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Regular Council Meeting Agenda – Thursday, August 6, 2020

Visitors: Annie Browning, Vicki Carpenter

Meeting called to order by President Smith at 5:32 p.m.

1. Roll Call: all present
2. Pledge of Allegiance voiced by all
3. Conflict of Interest by any Council Members: none
4. Approval of Agenda as presented Downs/ Hook, addition Nonpoint Grant & Short Term, correction millfoil not knotweed, motion revised by same, motion passed
5. Approval of Meeting Minutes for July –motion to approve Hook, seconded by VanDePerre, roll call, motion passed
6. Approval of Bills for July 2020 Hook/VanDePerre approval of bills passed
7. Public Comments on agenda items – Annie Browning/resident pleased to see rental item on agenda

Communication to Council:

Rhonda Nye/County Commissioner: Budget work started, focused on general operating funds, (all their meetings are call in meetings) Gathering Place remain close until 9/6, Railroad Point conservation plans moving ahead w/property being bought, Supreme Court decision regarding foreclosures due to unpaid taxes/when sold property/County kept extra \$ and should only keep \$ owed to pay back taxes. Impacts could be statewide impacts and could go back 6 yrs of foreclosures to pay extra back to homeowner. More questions generated than answers at this time. Millages for jail/senior services passed. School vote will be asking for a recount due to close counts.

Coury Carland/Zoning Administrator: unable to attend

Committee Reports:

Treasurer Lumm: Reviewed report and quarterly transfers done in July. She will be out of the office next week. Tax payments coming in and tax bills addresses more accurate. Dan Hook needs to work with her on water accounts when she returns. Motion to approve by Hook, seconded by VandePerre, approved. Hook thanked Pam/Margaret for work for audit.

1. Water/Sewer – Chairman VanDePerre EGO water/sewer report, pump issues (thanks Brady), asset list done
2. Law/ Finance – Chairman Hook Draft 2019 audit report back and came back ‘clean’/letter for President Smith to sign. Transitioning into BS&A bookkeeping, 9/8 transition ‘go’ date, biggest change is single accounts as discussed last month. Budget time upon us/paperwork will come out and requests to consider. Budget meeting will be later this fall.
3. Building / Grounds – Co-Chairman Hook: Knotweed spray being done on Village property next week. This action was approved at an earlier meeting.
4. Park/Rec – Chairman Pallin Thanks to Brady & Jeff on the mowing and how things are looking good. Phone changes with Spectrum to AT&T. Billing concerns are being addressed, password issues and some suspension of services (calls in/not out). Charter could be new provider if that helps with internet service. Our tech person is fine to go to Charter for office phones/internet. Gary will follow-up with office staff before change-over is made.

5. Streets/Sidewalks – Co-Chairman VanDePerre received a request to re-pave road from RV park to the 3 residences and since the road is private/will not be paved by Village. Stencil on sidewalks for no bikes/boards/skates will be done as many bike-riders on sidewalk.
6. Equipment – Chairman Downs Positive remarks about work by Brady/Jeff, no specific report. Question by Hook on status of the ‘Big Red’ truck to determine on future needs/replacement. Will try a new vendor to evaluate the truck, Brady will follow-up asap.
7. Superintendent - Brady Streeter - Pump issues being addressed and evaluated. Potholes need patching and Popp offered a price for a ‘day’ of work, Brady will work with him to identify areas of need. Discussion on quality/durability of patches. Sidewalk stencils and he may work with Frankfort DPW for help with stencils. Boat Launch ramp question and any repairs/problems. Brady shared plans for repairs working with others. Contact about sump pump a/o dry well issue with home on Kelly’s Alley will need to be clarified. Will need to be followed up by Zoning Adm with ordinance, Dan Smith will follow-up. Brady appreciates the support of the Council with hiring Jeff Hopkins. Dan Smith reported that a screening committee (Hooks/Downs) to review at 1 pm Friday with applications.

Old Business:

Non-point Source Program grant Dan Hook gave background and process started about 1 year ago, specific to efforts on groundwater/e-coli issues. We did not get that grant but got feedback on our application. We have notice of intent to apply for next for next cycle, due 8/14. Grant application due in October. Hook reviewed the costs and partnerships Motion to submit notice of intent to apply for 2020-21 cycle, made by Hook, seconded by VanDePerre motion passed. Actual grant application will come before Council prior to that submission,

New Business:

Peerless Midwest Quote: \$3,750.00 costs to pull pumps (Funds from sewer R&R fund), uncertain if rebuild or replace to be determined. Motion made by Hook Seconded Downs, motion passed

Invasive Eurasian Millfoil Water Treatment – postponed to 2021 Information from CLWA regarding reasons

Short-term rental Ordinance: Hook following up on this concern. Citizen has offered to be part of a committee to look at ordinances and bring recommendations to council. Motion made by Hook to form committee, second by VanDePerre motion passed

Public Input: Vicki Carpenter/Crystal Ave: Village newsletter printing with new machine had some challenges. Boosters: looking at Playground equipment for Northway Park/may be free equipment. BB have canceled Bridge Walk. CLCBA: Sidewalk Sale went well/following Covid rules, fall fest is being reviewed and a decision will be made at their Sept. meeting. Crystal Lake Team Marathon is Saturday with an ok from Health Dept and changes in format to comply with Covid rules.

Motion to Adjourn by: VanDePerre Supported by: Hook Motion passed

TIME: 7 pm

Adjournment