

**Village of Pocahontas**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**Monday November 18, 2024, 7:00 P.M.**

Meeting called to order by Village President, Karen Heilig. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call was taken with the following trustees present: Sue Kovach, Matt Hawley, Dave Crawford, Pat Forhan, and Danny Beard Jr. Trustee Adam Evans was absent.

Also present were Randi Smith, Diane Griffith, Mel Griffith, Amanda Bodi, Jeff Kleinik, Brenda Kleinik, Don Hawley, Rob Kenny, Jennifer Rick, Kirsten Breiner, Derek Breiner, Tim Schneider, Catherine Schneider, Shannon Links, and Attorney - Mike Eberle.

**Approval of Minutes**

Matt Hawley made a motion to accept the minutes as written, from October 28, 2024 and November 4, 2024. Sue Kovach 2<sup>nd</sup> – roll call on motion, with all yes, motion approved.

**November Bills**

Sue Kovach made a motion to approve the bills as presented. Danny 2<sup>nd</sup> – roll call on motion, with all yes, motion approved.

***Attorney – Mike Eberle***

**Update on Truck Stop**

Mike reported that Sunny and Ryan have been in contact with each other.

**ZBA**

**\*Consideration/Action:** *Approval of Request# 2024-06 submitted by Derek & Kirsten Breiner, request to change LOT 83 POCAHONTAS, parcel 07-32-101-089, 108 E National St, from Residential to Commercial for a Nonprofit Kids Resource Center*

Brenda Kleinik read a letter submitted by the Zoning Board of Appeals. They requested that the Board of Trustees approve Request# 2024-06, submitted by Derek and Kirsten Breiner be approved. Pat made a motion to approve Request# 2024-06, submitted by Derek & Kirsten Breiner, to rezone 108 E National from Residential to Commercial. Danny 2<sup>nd</sup> – roll call on motion, with all yes, motion approved.

**Discussion:** *Easement request from Tim & Catherine Schneider to allow a privacy fence along the west ditch on the road entering the park, just east of the pine trees.*

Brenda advised that the Zoning Board agreed to follow the current fence code and deny this easement request. Tim & Catherine Schneider were present and described what they were requesting and advised that they have a string line set up in that area. The Board told the Schneiders that they will look into it and get back to them at the next board meeting.

### **Water/Sewer**

This month they read the meters by hand. We will look into pricing for a new meter reader and have that next month.

### **Building/Zoning**

Don read a letter from the DNR that advised we are still in the running to receive the grant. They are currently in the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of 4.

**Consideration/Action:** *Building permit fee schedule update from ordinance book*

Sue made a motion to pass the addendum to the Building Permit fee schedule. Matt 2<sup>nd</sup> – roll call on motion, with all yes, motion approved.

### **Police:**

Rob advised that more ordinance letters are going out.

**Consideration/Action:** *Tax Levy Ordinance*

Matt made a motion to approve Ordinance# 11-18-24 in reference to the Tax Levy Ordinance. Dave 2<sup>nd</sup>- roll call on motion, with all yes, motion approved.

**Consideration/Action:** *AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING FINDINGS OF FACT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR TO APPROVE AN APPLICATION FOR A ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT SUBMITTED BY THE VILLAGE OF POCAHONTAS, ILLINOIS*

Danny made a motion to approve Ordinance# 111824-2, AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING FINDINGS OF FACT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR TO APPROVE AN APPLICATION FOR A ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT SUBMITTED BY THE VILLAGE OF POCAHONTAS, ILLINOIS. Pat 2<sup>nd</sup>- roll call on motion, with all yes, motion approved.

**Consideration/Action:** *Purchase of plaques for the park*

We will look into pricing for these.

**Consideration/Action:** *Creation of Appeals committee*

This issue will be tabled and discussed at the next meeting.

**Consideration/Action:** *AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE AFFIRMATIVE VOTE IN THE NOVEMBER 5, 2024 ELECTION CHANGING THE PARK NAME TO THE AMERICAN LEGION PARK*

Sue made a motion to approve Ordinance# 111824-3, AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE AFFIRMATIVE VOTE IN THE NOVEMBER 5, 2024 ELECTION CHANGING THE PARK NAME TO THE AMERICAN LEGION PARK. Dave 2<sup>nd</sup> – roll call on motion, with all yes, motion approved.

**Consideration/Action:** *Approval of 2025 meeting dates*

Danny made a motion to approve the 2025 meeting dates, as presented. Matt 2<sup>nd</sup> – roll call on motion, with all yes, motion approved.

**Consideration/Action:** *Approval of 2025 holiday schedule*

Sue made a motion to approve the 2025 holiday schedule as presented. Danny 2<sup>nd</sup> – roll call on motion, with all yes, motion approved.

**Consideration/Action:** *Christmas bonuses*

Danny made a motion to approve giving the following bonuses: Briar, Randi, Rob, & Loni to receive \$200.00; Diane and Don to receive \$100. Matt 2<sup>nd</sup> – roll call on motion, with Pat – yes, Sue – yes, Matt – yes, Danny – yes, Dave – no, motion carries.

**Public Comment**

Don advised that Tahoe is waiting for Ameren to do some work before final inspection can be done.

Loni advised that she received elections packets with 1 running for mayor/president and 5 running for trustee.

Diane advised that since we have the USDA Grant, we will need to have an audit done each year.

Danny asked the Schneiders if they intended to keep their dog business when they move into town. They advised that they will only be bringing 2 dogs with them.

*Meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.*

