

VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD

Regular Board Meeting Minutes – September 13, 2021

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ROLL CALL	PRESENT	ABSENT	OTHERS PRESENT
Jason Elliott		X	Caroline Darr – Int. EMS Coordinator
Cathi Fritz	X		Lori Fields – EMS Billing
Bob Parr		X	Julie Leverenz – Office Manager
Doit Roberts	X		Janet Hambright – Treasurer
Ferrell Stroh		X	Steve Wendell – Supt. Of Public Works
Robert Wright	X		

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Robert Wright made a motion to approve the August 9, 2021, and August 26, 2021 minutes with a second by Doit Roberts.

	Jason Elliott	Cathi Fritz	Bob Parr	Doit Roberts	Ferrell Stroh	Robert Wright
Yes		X		X		X
Nays						
Absent	X		X		X	

Motion Carried

APPROVAL OF BILLS

GENERAL FUND	\$ 39,632.07	POLICE	\$ 6,427.01
MOTER FUEL	\$ 24,020.63	EMERGENCY RESCUE	\$ 8,199.44
TIF 3	\$ 362.50	BUILDING FUND	\$ 180.00

Robert Wright made a motion to approve the bills with a second by Doit Roberts.

	Jason Elliott	Cathi Fritz	Bob Parr	Doit Roberts	Ferrell Stroh	Robert Wright
Yes		X		X		X
Nays						
Absent	X		X		X	

Motion Carried

GUESTS

Mayor McArty announced that the Comet Power of Pink is holding a "Paint The Town Pink" event. They are selling pink lightbulbs for outdoor lights and Paint the Town Pink yard signs. All proceeds go towards families fighting cancer within the school district.

VILLAGE HALL REPORT

Julie Leverenz reported that the Village website had been down, and it had to do with a domain issue. The office will be getting the yearly permits for liquor licenses and garbage haulers ready and sent out. As for the audit, they are currently working with the comptroller's office of the TIFF funds.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Steve Wendell reported the solenoid on top of the transmission on the tractor went bad. The steering knuckles on the John Deer mower also broke but both will be fixed.

Doit Roberts asked about the clean-up behind the cold storage shed. Since he lost the storage bins by the tracks, Steve explained that he doesn't have a place to store as he did before. The brush from storm damage is being put back there for now until it can be burnt. It was determined that more discussion needed to happen and a plan developed to address the needs of the storage issue.

POLICE REPORT

Ron Soderstrom was not in attendance but provided a written report to the board.

EMERGENCY RESCUE REPORT

Caroline Darr reviewed her written report. Fire extinguishers throughout the building were inspected. One has to be replaced due to age, and one was added. She reported on the vehicle maintenance and stated safety inspections will be done in September on all vehicles. Robert Wright as how the multi-point inspection agreement with Carnaghi's was going, and Caroline said it has helped have everything done in one place.

Lori Fields reported additional money had been received from the VA on their outstanding bill. She is also showing more payments schedule in the near future. She feels we should keep moving forward at this time in providing the services they need.

VERMILION COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Doug Toole from the Vermilion County Health Department informed the board of the October 16, 2021, electronic waste collection from 9 am – 11 am. He provided a list of what can be taken.

Tool also told the board that the EPA allows villages and highway supervisors to dump used tires at the Danville Township garage in November. This is not open to the residents, but the town can dump tires.

Brenda Adams from Keep Vermilion County Beautiful was in attendance and provided the board with the new memberships available that the village has participated in the past. She explained the membership dues are due at the beginning of the year. She also told the board there are cigarette bins available to the village to help with this litter.

FEHR & GRAHAM

Tom Overmeyer from Fehr & Graham presented a drainage plan proposed by Kimley Horn that represents Pilot requesting a waiver from the village's stormwater ordinance. Pilot wants to build a maintenance facility on the existing property and an accompanying detention pond to provide storage for stormwater runoff. The board had many questions, and a committee will be meeting with Tom to discuss further and report back to the entire board before a decision is made on whether or not to approve plans.

CORONAVIRUS LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY ORDINANCE

Mayor McArty reported the first ARPA payment had been received. The ordinance that is presented is required for the village to have.

