

**Village of Pocahontas
Board Meeting
Monday January 8, 2024, 7:00 P.M.**

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

November Minutes:

Karen asked if there were any additions or corrections to the December 18, 2023, minutes. Adam made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Matt 2nd, roll call on motion, with all yes, motion approved.

Bills:

Bills, from December 19th, 2023, to January 8th, 2024 were presented to the Board for their approval. Matt made a motion to accept bills as written with a 2nd by Tim. Roll call on motion, with all yes, motion approved.

Public Comment:

Rhonda Breslin, with Republic Service, was present and wanted to introduce herself as our direct contact. She wanted to let the board know that the contract was up in March. Loni provided the previous contracts, and she would love for us to renew our contract with Republic Service. Rhonda advised that she could have some pricing by next week for the board to review.

Building/Zoning:

The ZBA will be meeting tomorrow but no official business will be conducted since the newspaper did not get the ad in the paper within the correct time frame. They will meet next month for official business.

Police:

The board members were provided with our current Flock contract as well as the 5-year contract. Flock did give us until January 23rd to decide. There was a discussion about the LPRs. Currently, the board is unable to find it justifiable to spend \$5000 a year for the cameras. The board asked Angie to check into the stipulations on canceling early. The subject is tabled until the next meeting on January 22nd.

Angie brought up that she may have the opportunity to attend a grant writing class for free if we can host it at the Village Hall. By hosting, that would get 2 persons enrolled in the class for free. She said that if she were able to take this course, she would write grants for the PD and the Village. The board would like her to bring more information to the next meeting.

Angie advised the board that the cases with the theft of water are being handled.

Old Business:

Trustee Appointment. Karen advised that she would like to appoint Danny Beard Jr for the vacant trustee position. Matt made a motion to accept the appointment of Danny Beard Jr to the board of trustees. Dave 2nd, roll call on motion, with all yes, motion approved.

Fall Fest & Chicken and Beer Update: After all bills have been paid, the Fall Fest had a total profit of \$226.09 and the Chicken & Beer dance had a profit of \$13.83.

New Business:

Republic Service Contract: This will be tabled until we receive more information.

Liquor License Renewals: It was approved to issue renewals of the liquor licenses.

Administrative position discussion: Nothing was discussed but will need to be discussed more.

Continuation of Vehicle Stickers: Adam made a motion to not charge for vehicle stickers in 2024 but will come up with a different way for the compensation. Tim 2nd, roll call on motion – with all yes, motion approved.

Matt made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 PM, with Adam 2nd the motion.