

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**VILLAGE OF GOREVILLE**  
**July 3, 2023**

On July 3, 2023, at 6:02 PM, Mayor Vaughn 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.

Others present at the meeting were: Attorney, Elvis Cameron, Fire Chief Ryne McNally, Pam Perry, Sam Mighell, Mike Green, Jim Anderson, Barry Mathews, and Whitey Sornat,

Trustee Beckmann motioned to approve the minutes of the June 5, 2023 regular meeting and executive session, the treasurer report for May 2023, the paid bills for June 2023 totaling: **\$82,180.59** General Fund = **\$67,210.78** , TIF #1= **\$14,969.81** , TIF # 2 = **0**, TIF #3 = **0**, MFT = **0**

Trustee Sullivan seconded the motion. All voted yes.

The board reviewed the written report for the fire department for the month of June. (attached and filed with these minutes) . Sam Mighell gave an oral report concerning a time-consuming project of replacing water valves. Mike Green submitted his written journal to the board at the meeting for them to review. He did not provide a copy to file with the minutes. Police Chief Eddie Holland arrived at 6:10 but did not provide a written report for June.

Finance committee chair, Trustee Johnson provided the minutes of the June 12, 2023 fiancé committee meeting. They discussed committee goals and assignments for committee members. They plan to review the past five-year expenses to assist in developing a budget. (agenda and minutes attached and filed with these minutes).

Human resource committee chair, Trustee Trovillion presented the minutes of the June 26, 2023 committee meeting minutes. Specific items for board discussion were discussed later in the meeting. (minutes are attached and filed with these minutes)

Public safety committee chair, Trustee Sullivan presented the minutes of the June 27, 2023 committee meeting. He briefed the board on the temporary status change within the police department which may affect local response for a brief time. Any gaps in coverage would be provided by Johnson County Sheriff Department. At their meeting, the committee discussed review of Ordinance 2017-9 non-resident billing rates for the fire department. The committee discussed the need for higher visibility of village patrol vehicles. Another topic was fine tuning the employment application and interview process when hiring new employees. (agenda and minutes are attached and filed with these minutes)

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

Fire department billing rates and amendments to the burn ordinance were tabled.

Trustee Billingsley presented a new quote from Gagavalia Heating and Cooling for the purchase of an ice machine in the range of \$4,450.00 - \$6,750.00. This was in response to a quote presented by the fire chief last month in the same price range. Trustee Billingsley suggested that we continue purchasing ice as we have in the past. The board agreed that we could purchase locally from the ice stand south of town.

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING, July 3, 2023 (cont)

Jim Anderson provided the board information from his research on the proposed fire station/meeting room at the Peninsula Subdivision. The board discussed grant options to help finance the fire station. Trustee Johnson suggested applying for a USDA Community Facilities Grant. The board agreed to form a committee to discuss funding options. This committee would consist of Trustee Johnson, Trustee Sullivan, Trustee Beckmann, Fire Chief Ryne McNally, and Jim Anderson.

Mr. Anderson stated that the cost of the plans was \$1,945.00. Trustee Johnson motioned to authorized the village to reimburse the homeowners' association one half of the charge ( \$972.50). Trustee Trovillion seconded the motion. All voted yes.

Trustee Trovillion motioned to approve ordinance # 2024-4 Fourth Amendment to TIF # 1, removing parcels of new board members. Trustee Scott seconded the motion. All voted yes.

Ordinance # 2024-5 Residential Improvement Program extension for FY 2024 and FY 2025 was tabled. The new ordinance was not ready for the meeting.

The board discussed a water/sewer issue on West Collins Street. It was repaired but then settled. It will have to be investigated with a camera to identify the problem.

Tammy Campbell was not able to attend the meeting to brief the board on the details of the Goreville Housing Rehabilitation Grant Program, but paper copies were available to the board members. This is a home rehabilitation grant available to financially qualifying residents. Trustee Trovillion motioned to go forward with the Housing Grant. Trustee Billingsley seconded the motion. All voted yes.

Trustee Sullivan brought to the board the issue of vandalism and public dumping in park dumpsters. He presented a quote from Wesley's Custom Graphics for signs to place at the park warning the public that vandals and those who illegally dump in the park dumpsters will be prosecuted. The signs are \$19.50 each for a total of \$39.00. He will order the signs to be placed at the park.

Trustee Trovillion suggested that the submission date for items for the agenda should be set at the Monday prior to the board meeting. This allows the Village Clerk to send information to the trustees earlier and the information can be reviewed before the meeting.

Trustee Trovillion provided copies of a "Employee Complaint Form" and "Performance Counseling Record" to be added to the Employee Handbook Ordinance. She also noted that instead of stating a specific amount for travel reimbursement, the ordinance should simply state that the rate would mirror that of the current federal reimbursement rate. She asked that the board members review the ordinance provided to them and recommend any other changes that need to be made to the ordinance. The Village Clerk has the file and can make all changes at once to amend the ordinance. She also provided a "Citizen Complaint Form" to be used by the public.

Trustee Trovillion proposed that T-shirts be provided to all village employees that say, "Village of Goreville" and possibly have the village logo on them. The employees will be required to wear them whenever they are on duty. There were no costs discussed. Also, all village vehicles will be identifiable by having the village of Goreville and emblem on the side.

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Another topic from the Human Relations Committee was continuity in hiring practices when job openings become available. As human relations committee chair, Trustee Trovillion would be a part of the interviewing group, along with the committee chair in charge of that position, and the supervisor of that department. All vacancies will be posted on social media, website, and local papers.

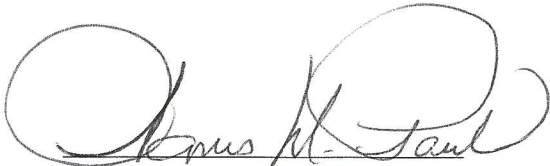
Fire Chief McNally advised that board that the Office of the State Fire Marshall has awarded the fire department a \$350,000.00 interest free loan. He hopes to use this loan to purchase a new pumper tanker at a cost of \$400,000.00. The remaining \$50,000.00 would come from grants.

Citizen Whitey Sornat expressed an interest in having a pickleball court at the village park. Trustee Scott agreed that it was a promising idea and that there was room on the basketball court to have that.


At 7:20 PM, Trustee Trovillion motioned to enter executive session. Trustee Billingsley seconded the motion. All voted yes.

At 8:20 PM, Trustee Billingsley motioned to exit the executive session. Trustee Beckmann seconded the motion. All voted yes.

At 8 :20 PM, Trustee Billingsley motioned to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Beckmann seconded the motion. All voted yes.



Agnes M. Paul, Village Clerk



Larry L. Vaughn, Mayor