Robert Wright made a motion to approve the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Ordinance as submitted with a second by Doit Roberts.

	Jason Elliott	Cathi Fritz	Bob Parr	Doit Roberts	Ferrell Stroh	Robert Wright
Yes		X		X		X
Nays						
Absent	X		X		X	

Motion Carried

INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE ORDINANCE

Mayor McArty presented to the board an ordinance for approval that would allow the village to follow the IPMC. This regulates the minimum maintenance requirements for existing residential and commercial buildings and minimum standards for basics such as structural conditions, lighting, ventilation, sanitation, and fire safety.

Robert Wright made a motion to approve the IPMC ordinance with a second by Doit Roberts.

	Jason Elliott	Cathi Fritz	Bob Parr	Doit Roberts	Ferrell Stroh	Robert Wright
Yes		X		X		X
Nays						
Absent	X		X		X	

Motion Carried

MEETING DATE CHANGE ORDINANCE

Mayor McArty presented an ordinance to change the monthly village board meetings to the 3rd Monday of each month. Currently, they are on the 2nd Monday. She feels that since the board requires more study sessions, board members would gain more information before voting on agenda items.

Robert Wright asked if this would cause the village to have late payments and incur late fees. Janet explained currently, there is an ordinance that allows utility bills to be paid before a board meeting because of this issue. The only problems she sees are bills from Menards and Lowes that would be late. But these possibly could be paid online instead of sending a physical check in the mail.

Robert Wright made a motion to approve the ordinance moving village meetings to the 3rd Monday of each month with a second by Doit Roberts.

	Jason Elliott	Cathi Fritz	Bob Parr	Doit Roberts	Ferrell Stroh	Robert Wright
Yes		X		X		X
Nays						
Absent	X		X		X	

Motion Carried

COLD STORAGE BUILDING BID REVIEW

Robert Wright provided a review of the bids since Bob Parr was absent. There were four bids received from the range of \$19,995 - \$55,280. He contacted the two lowest bidders and inquired whether the project would be sprayed or brushed/rolled and if the contractors would bring their water to the site for power washing. He also checked to see if the contractor would cover any damage or clean-up from overspray of nearby property.

Steve Wendell was asked if this project could wait until next year because time is running out and it will be too cold soon. Steve stated it could remain, but he is afraid there could be more damage, and the project's cost could go up.

Robert made the recommendation to table this project until further information could be received from the bidders.

EMS – FIELD UPGRADE SUPPLIES

The department was informed that Pro Ambulance would no longer provide the paramedic flight car. This is due to the fact of a shortage county-wide. Currently, all units are licensed by the IDPH as BLS (Basic Life Support) units. If a patient needs a higher care level, ALS intercept or PRO paramedic is called to give the patient care. The department currently has three paramedics and one intermediate, and two paramedic students. With only being licensed as a BLS unit, they can only provide basic level care. With the approval of a field upgrade and the crew available, the unit will automatically upgrade to its training level.

This would also provide cost savings to the department. But there is a cost for the purchase of supplies and medications. A list of supplies was provided to the board, asking for approval. The investment would be \$2,700 in supplies once the field upgrade is approved.

Cathi Fritz made a motion to approve the request to purchase \$2,700 in supplies once the department has received the field upgrade with a second by Doit Roberts.

	Jason Elliott	Cathi Fritz	Bob Parr	Doit Roberts	Ferrell Stroh	Robert Wright
Yes		X		X		X
Nays						
Absent	X		X		X	

Motion Carried

VILLAGE HALL – SIDEWALK/PARKING

Tabled till next month - Awaiting updates from members not present.

OAKWOOD PARK UPDATE

Tabled till next month - Awaiting updates from members not present.

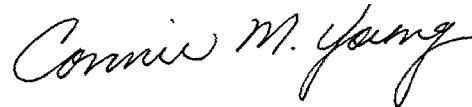
VILLAGE BUILDING UPDATE

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ADJOURNMENT

At 8:05 pm, Robert Wright made a motion to adjourn with a second from Doit Roberts.

Respectfully submitted,



Connie M. Young, Clerk

Approved 10/18/2021