

VILLAGE OF SOLDIERS GROVE, CRAWFORD COUNTY, WISCONSIN

Minutes of a Regular Board Meeting held June 11, 2024.

Meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Roll Call: Present: Shayne Chapman, Steve George, Vicki Campbell, Howard Arndt, and Harrison Heilman. Not Present: Brett Pettit.

Public Input: Harrison stated that the Crawford County Health Department had a meeting about fraud scams, 500,000 people in Crawford County have been scammed recently. Diane Coleman asked about the chicken ordinance if people have to ask all neighbors or just ones with adjacent properties, the ordinance states adjoining properties. Coleman also brought up the issue with her dog being attacked and that there has been nothing happening with it. Village Attorney, Nikki Swayne, stated the board cease discussion on the topic as it was not an agenda item.

Village Attorney: Nikki Swayne introduced herself to the board. She is a partner of Abt Law out of Westby, WI. Municipal Law is her focus in the firm. Does not charge for travel time, does not have boundaries with work, can call or text at anytime and she will respond within reason. Contract will renew annually for services.

Library: Sarah stated the Library has decided to apply for a federal grant for technology and renovation. The focus of the grant is technology, if awarded the grant, the space under the solar panels on the second floor will be used for a meeting room/study space. Delta 3 Engineering have been hired for the grant writing and project plans. Library will be using reserve funds to pay the engineers. Want to provide better internet and a private space for patrons to use. The space could also be used for yoga or meetings with therapists. The grant is due July 11th, this will be no cost to the Village and does not require matching funds.

CDC: Motion by Heilman, second by Chapman to reimburse Vicki Campbell for the park flowers. All present aye, motion carried.

Fire department: Fun Days will be this coming week Friday and Saturday. Truck and Tractor pull set for Friday night, light parade and band for Saturday night with fire department water fights during the day Saturday as well as a black top tractor pull. 3 members went to a grain bin training held by the Ferryville Fire Department. Will be doing a jaws training on a car by the fire department on June 19th at 6 pm.

Public Works: keeping up with the grass, mowed ditches, fixed many pot holes with cold mix, still have more to do but have a goal to have that all done within the next couple weeks. Issues with the park bathrooms, people are not using the toilets, that is why they were closed for a few days, they have been open now for about a week without issues. Sand in the sandbox was replaced with new. New ball field fence has been put up, Ben Culver from Viola will be coming to help install the new water meters in homes. Fire hydrant by Cemetery Road is set to be fixed in the next couple weeks by Eric Uhe, weather depending.

Motion by George, second by Chapman to approve donation of \$300 to the Gays Mills Fire Department for fireworks. All present aye, motion carried.

Motion by Heilman, second by George to approve Issuance of Approximately \$100,000 Sewerage System Revenue Bonds, Series 2024(Clean Water Fund Loan)-Quarles & Brady, all present aye, motion carried.

Motion by George, second by Heilman to approve Delta 3 Engineering as the Village Grant Administrators for the Phase 1 Wastewater Facility Project. All present aye, motion carried.

Motion by George, second by Heilman to approve renewals of all Liquor, Operators, and Cigarette/Vape Licenses. All present aye, motion carried. Arndt abstained.

Motion by Arndt, second by George to approve picnic license for Soldiers Grove Fire Department. All present aye, motion carried.

Motion by Chapman, second by Arndt to vacate plotted alleyway-Olson/Meyer properties. All present aye, motion carried.

Motion by George, second by Heilman to approve minutes of the May 7th, 2024 meeting. All present aye, motion carried.

Motion by George, second by Heilman to approve bills General \$10,498.13, Fire \$1,805.28, Sewer \$8,585.52, Water \$3,100.93, and Library \$5,978.48. All present aye, motion carried.

Motion by Chapman, second by George to adjourn meeting at 7:30 pm. All present aye, motion carried.

Kaitlynn R Ott