

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
VILLAGE OF GOREVILLE
June 5, 2023

On June 5, 2023, at 6:00 PM, Mayor Pro Tem, Johnson called the regular board meeting to order. The Village Clerk, Agnes Paul conducted roll call. The following trustees were present: Trustee Trovillion, Trustee Beckmann, Trustee Scott, Trustee Johnson, Trustee Sullivan, and Trustee Billingsley. Mayor Vaughn was absent.

Others present at the meeting were: Treasurer, Michelle Maze, Police Chief Eddie Holland, Attorney, Elvis Cameron, Fire Chief Ryne McNally, Pam Perry, Sam Mighell, Matt Russell, Mike Green, Jim Anderson, Gene Rider, Les Winkler, Judy Winkler, Janet Lawrence, Justin Lawrence, Robert Harner, Sam Stearns, and John Wallace.

Trustee Trovillion motioned to approve the minutes of the May 1, 2023 regular meeting and executive session, the May 19, 2023 special meeting, the treasurer report for April 2023, and the paid bills for May 2023 totaling: \$63,040.37, General Fund = \$62,840.37 , TIF #1= \$200.00 TIF # 2 = 0, TIF #3 = 0, MFT = 0. Trustee Billingsley seconded the motion. All voted yes.

The police and fire chief presented their monthly report to the board for review. (copies of the reports are attached and filed with these minutes.)

Police Chief Holland reported that the restitution for the damage to the village tractor has been paid in full. He also briefed the board on a 50/50 grant available through Southern Five and the Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) for new bulletproof vests. (copy of grant information detail is attached and filed with these minutes.) . He was advised to go through with the grant application and to check where the sheriff department is getting theirs and order from the same company.

Fire Chief Ryne McNally said that extrication equipment has been received and that he has applied for the 50/50/ grant for the skid to go with the side by side. He stated that the village has been approved for \$52,000.00 through the Energy Transition Grant. The village clerk asked that bills for items to be paid for by the grant be marked separately for record keeping purposes.

Trustee Sullivan inquired about the success of the city-wide clean-up and public response. Sam Mighell stated that all went well, and the public was very appreciative.

Matt Russell reported that the playground project is coming along well and that the multipurpose building at the park has been a big focus this month. Another project currently underway is repair to a concrete drain lid near the Methodist church that was damaged during last year's July 4th parade. After discussion, Trustee Sullivan motioned to pay up to \$400.00 toward the repair of the drain lid. Trustee Scott seconded the motion. All voted yes.

The negotiation with the Masonic Lodge is continuing regarding the new water tower site.

Trustee Sullivan motioned approving an updated version of Ordinance # 2024-3, Committees and Functions. Trustee Billingsley seconded the motion. All voted yes.

Jim Anderson stated that Wayne Allen has agreed to assist the village in updating their website.

The update to the village burn ordinance was Tabled.

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Les Winkler of the Shawnee Park and Climate Alliance addressed the board on the move to designate the Shawnee National Forest a National Park instead. Essentially the control of the land would be under the National Park Service instead of the Department of the Interior. He provided the board with information and research sources that pointed out the advantages of this change. He also negated some of the concerns of citizens who are opposed to the change. He cited areas that have benefited from being located near national parks i.e., New River Gorge in West Virginia, and advantages such as increased tourism which in turn helps local businesses and possible industry designed to bring more visitors to the area. He stated that the fear of land seizure by eminent domain is unfounded. He encouraged anyone with concerns about changes in hunting, horseback riding and camping and bicycling to research these activities at the National Park Service website and link to those topics. He asked that the board review the information provided and reconsider their formal opposition to the change.

Trustee Trovillion motioned to accept the letter of engagement from Sarah Gibbens, CPA to conduct the annual audit for FY 2023. Trustee Beckmann seconded the motion. All voted yes.

The board discussed the renewal of the Residential Improvement Program. It is a TIF program designed to promote the purchase of new home building material from local businesses while providing new home builders with the opportunity to recoup a portion of their costs. Trustee Trovillion motioned to approve the extension of the Residential Improvement Program through the next two fiscal years (through April of 2025) if it is an option. If that option is not available, it would be renewed for the next fiscal year. (through April 2024). Trustee Billingsley seconded the motion. All voted yes.


Trustee Trovillion motioned to approve the renewal of the Central Management Services (CMS) agreement to provide health insurance for village employees. Trustee Beckmann seconded the motion. All voted yes.

Fire Chief McNally presented a proposal to purchase a commercial ice machine to provide ice for emergency workers and public works workers as needed. The cost would be approximately \$5,000.00. Board members requested that he obtain more quotes and TABLED the issue until the next meeting.

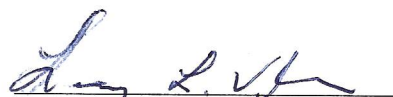
At 7:15 PM, Trustee Sullivan motioned to enter executive session. Trustee Billingsley seconded the motion. All voted yes.

At 8:25 PM, Trustee Beckmann motioned to exit the executive session. Trustee Billingsley seconded the motion. All voted yes.

At 8 :25 PM, Trustee Beckmann motioned to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Billingsley seconded the motion. All voted yes.



Agnes M. Paul, Village Clerk



Larry L. Vaughn, Mayor