

VILLAGE OF WOODHULL

BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING

September 9, 2024

Committees

President – D. Holmes

Building – M. Bethell, J. Bell, & D Holmes

Finance/Insur. /Audit – H. Garrett, D. Holmes, & C. Anderson

Personnel – D. Holmes, C. Anderson, & D. VerHeecke

Pro-Tem Pres – C. Anderson

Economic Development – S. Francis & D. Holmes

Parks & Recreation – C. Anderson & H. Garrett

Police/Civ. Def./Zon. – D. VerHeecke & M. Bethell

Public Works – J. Bell & S. Francis

Mayor Dave Holmes called the meeting to order on September 9, 2024 @ 7:00 pm.

Followed by roll call: Christena Anderson, Scott Francis, Hannah Garrett, and Derek VerHeecke were present. Mark Bethell and Jeff McCready were both absent due to scheduling conflicts.

Also present at the meeting: Dave Holmes – Mayor, Kelli Hand –Village Clerk, Dusty McKeag – Public Works Director, and Michael Keener- Public Works Assistant.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Mayor Holmes shared a thank you for the Village’s donation from the AlWood Post Prom Committee.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Trustee Scott Francis made a motion to approve the August 12, 2024, Regular Board Meeting Minutes as presented. Trustee Hannah Garrett seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0. Trustee Christena Anderson made a motion to approve the August 12, 2024, Closed Minutes as presented, and Trustee Derek VerHeecke seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

**TREASURER’S REPORT AUGUST 2024:**

General Fund	\$ 616,309.46
General Fund Payroll	\$ 30,196.31
Video Gaming FSB Savings	\$ 199,912.51
Veterans Memorial Fund	\$ 1,419.35
Drug Enforcement Fund	\$ 3,447.56
Playground Fund	\$ 1,007.54
WINN Checking FSB	\$ 1,133.52
Operation & Maintenance	\$ 1,680.21
Deprec Checking	\$ 6,432.17
Debt Service #2033	\$ 55,416.50
Debt Service Savings	\$ 8,881.30
<u>MFT Fund</u>	<u>\$ 90,029.78</u>

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

General Fund August accounts payable were presented as follows:

Ameren	\$ 1,705.96
Bolduc & Sons INC.	\$ 1,017.01
Henry County HWY. Dept.	\$ 208.72
Henry County Sheriff’s Dept.	\$ 3,221.78
Lee’s Tree’s Service	\$ 13,500.00

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Mark Bethell	\$ 53.36
Nichols Diesel Service	\$ 115.50
Office Machine Consultants, Inc.	\$ 29.69
Postmaster	\$ 72.00
River Stone Group, Inc.	\$ 2,235.35
Spencer Brothers Disposal	\$ 34.00
US Cellular	\$ 218.25
V & V Storage, LLC.	\$ 125.00
Visa #0447	\$ 103.44
Visa #0470	\$ 2,355.67
Visa #0454	\$ 113.49
Visa #0462	\$ 142.77
<u>Woodhull Telephone Co.</u>	<u>\$ 306.19</u>

**Total August General Fund A/P** **\$ 25,301.92**

Water Fund August accounts payable were presented as follows:

Ameren Illinois	\$ 10,273.64
City of Galesburg	\$ 40.00
Farmers State Bank of Western Illinois	\$ 3,175.00
Maguire	\$ 22,050.00
Nichols	\$ 56.50
Pace Analytical Services, LLC.	\$ 1,040.10
US Cellular	\$ 207.07
V&V Storage LLC	\$ 125.00
<u>Woodhull Telephone Co</u>	<u>\$ 122.44</u>

**Total August Water Fund A/P** **\$ 37,089.75**

Trustee Hannah Garrett made a motion to accept the August Treasurer’s Written Report submitted by email by Treasurer Garrett Adamson as amended to approve the credit card payments once those statements arrive. Trustee Derek VerHeecke seconded the motion, motion passed 4-0.

Mayor Holmes reported that the July video gaming income for the Village was \$6,113.47, which was only the sixth time in ten years that the total was over \$6,000. That makes the over ten-year income \$515,609.16. The Board agreed to let that amount grow and revisit the topic of what to spend it on at another time.

Mayor Holmes reported Mr. Odoni reached out by email asking for Mayor Holmes to sign letters allowing the banks, USDA, IL EPA, and the National Rural Water Association to fill out paperwork needed for the audit. Those letters were immediately signed and returned to Mr. Odoni. Mr. Odoni said he should have a copy of the audit to the Village by mid-September. Mayor Holmes asked if the Board would like to call a special board meeting to approve the audit once it is completed. Trustee Hannah Garrett asked that the Board decides once we know when the audit is completed. If it is close to the October meeting there would be no need to hold a special meeting, but if it is done by next week then she would agree to having a special meeting. Trustee Derek VerHeecke agreed with Trustee Garrett. Mayor Holmes said he would keep the Board informed on the audit.

