

**Village of Pocahontas  
Board Meeting  
Thursday January 25, 2024, 7:00 P.M.**

Meeting called to order by Village President, Karen Heilig. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Trustee Danny Beard Jr was sworn into office. Roll call was taken with Adam Evans, Matt Hawley, David Crawford, Sue Kovach, Danny Beard, and Tim Palen present.

**January 8th Minutes:**

Karen asked if there were any additions or corrections to the January 8, 2024, minutes. Adam made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Matt 2<sup>nd</sup>, roll call on motion, with all yes, motion approved.

**Bills:**

Bills for January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024, through January 24<sup>th</sup>, were presented to the Board for their approval. Susie made a motion to accept bills as written with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Adam. Roll call on motion, with all yes, motion approved.

**Public Comment:**

*Rhonda Breslin, with Republic Service, was present and she wanted to advise that the contract can be rolled over without going through the bid process. A contract can be made for 1, 3, or 5 years. The liability can be updated to whatever the village would like. Adam made motion for Rhonda to present pricing for a 3-year and 5-year renewal. Matt 2<sup>nd</sup>, roll call on motion, with all yes, motion approved.*

**Attorney – Ryan Connor and Michael Geashal**

Ryan discussed the Dollar General taxation issue and wanted to know how the Village wanted to proceed. Adam made a motion that we send a demand letter to the County and IDOR for an answer by February 12<sup>th</sup>. Danny 2<sup>nd</sup> – roll call on motion, with all yes, motion approved.

The Business District and Downtown Business District should have started collection on January 1<sup>st</sup>. The Village should see their first payments in March. The TIF district won't be disbursed until later. Ryan advised we will need to set up different bank accounts for each one.

Ryan advised that it is time to start thinking of the appropriations. He would like to see the board make updates to it this year.

On the matter of 210 W National Street, depending on what the judge rules, the board members want to go ahead with the process of demolition.

**Water/Sewer:**

Public Works report as follows: Oil change on Chevy pick up truck, spread salt on the streets, took down Christmas lights/decorations on the square and put away in the storage unit, put up road signs on Academy and Simpson, repaired water leak at the Methodist Church, repaired water leak at State and West National, installed new LED lights on flag pole at the Village Hall, hung curtains in the meeting room, rocked alley between Jeri Calvin and Jerry Kious, and cleared ice from Post Office.

**Building/Zoning:**

Don wanted to ask for guidance on what to do with the properties that he had brought to the attention of the board members a few months ago. This will be an ongoing project that the board will need to set funds aside for.

**Police:**

No updates available

**Old Business:**

*Flock Safety Contract:* Adam made motion to cancel the Flock Safety contract if the cancellation fee is \$500. Matt 2<sup>nd</sup> – roll call on motion, with all yes, motion approved.

**New Business:**

*Administrative position discussion:* We can create the position but never fill it. There is a need since administrative duties are not getting done. At this time, we could not financially support this position. The ordinances need to be done. Right now, there are too many projects going on at one time.

Sue advised that the G & S building has been rented. Starting February 1<sup>st</sup> they will be loading clothes to/from that location. They are looking for 4 people to work there and starting pay is \$18 per hour.

Adam made a motion to go into closed session at 8:52PM for personnel reasons. Dave 2<sup>nd</sup> – roll call on motion, with all yes, motion approved.

The meeting was called back to order at 10:50 PM and roll call was taken. All members were still present.

Adam made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:51 PM, with Danny 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.