

**Village of Pocahontas  
Board Meeting  
Monday November 20, 2023, 6:00 P.M.**

Meeting called to order by Village President, Karen Heilig. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call was taken with Sue Kovach, David Crawford, Adam Evans, Matt Hawley and Tim Palen present. Board member Jeff Weiss was absent.

**October Minutes:**

Karen asked if there were any additions or corrections to the October minutes. Matt made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Susie 2<sup>nd</sup>, roll call on motion, with all yes, motion approved.

**Bills:**

November bills were presented to the Board for their approval. Dave made a motion to accept bills as written with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Susie. Roll call on motion, with all yes, motion approved.

**Attorney – Ryan Connor**

Mike Gaeschel was present and introduced himself as an associate with Ryan. He has been and will be assisting in projects with the Village of Pocahontas.

The Confirmatory Ordinance has not been received.

The Tax levy was discussed. Ryan had advised that he would like to see the Village add a line for Workmen's Comp. The Board would like to look over the paperwork before deciding. Because this doesn't have to be submitted officially until the last Tuesday in December, the board will set up a meeting on Monday December 4, 2023, at 7PM to discuss this further. Once they make updates, then we will send it to Ryan and get an updated copy to be approved at the regular meeting on December 18, 2023.

The judge gave the resident that owns 210 W National until February to finish the list of improvements needed.

**Water/Sewer**

Went over the list of things they have done over the month.

Andy said they are still trying to find a boat.

All locks have been replaced on the buildings.

**Building/Zoning**

There is a garage being put up that will need a building permit.

**Police**

Angie was not present but wrote a letter for Loni to read.

She advised that the County requires more stringent practice with their golf cart/side by side policies. She wanted to know if an individual has been approved for the County permit, if they could just provide that and we issue them a permit, rather than having to be inspected again.

Rob's vehicle should be back from the repair shop tomorrow.

Angie also suggested that the Board might think about installing No Solicitating signs. Once we have our new ordinances in place, we will look more into this.

### **Website**

Moonlight just needs some information to get the project started.

### **Russell Street Lift Station**

The Board was presented with a plan from the engineer to do the project in 3 phases. The Board would like to get it completed at one time. Loni will start contacting banks to see about getting approved for loans.

### **Pay Raises for Board Members**

Discussion was held but no movement was made. Don advised that he would like to see 1 committee meeting a month to try to get things taken care of then after that start a plan of action of raises for the Board members.

### **Food Pantry Donation**

Susie made a motion to donate \$500 to Don and Becky Hawley as a charitable donation. Adam 2<sup>nd</sup> – roll call on motion, with all yes, motion approved.

### **Christmas Bonuses**

Susie made a motion to allow Christmas bonuses and keep them the same as last year for the active employees. Adam 2<sup>nd</sup> – roll call on motion, with all yes, motion approved.

### **Revive & Thrive Tribe Donation**

This will be postponed until they receive their 501C3 status.

### **Comprehensive Plan**

Loni contacted a group that does it for free but has yet to hear back from them.

### **Public Comment**

Pasto Greg Sanders was present and introduced himself. He has been the Baptist Church minister for the past 15 years. He has a vision of making the church more community focused and open the doors to many possible programs. When the remodeling of the building is done, he intends to have an open house.

Susie wanted to remind everyone that the Chicken & Beer dance is on December 2<sup>nd</sup> and tickets are still for sale.

Diane advised that Small Business Saturday is November 25<sup>th</sup>. The Revive and Thrive Tribe will be doing free gift wrapping. She also advised that a local resident donated money to the group to help obtain their 501C3.

Susie made a motion for adjournment at 7:30PM. Dave 2<sup>nd</sup> – meeting adjourned.