

**Village of Pocahontas  
Board Meeting  
Monday April 22, 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: Matt Hawley, Sue Kovach, Dave Crawford, and Adam Evans. Trustees Tim Palen and Danny Beard Jr were absent.

**April 8th Minutes:**

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

**Bills:**

Bills from April 9<sup>th</sup> through April 22<sup>nd</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 Matt. Roll call on motion, with all yes, motion approved.

**Attorney – Ryan Connor**

**\*Consideration/Action:** Matt made a motion to adopt Ordinance 42224, ORDINANCE AMENDING ZONING CLASSIFICATION FROM “R-1” ONE-FAMILY DWELLING DISTRICT TO “R-2” GENERAL RESIDENCE DISTRICT, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Adam. Roll call on motion - with all yes, motion approved.

**\*Consideration/Action:** Matt made a motion to adopt Ordinance 4-24, AN ORDINANCE REGARDING THE RENTAL OCCUPANCY PERMIT GUIDELINES, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Susie. Roll call on motion – with all yes, motion approved.

**\*Consideration/Action:** Matt made a motion to adopt Ordinance 4-24, AN ORDINANCE REGARDING THE RESIDENTIAL OCCUPANCY INSPECTION LIST, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Adam. Roll call on motion – with all yes, motion approved.

**\*Consideration/Action:** Susie made a motion to adopt Ordinance 4-25, AN ORDINANCE REGARDING THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Matt. Roll call on motion – with all yes, motion approved.

**Committee Reports**

It was discussed that we have the first meeting of the month as a combined committee meeting and just have discussions unless there is a pressing matter that needs attention.

**Water/Sewer:**

A list was provided of some of the work that has been done since the previous meeting which includes: mowing and weed control around town; fixed sewer clog on Stewart Street and Academy Street; Placed BioPaks in all lift stations; added rock to alleys; cleaned up sticks from ditches; worked sand filters at wastewater treatment plant; cleared brush/shrubs from the 3mph sign on south Academy Street; revised motor fuel tax for approval; cleaned out trash cans around town; storm clean up; burned brush at dump; started clearing brush/gravel off sidewalk on south Division Street.

**Police**

Angie gave a report for what she has done since the last meeting.

### **Building/Zoning**

Don spoke with the state Forrester and determined that there are approximately 13 trees that need attention in the parks. He is waiting to hear back on their suggestions.

Don asked if anything could be done with the moss in the ponds.

### **ZBA**

There were not enough members to have their meeting on April 18<sup>th</sup>. Ryan's suggestion is to possibly create a zoning hearing officer, which would be an attorney, but not him, so that things can be taken care of. The meeting has been rescheduled for May 14<sup>th</sup> at 7PM.

### **Lift Station Funding**

Bradford Bank has the lowest rate. Curry is supposed to be sending updated information on any pricing/design changes then we can decide. Amps are needed for the pumps.

### **Truck Stop Construction**

Ryan advised that he is working on the easement situation. Once the contractors get the IDOT permits complete, we can be back in business. Don advised he spoke with Pat Netemeyer and both he and Sunny would like to meet with the board at their next meeting on May 6<sup>th</sup> to discuss this further.

### **Side by Side Permits**

Adam made a motion to adopt Ordinance 4-26, AN ORDINANCE REGARDING SIDE-BY-SIDE PERMIT STICKERS, with Matt 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Roll call on motion – with all yes, motion approved.

### **MFT**

Adam made motion to accept the presented numbers for MFT for a total of \$99,996.95. Dave 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion – roll call on motion, with all yes, motion approved.

### **Code Red System**

Don advised that the County has this program. They can draw a circle around Pocahontas for us to be able to send any necessary warnings.

### **New Business**

#### **Revive & Thrive Tribe Fishing Tournament**

The Revive & Thrive Tribe were looking to hold a fishing tournament on June 1<sup>st</sup> at the park. This will be for ages 0-18 and a catch and release. The Tribe will charge an entry fee of \$5 that would include bait for the fishers and lunch. They are seeking permission to utilize the park that day. Susie made a motion to allow the Revive & Thrive Tribe to use the park on June 1<sup>st</sup>, with Matt 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Roll call on motion – with all yes, motion approved. They will assess the area of the park and use at their discretion.

#### **Business District Funds for Building Maintenance**

Matt asked about the possibility of using some of the building district funds to maintain the village hall and paint the outside. It was discussed that the Business District Funds can only be used within the Business District.

#### **Summer Seminar**

Loni asked about attending the Summer Seminar for Illinois Clerks. The board agreed that since it is training, they have no problem paying the \$75 and letting Loni attend.

**Public Comment**

*Molly Kiouss* presented her struggles with the animal ordinances.

*Denny Maroon* wanted to ask about the Building Permit prices. He wanted to make sure they are in the ordinances. Loni advised him she would get him a copy of the ordinance.

*Dawn Weiss* wanted to make the board aware of the pond. Her grandson fell into the pond after standing on a spot that collapsed. She asked what the board plans to do to fix that. The board advised her that we are waiting for a state grant, and they intend to correct any pond issues. Dawn also pointed out that the playground equipment needs repairs. The board is also working on a grant for this as playground equipment is rather pricey.

Adam made a motion to go into closed session at 7:48 p.m., for personnel issues. Matt 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion – roll call on motion, with all yes, motion approved.

The meeting was called back to order at 8:20 p.m., with no action being taken.

Adam made a motion to give Randi a \$.50 raise and give Jacob a \$250 bonus. Matt 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion – roll call on motion, with all yes, motion approved.

Adam made a motion to adjourn the meeting, with Matt 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.