterans Memorial Fund	\$ 1,414.10
Drug Enforcement Fund	\$ 3,430.30
Playground Fund	\$ 1,002.50
FSB Sesq.	\$ 5,249.11
FSB Vehicle Streets	\$ 8,421.15
FSB Mower	\$ 7,337.19
FSB Future Vehicle 32624	\$ 3,079.09
WINN Checking FSB	\$ 4,417.80
Water Fund/FSB	\$ 142,082.80
Operation & Maintenance	\$ 5,464.33

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Deprec Checking	\$ 6,432.17
Dept Service #2033	\$ 21,409.85
Debt Service Savings	\$ 8,848.24
MFT Fund	\$ 98,465.73

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

General Fund February accounts payable were presented as follows:

Ameren	\$ 611.62
B&B Lawn Equip & Cyclery LLC	\$ 444.40
Henry Co.	\$ 1,710.39
MidAmerican Energy	\$ 1,016.56
Mike Blade Trucking	\$ 244.64
Office Machine Consultants, Inc	\$ 432.74
P.F. Pettibone & Co.	\$ 214.50
River Stone Group, Inc.	\$ 302.74
Royal Publishing	\$ 110.00
Spencer Brothers Disposal	\$ 24.00
US Cellular	\$ 133.33
V & V Storage, LLC	\$ 125.00
Verizon	\$ 76.02
Visa #90 Chad Hillier	\$ 1,013.21
Visa #73 Dusty McKeag	\$ 405.92
Visa #99 Leigh Brinson	\$ 137.95
Woodhull Oil Co.	\$ 41.56
Woodhull Telephone Co	\$ 350.98
Total February General Fund A/P	\$ 7,395.56

Water Fund February accounts payable were presented as follows:

Ameren Illinois	\$ 504.81
Blue Cardinal Chemical	\$ 468.30
Farmers State Bank of Western Illinois	\$ 3,175.00
Ferguson Enterprises	\$ 3,392.62
Illinois EPA	\$ 3,021.17
MidAmerican Energy .	\$ 1,319.53
Midwest Meter Inc.	\$ 3,250.00
Pace Analytical	\$ 340.90
US Cellular	\$ 214.76
US Bluebook	\$ 1,142.41
V & V Storage, LLC	\$ 125.00
Visa #73 Dusty McKeag	\$ 48.82
Woodhull Telephone Co	\$ 137.22
Total February Water Fund A/P	\$ 17,140.54

Mayor Dave Holmes asked for the \$110.00 bill from Royal Publishing be added to the bills to be paid. Last month the bill was removed when it was questioned if we sponsor ads in school programs that are handed out at other schools. Mayor Holmes explained this was a tournament and he had given permission to have the ad run in support of the Ridgewood Spartans who played in that tournament. Adding the \$110 bill changed the total of the General Fund from \$7,285.56 to \$7,395.56.

Ron Hoburg made a motion to approve the amended Treasurer's Report. Christena Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

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Mayor Holmes reported that the Clover Township Fire Department had requested the Village to consider waiving the fees for the building permits needed for their addition. The department is currently trying to cut costs to have the addition completed within budget. After a short discussion on the topic Trustee Jeff McCready made a motion to waive the permit fees associated with the addition for the Clover Township Fire Department. Christena Anderson seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Ron Hoburg made a motion to donate \$100.00 to the local AlWood FFA Chapter. Christena Anderson seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0. This was a response to a flyer received for the Illinois FFA Fundraising Letter that was sent to the Board by the AlWood FFA in February. At this time the Board decided to give the donation to the local chapter to support the AlWood members.

Christena Anderson made motion to donate \$250 to the AlWood After Prom Committee to support the After Prom held after the April 1, 2023 Prom. Jeff McCready seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Mayor Holmes reminded committees to have a meeting before the first week in April to discuss budget plans.

Christena Anderson updated the Board that Farmers State Bank is in the process of moving forward with Bill Pay for water bills. The targeted date to have this accessible for Water Bill Payments is in April.

Mayor Dave Holmes gave an update on the gaming income for the Village. The Village received \$6,075.84 from January gaming profits.

Dave and Christena attended the March Henry County Tourism Meeting. Their next meeting will be held in Woodhull on April 5, 2023. Trustee Christena Anderson plans to attend that meeting to represent the Village of Woodhull.