**POLICE/CIVIL DEFENSE/PERMITS:**

Police Sergeant Alex Wagner was absent due to a work conflict, so Trustee VerHeecke presented Sergeant Wagner's written August Police Report.

In August the Woodhull Police Department responded to 27 calls for service, completed 12 follow ups, conducted traffic stop, issued 1 warning, 1 DCFS report, and conducted 75 business checks.

There were no updates on the K9 car or Humvee. The Police Committee will continue to work to come up with the best solutions for these two items.

Trustee Christena Anderson made a motion to accept the August written Police Report as presented. Trustee Scott Francis seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

### **PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:**

Public Works Director Dusty McKeag gave the August Public Works Report.

Director McKeag reported there are only 8 residents left that still need their water meters replaced. There have been letters sent to these residents and if there are any residents that do not schedule a time to replace their meters then Sergeant Wagner will deliver a last attempt letter. If no action is taken from that letter, then the water to these residents will be shut off.

Director McKeag asked for a motion to accept the quote from Ferguson's for \$9,606.81 for the last batch of meters needed for businesses. Once those are ordered the only meters left to buy would be for the Rest Areas on interstate. Director McKeag is investigating who will pay for those meters. He will report back to the Board once he has an answer. Trustee Christena Anderson made a motion to accept the purchase of the final business water meters for the price of \$9,606.81 from Ferguson's. Trustee Hannah Garrett seconded the motion. After a roll call vote of Anderson-Y, Francis-Y, Garrett-Y, and VerHeecke-Y the vote passed 4-0.

Director McKeag presented a situation with a resident who would like to build a new building where a current garage is. However, the new building would need approval from the Zoning Committee. The Board agreed Director McKeag should present this to the Zoning Committee. Director McKeag will schedule a meeting as soon as possible with the Zoning Committee.

Trustee Derek VerHeecke made a motion to accept the August Public Works report as presented. Trustee Garrett seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

### **DANGEROUS BUILDING UPDATE:**

None at this time.

### **ZONING BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Nothing at this time

### **PARKS/RECREATION/TOURISM:**

Trustee Anderson reported that she attended the Henry County Tourism meeting. The new motto for the Henry Co. Tourism is "Where the Backyards Beckon." They are getting ready to run commercials promoting Henry County and have a new website.

Trustee Anderson made a motion to set the Village of Woodhull's trick or treat hours as 6:00 to 8:00PM on October 31, 2024. Trustee VerHeecke seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0. Village Clerk, Kelli Hand, will post the hours on the Village's Facebook Page.

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Trustee Anderson also reminded the Board the Annual Village Clean Up Day is Saturday, September 14, 2024, at the Village Hall.

### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:**

Trustee Scott Francis reported a meeting was held on August 28, 2024. The Economic Development Committee discussed getting an outdoor bulletin board to use for the promotion of businesses that the committee will be starting soon. Trustee Francis also reported that the new Little India restaurant is open and doing well. Mayor Holmes added he tried the new restaurant and said it was very good.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Trustee Christena Anderson reported she hopes to have more information about the Village Sign at our October meeting.

Mayor Holmes said the Village's new Solar Energy Ordinance is now in effect and there are Solar Energy Ordinance Permits available in the Village Clerk's Office.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Mayor Holmes informed the Board a couple from Woodhull would like to donate a memorial for their grandson who recently passed away to have at the Village's Park. Trustee Anderson asked for more time to discuss options with Public Works and to discuss the best type of memorial for the park. Once these discussions happen then Mayor Holmes will update the couple on their options for a memorial and a decision can be made.

### **CLOSED BUSINESS:**

Trustee Christena Anderson made a motion to go into Closed Session for two litigation updates and one personnel item at 7:51pm. Trustee Hannah Garrett seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Respectfully submitted by Kelli Hand, Village Clerk

Trustee Christena Anderson made a motion to go back into Open Session at 7:59 p.m. Trustee Derek VerHeecke seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted, Mayor Holmes

### **VOTES AFTER CLOSED:**

The Board mentioned that the general consensus is to continue advertising for a Chief of Police until the end of October. Trustee Derek VerHeecke will work with Village Clerk Kelli Hand to try to increase our advertising efforts.

Trustee Christena Anderson then moved to adjourn the meeting and Trustee Scott Francis seconded the motion, which carried 4-0 at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Dave Holmes, Village President

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