

**Village of Pocahontas**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**Monday January 27, 2024, 7:00 P.M.**

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

Also present were Loni Hensler, Diane Griffith, Rob Kenny, Briar Weiss, Randi Smith, Mel Griffith, Tina Aper, Don Hawley, Rich Accornero, Jennifer Rick, and Attorney – Michael Geaschel.

**Approval of Minutes**

Karen asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes that were read aloud. Diane Griffith noted that she was present at one of the meetings where her name was not given. After that update, Adam made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Danny 2<sup>nd</sup> – roll call on motion, with all yes, motion approved.

**January Bills**

Karen asked if there were any additions or corrections to the January bills. Sue made a motion to accept the January bills as presented. Adam 2<sup>nd</sup> – roll call on motion, with all yes, motion approved.

**Attorney – Michael Geaschel**

**Problematic Property**

A bench trial is set up for February 11<sup>th</sup>. Matt and Rob will be there to testify.

**Truck Stop Update**

There are no updates on the easements currently. Rich Accornero advised that Bond Madison has installed the water meter at the truck stop. He will let the Village know, should the water get turned on.

Ryan has the ROW documents ready for the water main project.

**Water/Sewer**

The chains for the tires have been received.

The tire on the generator trailer has been replaced.

The handheld let them read some meters and we are hoping that the issue is fixed. They still need to manually read 25-30 meters.

Trevor Kinkle with Schulte Supply will be here on Thursday to give pricing and show their water meter system.

Karen complimented Briar and Randi for the work they did during the snowstorm we had at the beginning of the month.

### **Consideration/Action: IRWA training for Briar and Randi**

Discussion was held and decided that only one can go at a time. Then the next time the class is offered, they can both go.

### **Building/Zoning**

Don advised that Breiners are waiting for Ameren

Ameren has installed poles at the Tahoe Commons, and they should have electric with week. The final inspection will still need to be done before they can have people move in.

Don went to look at the truck stop and said it was coming along but still a long way from being ready to open.

Don gave an update on the grant. From what he saw, it appears that all the money has been allocated but we have not received a letter telling us whether we are a recipient or not.

Karen gave a shout out to Jennifer Rick about The Strand winning the Beautification award from the Greenville Chamber of Commerce.

### **Police**

Rob had nothing to report.

Discussion was held about vehicles needing moved that are by the former Wagon Wheel building.

### **Discussion: Change of CDs at First Mid from biannual interest to compound**

Diane and Loni reported that we had a few CDs that we were receiving the interest from rather than going back into the CDs. Initially, they were going to ask permission to change these from biannual to compound but the bank made the change themselves.

### **Consideration/Action: Estimates of roof repairs**

Joiner Sheet Metal just came out that afternoon to inspect the roof. We are waiting for them to submit a quote.

**Consideration/Action: Approval of Rottler contract**

Adam made a motion to accept the contract as long as both the Village Hall and Water Plant are included in the quote. Sue 2<sup>nd</sup> – roll call on motion, with all yes, motion approved. If both buildings are not included, a new contract will be submitted to the Village Board for approval.

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

Matt found the following people to be interested in this committee Shaun Sunfield, Jeff Weiss, and Jim Moore. Matt stated that he would like to suggest Jim Moore heads this committee as he is the only one not related to a board member. Adam made a motion to appoint Shaun Sunfield, Jeff Weiss, and Jim Moore to the appeals committee. Danny 2<sup>nd</sup> – roll call on motion, with all yes, motion approved.

**Consideration/Action: Move CDs from First Mid to Illinois Funds**

Diane and Loni spoke about the Illinois Funds and advised that we would make more money by putting the CDs in it as they mature. Matt made a motion to move the CDs in First Mid, as they mature, to the Illinois Funds. Adam 2<sup>nd</sup> – roll call on motion with all yes, motion approved.

**Consideration/Action: Add Loni & Diane to the Regions account and remove all others**

Adam made a motion to add Loni and Diane to the Regions account and remove all the others listed. Danny 2<sup>nd</sup> – roll call on motion, with all yes, motion approved.

**Consideration/Action: Charge for park pavilion reservations.**

Discussion was held on this topic. Adam made a motion to charge a \$15 deposit fee to reserve the park pavilions, in which would be returned if the area is cleaned after, otherwise the funds would go into the park fund. Danny 2<sup>nd</sup> – roll call on motion, with all yes, motion approved

**Consideration/Action: Research new audit firm**

Diane advised that we will not receive our previous audit numbers until at least the end of May and are not currently on Scheffel Boyles' list for this year's audit. She was given permission to research new auditors and get back to the Board.

**Discussion: Budget**

The finance committee will need to meet to discuss the numbers. We will utilize the February 10<sup>th</sup> meeting as a committee meeting to discuss the budget as this will take some time to review.

**Discussion: Appointed Clerk responsibilities, benefits, and pay**

Loni presented a list of duties she currently does but said there are additional items. The board will review the list and discuss it more at future meetings.

Adam asked Briar and Randi that, when it warms up, if they could put some asphalt by the post office where there was some damage from plowing.

Adam made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Matt 2<sup>nd</sup>- roll call on motion, with all yes, meeting was adjourned at 8PM.