

VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

JULY 17, 2023

Mayor Wright called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Scott Fegett, Cathi Fritz, Lindsey Light, Bob Parr, Matt Trimmell

OTHERS PRESENT Ron Soderstrom, Caroline Darr

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Lindsey Light motioned to approve June 19, 2023, regular meeting minutes as presented.

Bob Parr seconded.

	FEGETT	FRITZ	LIGHT	PARR	TRIMMELL
YES	X	X	X	X	X
NAYS					
ABSTAIN					
ABSENT					

Motion Carried

Lindsey Light motioned to approve June 19, 2023, executive meeting minutes as presented.

Scott Fegett seconded.

	FEGETT	FRITZ	LIGHT	PARR	TRIMMELL
YES	X	X	X	X	X
NAYS					
ABSTAIN					
ABSENT					

Motion Carried

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Lindsey Light motioned to accept the bills as presented.

Bob Parr seconded.

	FEGETT	FRITZ	LIGHT	PARR	TRIMMELL
YES	X	X	X	X	X
NAYS					
ABSTAIN					
ABSENT					

Motion Carried

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

VILLAGE HALL

Mayor Wright showed the website update and told the board that the consultant is currently setting up a PayPal account where payments can be made through the website. They are looking at what fees and surcharges the village may incur.

There was a discussion on the new payroll reports, and board members felt this report was helpful.

The office is currently doing training on LOCiS. Managers can submit and approve POs through the system that will provide the GL line number.

PUBLIC WORKS

Review of projects:

- Oakwood Park – the stripping of the basketball court has been completed. There was a water leak, and this has been repaired. The department was able to take care of the tree damage that the July storm caused.
- Southern Tire Mart – is currently breaking grown and is scheduled to be completed in November.
- The Box has completed its addition to the beer garden. What is left is the new updated sign.
- Tullies – that has been no updates, and November 5 is the deadline for TIF funds.
- Village Generator – waiting on Glesco to provide a start date.
- Sidewalk repairs – The grading on concrete has been started, and they will come back and seed the areas.
- Kelley Street Bridge – there has been no activity as a new engineer has been assigned.
- During the storm cleanup, the departments almost ran out of gas because of the lack of power at gas stations in town and all surrounding areas. What other towns are doing will be evaluated to see what would work for the village.

POLICE

- Speed Limit Data – the current system is being used, and reports will be available for the board to review monthly.
- The school district has to do its formal vote on the SRO agreement. This position will start on the first day of school.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SERVICES

C. Darr reported that the department is receiving payments through the PBS billing system.

SUBJECTS REQUIRING ACTION/DECISION BY THE BOARD

RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS

Mayor Wright recognized Alex Silha and Kemper Hinchman for assisting with a fire on Oakwood Street at a resident's house. The mayor also recognized David Fritz, Tyler Finley, Robby Wright, Rylee Wright, and Wane Bugaj for their assistance in the storm cleanup efforts and for working alongside

OAKWOOD PARK BATHROOM PROJECT

Mayor Wright updated the board that two bids were received for this project. C. Fritz was concerned about only getting two bids back, and the mayor assured her the same process for bidding was done as in past projects. B. Parr stated that this was too much to spend on bathrooms at the park. C. Fritz stated that the estimates came in lower than what was anticipated by the engineer. She also stated the need for handicapped bathrooms is required. L. Light asked what the plans were for the park. C. Fritz stated she is still determining if a reconfiguration is doable without acquiring more land. Portable toilets are currently being used, a considerable expense to the village. L. Light asked if this could be covered with the non-home rule funds. Mayor Wright stated yes and that \$200,000 was budgeted for 2023.

Lindsey Light motioned to accept the bid of \$301,739 for the bathroom remodel at the park utilizing the non-home rule funding. Cathi Fritz seconded.

	FEGETT	FRITZ	LIGHT	PARR	TRIMMELL
YES		X	X		X
NAYS	X			X	
ABSTAIN					
ABSENT					

Motion Carried

FULL-TIME PERSONNEL FOR EMS

C. Darr provided figures on how many calls are turned over to other towns and how hiring one full-time paramedic and one full-time EMT would help cover more calls. She stated that part-time will also be used to fill spots. S. Fegett asked if this would also help increase the number of transfers the department can do, and C. Darr stated it would help increase transfers.

Cathi Fritz motioned to approve hiring one full-time paramedic and one full-time EMT.

Scott Fegett seconded.

	FEGETT	FRITZ	LIGHT	PARR	TRIMMELL
YES	X	X	X	X	X
NAYS					
ABSTAIN					
ABSENT					

Motion Carried

SOLICITATION ORDINANCE

R. Soderstrom and J. Leverenz are working on drafting a new solicitation ordinance. There are several loopholes they are finding. They recommend assessing a \$100 per-day fee and will require each individual to apply for a permit, and then each individual will have to go through a background check. R. Soderstrom stated that in the past, someone had a criminal offense. Other villages require the exact requirements as what is being developed in the new ordinance.

Cathi Fritz motioned to approve the proposed solicitation ordinance as presented.

Lindsey Light seconded.

	FEGETT	FRITZ	LIGHT	PARR	TRIMMELL
YES	X	X	X	X	X
NAYS					
ABSTAIN					
ABSENT					

Motion Carried

PROPERTY MGT AND ORDINANCE CONSULTANT

Mayor Wright told the board he would like to discuss having a consultant that can work with the Landbank and monitor general property management such as abandoned, foreclosed, and properties delinquent on taxes. This consultant would also support Soderstrom in all the gaps. C. Fritz felt this could be a part-time position and would allow the police department to focus more on typical police work and not all the details of issues that fall under this. This consultant would be more on neighborhood revitalization. The board felt a need, and Mayor Wright will continue to pursue possible candidates.

Bob Parr motioned to approve the recommendation of hiring a property management consultant.

Lindsey Light seconded.

	FEGETT	FRITZ	LIGHT	PARR	TRIMMELL
YES	X	X	X	X	X
NAYS					
ABSTAIN					
ABSENT					

Motion Carried

OAKWOOD PARK LAYOUT AND BOUNDARIES

A survey is being completed on the park boundaries. There was a discussion on reconfiguring the current park and all the needs needed for the school district and youth organizations. S. Fegett stated he had some ideas on possible refiguring options. There was discussion on how much the village spends on just the maintenance of the park and no income coming in to help with these costs.

AGENDA REQUESTS AND RECOGNITION OF VILLAGE CITIZENS

Bill Hill addressed the board on the noise level of the Liquor Box has now since moving out of the stage. He was told that all music was to be done at 11:30 pm, and R. Soderstrom stated he had the right to file a formal complaint.

Mayor Wright asked for a motion to go into executive session. Lindsey Light motioned at 8:09 pm to go into executive session, seconded by Bob Parr.

The board came out of executive session at 9:01 pm.

TRUSTEE APPOINTMENT

Cathi Fritz motioned to appoint Jason Elliot as the replacement for Robert Wright's trustee remainder term. Bob Parr seconded.

	FEGETT	FRITZ	LIGHT	PARR	TRIMMELL
YES		X	X		X
NAYS	X			X	
ABSTAIN					
ABSENT					

Motion Carried

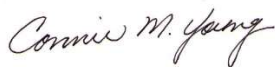
Bob Parr made a motion at 9:04 pm to adjourn.

Lindsey Light seconded.

	FEGETT	FRITZ	LIGHT	PARR	TRIMMELL
YES	X	X	X	X	X
NAYS					
ABSTAIN					
ABSENT					

Motion Carried

Submitted by,



Connie Young, Clerk
Approved 8/21/23