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Village of Towanda
Board Meeting Minutes 01/08/2024

Acting Mayor: Don Williams

Trustees: Debbie Kinsella
Tammy Pate
Gary Smith
Don Williams
Scott Flack
Amy Woodrum

Village Clerk: Lula F Zimmermann
Treasurer: Bonnie Smith
Supt. of Public Works: Steve Evans

Acting Mayor Don Williams called the meeting to order at 7 pm. The Pledge was recited, and attendance was taken. Amy Woodrum was absent..

Guests Present: 1 Delegates/Guests were present.

Minutes

The minutes from the December 4th, 2023 board meeting were presented. Gary Smith made a motion to approve and Scott Flack seconded the motion. A roll call vote carried with all ayes with one board member being absent.

Bills

The bills for the board meeting were presented for approval. Gary Smith made a motion to approve to pay the bills and Tammy Pate seconded the motion. A roll call vote carried all ayes with one board member being absent.

Delegations

Cathy Beck was here from the Emergency Management Agency of McLean County to talk to Us about what types of help there is available to us in the event of a natural disaster. She Let us know that there are people that can come and volunteer to help clean up or do anything That is within their ability to do and within safety guidelines. She also discussed the trainings and Certifications that are important to have.

Committee Reports

No committee reports.



Discussion

5.01 Capital Plan/Budget

Bonnie let us know that is time to start thinking about 3/5/10 year plans on what we would Like to see done in the near future. We also need to get our budget items figured out and Get them to her, so that she can start working on the budget.

5.02 Shed Internet Status

We have the equipment in the office and we just need to get it installed and the Router

Programmed.

5.03 **Village Insurance**

There were some miscommunications and we didn't get the right statement to IML within 120 Days And had to pay them for 2024 also. Insurance through them must be cancelled by Sept 1st, 2024 To avoid another issue.

Action

6.01 Licensing Agreement : 401 S Madison St

We have got the paper work from the resident's attorney and the fence is already put In place. It was stated that it was 8ft in front and 10ft in back. We still have access to The creek if there is an issue, but we still have to give him a 24hr notice to him as long as it is Not an emergency. Gary Smith made the motion to accept the agreement and Tammy Pate Seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken and passed with all ayes with Amy Woodrum being absent.

6.02 Illinois Public Works Mutual Aid Agreement Ordinance.

Debbie Kinsella made the motion to accept the Illinois Public Works Ordinance agreement and Tammy Pate seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed with all ayes and Amy Woodrum was absent.

6.03 Maintenance Equipment Upkeep

Don Williams said that the maintenance truck needs new tires. Tammy Pate made the motion to Buy the new tires and Debbie Kinsella seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and Passed with all ayes and Amy Woodrum was absent. Scott Flack also said we need some new Equipment for the Pumphouse. Tammy Pate made the motion to approve the equipment for the Pumphouse and Debbie Kinsella seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed with All ayes with Amy Woodrum being absent. —

Trustee/Employee/Mayor Reports

Debbie Kinsella

Debbie mentioned that we are going to wait till the spring to have the Parking Lot done this Spring and we are also going to strip the floors and put down new wax. She also said that January was a slow month for rentals.

Scott Flack

Scott told us that they are working on the Neptune 360 Equipment which is used in the Water/Garbage Billing Software and the next item on the list is for the training that comes With the new software.

Gary Smith

Gary did not have anything but to report that the Membership Fee for IPWMAN is only \$100 instead of \$150 to be corrected from last months meeting minutes. And he also reported that the Illinois Dept. of Commerce starts working on their Grants on January 17, 2024.

Tammy Pate

Tammy wanted to hear everyone's opinion on the Police Issue and most said that even if We paid for police protection doesn't mean that they are going to be around when something Happens. The other issue with that is where to put the monies from the taxing body if we don't Use the money for policing. Tammy also told us that the prospective attorney Mark McGrath Would be at our February Board meeting.

Amy Woodrum

Amy was absent but left a message with Don that she said Great Job at getting started and wanted To know if the lights at the gazebo can be left on.

Don Williams

Don let us know that they are going to have a Zoning Board Meeting at the end of the month.

Steve Evans

Steve said that they got the culvert installed at the pond and also at Solar Legacy. He also said that they are waiting on warmer weather to treat the concrete so that they can get the salt put away And that the Fuel Tank is up to code now.

Bonnie Smith

Bonnie told us that she has a Budget Webinar on Tuesday at the Office.


Lula F Zimmermann

Lula told us that garbage had went up .20 cents this month when we discovered that we were using The wrong contract for the last 3 years.

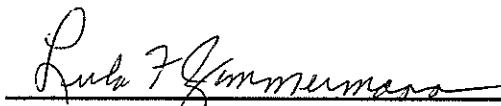
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Don talked about being able to save email for the past, present, and future. He said that is getting together with the organizations and see what we can do for them and what they can do for us. He also told that Everyone has to take the OMA Training online and informed us of the Bloomington water increase of 33% for the next 3 Years in May and that our water rates will increase also. Scott and Steve are supposed to get together on the cubic feet vs. gallons.

With nothing else to discuss the Don asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Debbie Kinsella made the Motion to adjourn and Scott Flack seconded the motion at 9:37pm.



Don Williams, Acting Mayor



Lula F Zimmermann, Village Clerk