

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
VILLAGE OF GOREVILLE
March 6, 2023

On March 6, 2023, at 6:05 PM, Mayor Vaughn called the regular board meeting to order. The Village Clerk, Agnes Paul conducted roll call. The following trustees were present: Trustee Beckmann, Trustee Trustee Johnson, and Trustee Fischer. Trustee Lambert-Goheen, Trustee Trovillion and Trustee Jones were absent.

Others present at the meeting were: outgoing treasurer, Jackie Pritchett, incoming treasurer, Michelle Maze, Police Chief Eddie Holland, Fire Chief Ryne McNally, Frank Sullivan, Jason Billingsley, Pam Perry, Justin Lawrence, Donald Lawrence, Matt Russell, Sam Mighell, Shane Maze and Sandy Lively.

Trustee Johnson motioned to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2023 meeting and executive session, treasurer report for January 2023 and the paid bills for February 2023 totaling: **\$202,462.76: General Fund = \$106,100.17, TIF # = \$42,855.98, TIF # 2 = \$49,270.78, TIF #3 = \$3,982.43, MFT = \$253.40** Trustee Fischer seconded the motion. Trustee Beckmann abstained from voting. Trustee Johnson, Trustee Fischer, and Mayor Vaughn voted yes.

The board decided one issue via group email on February 21, 2023. The new truck that was ordered in November of 2021 for the street department is ready for delivery, but the grant the village had applied for had not been approved. The board had to decide whether to pay the whole amount of the truck from Covid Relief Funds or have the village clerk secure financing. She had to sign the paperwork one way or another within a few days. The issue could not wait until the next board meeting and a special meeting was not an option because there was no time to announce a meeting to the public. (a copy of the email thread is attached and filed with these minutes.) Trustee Jones motioned to pay the whole amount of \$62,328.60 from Covid Relief Funds. Trustee Johnson seconded the motion. All voted yes.

Fire Chief McNally provided his monthly fire report and briefed the board on an Illinois Office of the State Fire Marshall Small Equipment Grant in the amount of \$26,000.00. He plans to use the grant to purchase mounts to properly store the new equipment (cutter and spreader). He suggested several public safety ideas, including a Knox Box Ordinance, an AED at the village hall and a community CPR class for \$30.00 per student. (report with details attached to and filed with these minutes.

Police Chief Holland submitted his monthly report, citing 37 service calls, three car crashes, one DUI, gas theft at Acees and a food drive feeding 56 families. (report is attached and files with these minutes.)

Justin Lawrence, of the Heartland Mule Riders Association briefed the board and asked for support against the move to change the Shawnee National Forest to the Shawnee National Park. Those opposed fear that the change will negatively affect hunting, trail riding and pets within the park. He also cited concerns about imminent domain and negative effect on tourism. The village clerk promised to write the requested letters of support and send to local representatives.

The village clerk administered the oath of office to Michelle Maze our new treasurer, who was hired to replace Jackie Pritchett who served faithfully for twelve years as village treasurer. Everyone was invited to stay after the meeting for cake to say farewell to MS Pritchett and welcome MS Maze.

The village clerk presented a quote from Republic Services to provide a city-wide clean-up at the village during the weekend of June 4 - 5, 2023. Trustee Johnson motioned to approve the quote for \$1,983.00. Trustee Fischer seconded the motion. All voted yes.

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Matt Russell presented a quote from Airgas for a new welder at a cost of \$4,842.00. Matt is a certified welder, and with the welder purchase, the village could save the cost of paying to get welding completed. It could also be completed quicker. One big project currently ongoing is the installation of the playground equipment at the park that was donated by Herrin Elementary when they purchased new equipment. Trustee Johnson motioned to approve the purchase of a welder not to exceed \$4,842.00. Trustee Beckmann seconded the motion. All voted yes.

The Russells experienced person issues and an injury that prevented the concession stand being completed by March. They will bring their trailer in to provide concessions until the work is complete. Estimated time of completion is May.

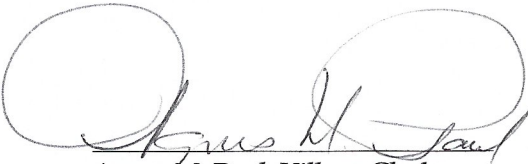
Security cameras are now focused on the concession stand and bathroom doors after recent vandalism at the park. These will be monitored closely to deter further vandals. Anyone caught vandalizing the park will be prosecuted. Residents are asked to report any suspicious activity.

Sam Mighell briefed the board on the water tower project. It is moving forward and land considerations near the Masonic Lodge are underway. The current water tower is aging and cannot store adequate water during emergencies. The new tower will also improve water pressure issues.

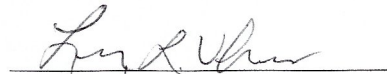
The public works committee plans to meet before the next meeting.

Mayor Vaughn presented a quote from American Patriot Pyro, Inc. in the amount of \$15,000.00 for fireworks display, shooting and tear down. This includes 5 million in insurance. Trustee Johnson motioned to approve the contract. Trustee Beckmann seconded the motion. All voted yes.

At 7:00 PM, Trustee Fischer motioned to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Beckmann seconded the motion. All voted yes.



Agnes M. Paul, Village Clerk



Larry L. Vaughn, Mayor