

**Village of Pocahontas
Special Committee Meeting
Monday July 17, 2023 6:00 P.M.**

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

Public Comment

Don Hawley presented some website examples from different Villages that are about the same size as Pocahontas. He thinks it would be in the best interest of the village to get a website so that it can eliminate any confusion to community members. We would also be able to have the ability to set up a text message program to let the community know of any important information. Don thinks this would be good for the Village for the long-term.

Donna Hill was present asking if the culverts could be replaced between 803 and 805 Simpson St. She also wanted to ask that, since Loni accepted the position of Treasurer for the Village of Old Ripley, what that means for the Clerk position. Loni explained that before she accepted the position, she asked the attorney, mayor, and trustees. All advised that they see no problems with me taking that as it would not interfere with the VoP work. Also, they bank at different facilities so no monies would be shared.

Denny Maroon was also present. He wanted to let everyone know it is illegal for the Building Inspector to enter residences or property while the homeowners are not there. Don advised that if a home inspector notices construction happening, it is custom for them to go on the site to investigate.

Building Permits Pricing –

Jennifer Rick had a question about the pricing of building permits and asked how they can be charged since there was no ordinance for the changes and not a full board was present for the approval. The Ordinance committee will review these charges and bring them back to the board.

Derelict Buildings

It was asked if the Wagon Wheel Antiques and old hardware store are going to be redone or sold. Danny advised that the part of the building on Wagon Wheel that is falling is over a gas meter. He advised that that needs to be shut off before it can do any harm. The board would like a timeframe as to when the buildings will be updated and/or sold.

Lift Stations

The Russell St lift station needs updated before the truck stop comes in. The force main needs replaced and there will need to be grinder pumps installed.

Karen advised the trustees to talk with the Public Works guys. At the next meeting we will discuss a budget for the public works to have monthly.

Park Pavilion Maintenance

The damages on the concession stand at the Little League diamond has been turned in to insurance.

Vendor Fundraiser

Susie advised that September 23rd will be the Vendor fundraiser as well as the Dale Lindley Softball Tournament and Lenjos 45th anniversary. Joe will be having a bags tournament after the softball tournament, a band, and food. At the vendor event, there will be bounce houses, looking to have games, and possibly bingo. The craft fair will be from 10am-3pm. Susie wanted to make sure it was OK to start getting vendors, with the help of Vicky Tift.

Codification

Frank has been given all the information he needs, and it shouldn't be too long before we get the first draft of ordinances.

Police

One of the LPR cameras has been installed on the south side of town.

It was advised that the radio Angie uses, one she purchased on her own, does not work very well. She is currently getting quotes on different radios.

Matt made motion to go into closed session at 8:30PM. Dave 2nd the motion, roll call on motion, all approved.

Karen opened the meeting back up at 9:20 PM, with no action taken at the closed session. Roll call taken with Tim, Matt, Dave, and Susie present.

Tim made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Matt 2nd – roll call on motion, motion approved.