

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
VILLAGE OF GOREVILLE
August 1, 2022**

On August 1, 2022, at 6:00 PM, Mayor Pro Tem, Jody Johnson called the regular board meeting to order. The Village Clerk, Agnes Paul conducted roll call. The following trustees were present: Trustee Beckmann, Trustee Jones, Trustee Johnson and Trustee Fischer. Mayor Vaughn, Trustee Lambert-Goheen and Trustee Trovillion were absent.

Others present at the meeting were: Treasurer, Jackie Pritchett, Police, Fire Chief Ryne McNally, Attorney, Elvis Cameron, Pam Perry, Sam Mighell and Matt Russell and Micheal Scott.

Trustee Beckmann motioned to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2022 regular meeting, the treasurer's report for June 2022, and the paid bills for July totaling: **\$57,225.54**. General Fund = **\$42,746.04**, TIF # 1 = **\$6,727.75** ,TIF # 2 = **\$46,527.75** TIF # 3 = **\$1,224.00**, MFT = 0. Trustee Fischer seconded the motion. All voted yes.

The fire chief presented his monthly report to the board. He briefed the board on the status of the tanker that needs repair. He stated that it will need more work at approximately \$2,000.00 to \$3,000.00 for repairs. The board advised the village clerk to remove the agenda item "bids for new UTV" until January.

The item, "park concession agreement" will be tabled until a contract is proposed between the school and the Russells, regarding the use of the concession stand at the park. There has been no word on a contract. TABLED

The item "weeds and tall grass" is still being worked by Trustee Beckmann and police chief Holland. TABLED

Police Chief Holland arrived at the meeting at 6:24 PM.

The board discussed the upcoming water rate increase by Lake of Egypt Water (LOEW). They have advised that they will raise the rates in October. The village will be forced to raise the rates charged to residents in order to pay for the increase by LOEW. The water clerk provided a proposed rate increase for both water and sewer at different rates. The treasurer asked about the tier system for water rates and why the rate per gallon differed with the minimum usage and the usage beyond that. Sam Mighell explained that the "minimum rate" is the same for everyone to cover ongoing maintenance and repairs to the system. Those who use more than the minimum are charged accordingly. After discussion, the board decided on an increase of 15 % percent for both water and sewer in both categories of use. The new minimum bill (1500 gallons)from \$25.00 to \$28.65 and from \$5.00 to \$5.75 for each addition 500 gallon for water, and from \$18.00 to \$20.70 (1500 gallons) and from \$3.30 to \$3.75 for each additional 500 gallons for sewer. Therefore, the new water sewer bill will go from \$43.00 to \$49.35 for minimum usage. Trustee Jones motioned to raise the water/sewer bill 15% due to the upcoming increase by LOEW. Trustee Beckmann seconded the motion. All voted yes.

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The board also discussed the costs of new connections. After discussion, the board agreed that the cost should be increased. Trustee Beckmann motioned to raise the new water connection from \$400.00 to \$550.00, new sewer connection from \$300.00 to \$400.00 and crossroad (boring) from \$200.00 to \$275.00. Trustee Jones seconded the motion. All voted yes.

The board reviewed the bids received for recoating the roof at the village hall. The mayor pro tem delayed the vote because the mayor was absent. No decision was made. TABLED

The board reviewed the bids for the walking trail. After discussion, Trustee Fischer motioned to accept the bid from Penninger Asphalt Paving, Inc. for \$4,670.00. Trustee Jones seconded the motion. All voted yes.

Village workers expressed the need for help in mowing, due to the temporary absence of Mike Green and the many repair projects underway at the time. The board agreed to hire J. W. Lott at \$12.00 for a period of three weeks only from his first day working. Trustee Jones motioned to hire JW Lott to help with mowing for three weeks only at a rate of \$12.00 per hour. Trustee Beckmann seconded the motion. All voted yes.

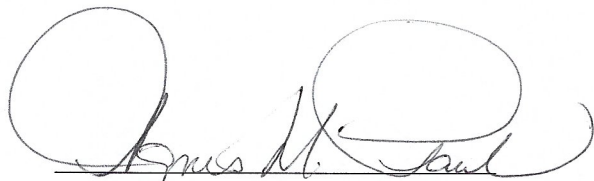
Trustee Johnson mentioned that there is a discrepancy with the land boundary for the property purchased and donated to Haven House and a neighbor's property. Attorney Elvis Cameron stated that the property now belongs to Haven House and they would have to work with them to resolve any possible discrepancy.

Police Chief briefed the board on the need to purchase two portable video cameras to keep in the vehicles so that police could conduct on site interviews when needed. They would cost approximately \$69.00 each.

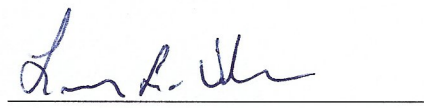
There was also a discussion about the limited ambulance coverage in the county.

The treasurer informed the board that we have spent the first installment of the COVID assistance funds (\$72,000.00) except for a remaining \$2,000.00.

At 7:25 PM, Trustee Beckmann motioned to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Fischer seconded the motion. All voted yes.



Agnes M. Paul, Village Clerk



Larry L. Vaughn, Mayor