Mayor Dave Holmes reminded everyone that the April Elections will take place on April 4, 2023. The Village Board has three open seats with five community members running.

POLICE/CIVIL DEFENSE/PERMITS:

Police Chief Chad Hillier gave the February Police Report as follows:

In February the Woodhull Police Department responded to 38 calls for service, 3 assist to motorist, conducted 69 traffic stops, issued 34 citations and 48 warnings, 2 felony arrests, 11 misdemeanor arrests, 1 drug arrest, and had 3 call outs for the K-9 Unit.

Jeff McCready made a motion to accept the February Police Report as presented. Ron Hoburg seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

Public Works Assistant Michael Keener gave the February Public Works Report as follows:

The chlorine line that feeds the ground storage was fixed. Roads were salted when icy. Installed more water meters. Placed rock around town where the mud was causing issues on the streets and broomed the edge of roads to remove the rocks pushed into yards by the plows. 1,692,736 gallons of water were pumped with a daily average of 60,454 gallons.

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Michael gave an update on the Pine Street project. He stated Millers had started the project but were waiting on gas lines to be located. Jeff McCready estimated that Lake Drive may be closed for a couple hours while this project was completed.

Trustee Christena Anderson asked that the late water bill list be added to the monthly board packet that is sent out before the monthly meetings. Village Clerk Kelli Hand said she would take care of this request with Water Clerk Deb Krueger.

Ron Hoburg made a motion to approve the February Public Works Report as presented. Jeff McCready seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

DANGEROUS BUILDING UPDATE:

None at this time.

ZONING BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS:

Nothing at this time

PARKS/RECREATION/TOURISM:

Nothing at this time

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

Maulden's Sports Bar plans held a soft opening March 10th and will host a Grand opening March 17th.

Trustee Jeff McCready requested that Mayor Holmes speaks with the Travel Plaza's owner to have the camper & truck removed from their parking lot. It was stated that it has been there for years. Trustee Ron Hoburg added he would like to see some of the trash and broken items around their grounds to be cleaned up as well. Mayor Holmes agreed to speak with the Travel Plaza's owner about these issues. Mayor Holmes also noted that the restaurant located at the Travel Plaza will be opening in late spring or early summer with a new restaurant leasing the space.

OLD BUSINESS:

Trustee Christena Anderson shared that Dustin Nelson at Quality Awards is still working on the designs for a new Welcome to Woodhull Sign.

NEW BUSINESS:

New Business will be discussed after Closed Session.

CLOSED BUSINESS:

Jeff McCready made a motion to go into Closed Session at 7:40P.M. Christena Anderson seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Jeff McCready made a motion to return to Open Session at 8:16P.M. Christena Anderson seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

VOTES AFTER CLOSED:

Ron Hoburg made a motion to amend the motion made at the February Board Meeting that stated for the Village to change the personnel manual to increase the current health insurance coverage by the Village from \$1,200 to \$1,400 for full time employees. The personnel manual will now read: The Village will pay up to \$1400 monthly to its group health insurance carrier towards the cost of health care premiums for regular full-time employees and their dependents. Any amounts due and owing to the group health insurance carrier over and above that amount shall be paid by the employee through payroll deductions. The amendment would be that this change should be retroactive and cover the current full time employees starting December 15, 2023. Jeff McCready seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0 with a roll call of Christena Anderson- Y, Ron Hoburg -Y, and Jeff McCready – Y. Trustees Bell, McLean, and VerHeecke were absent.

Christena Anderson made a motion to conduct a sale of real estate owned by the Village at 240 West 4th Ave. in Woodhull, Il. in accordance with 65ILCS 5/11-76-2. A public notice published 30 days in advance of the next regular meeting will state the manner and timeframe in which bids will be accepted. Bids will be opened at a regular meeting and the Board may accept any bid determined to be in the best interests of the Village. Jeff McCready seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0 with a roll call of Christena Anderson- Y, Ron Hoburg -Y, and Jeff McCready – Y. Trustees Bell, McLean, and VerHeecke were absent.

Jeff McCready made a motion to adjourn the March 13, 2023, Board Meeting at 8:19 P.M. Ron Hoburg seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully submitted by Kelli Hand, Village Clerk