

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
VILLAGE OF GOREVILLE
November 6, 2023

On November 6, 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 Sullivan, Trustee Billingsley, and Trustee Johnson. Mayor Vaughn was absent.

Others present at the meeting were: Treasurer, Michell Maze, Police Chief Eddie Holland, , Jim Anderson, Gene Rider, Whitey Sornat, Patti Powell, Mike Powell, Pam Perry, Sarah Gibbens, CPA and Sidney Shelton.

Trustee Beckmann motioned to approve the minutes of the October 2, 2023 regular meeting and executive session, the treasurer's report for September 2023, and the paid bills for October 2023 totaling: \$209,185.20 General Fund = \$40,257.37. TIF #1= \$117,827.33 TIF # 2 = \$47,631.65 TIF #3 = \$1,857.25 MFT = \$1,611.60. Trustee Sullivan seconded the motion. All voted yes.

On October 15, 2023, an email vote was conducted to pass Resolution # 2024-2a regarding stage 1 of the loan process for the new fire truck. The motion was made by Trustee Sullivan and seconded by Trustee Trovillion. All voted yes. Due to time restraints, it could not wait until the November board meeting. (a copy of email vote is attached to and filed with these minutes.)

Sarah Gibbens, CPA presented the fiscal year 2023 audit to the board of trustees. The audit went well, and all accounting records were in order. She pointed out to the board that there are not enough unrestricted funds on hand and that the water/sewer accounts are not covering their expenses. The board members were given a copy of the audit and offered the opportunity to ask questions. MS Gibbens departed the meeting.

Police Chief, Eddie Holland submitted and briefed the board on police activity for October. He reported on crime cases and ongoing progress with renewing the animal control agreement. He is still contacting residents about the Housing Rehabilitation Grant. A copy of the report is filed with these minutes.

Fire Chief, Ryne McNally submitted and briefed the board on fire department activity for October. The report included calls for service, training information, grant updates and department maintenance issues. A copy of the report is filed with these minutes.

Trustee Billingsley briefed the board on the Community & Economic Development Committee Meeting. The committee agreed to keep the current internet service and work with SiFibe to make any changes or improvement necessary. The committee agreed to refund money to the businesses that contributed toward a promotional video by 375 Studios, which did not happen. That information will be forwarded to the Village Clerk for reimbursement.

Trustee Beckmann briefed the board on the Public Works Committee meeting. There is no new progress on the new water tower project. The committee discussed and proposed a policy for brush pile use. Trustee Billingsley motioned to approve the policy presented by the committee. Trustee Sullivan seconded the motion. All voted yes. This brush pile policy will be filed with these minutes and published on the village social media site.

Sidney Shelton from Southern Seven Health Department presented information and board members with examples of policies and ordinances of other towns who have enacted a no smoking policy in their

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City parks. She also provided them with options for signage to place in the park to decide which kind they wanted.

Trustee Scott briefed the board on the park activity. He has obtained bids for covering for the bleachers at the T-ball field. They were submitted too late to be on the agenda so will be discussed at the next meeting in December. The new playground equipment has been erected and is almost ready for use. He stated that next year is the 75th anniversary of Ferne Clyffe State Park and that we should think about celebration ideas.

The Village Clerk, Agnes Paul briefed the board on the progress of the Housing Rehabilitation Grant. She has worked to get the word out and been in contact with Tammy Campbell on the progress of the resident applications. At this point, several of the applicants have been ineligible because of not meeting the income requirements or type of structure they own. We must receive thirty qualified applicants to apply for the grant. We still need twenty more currently. The information is on social media, in the local paper and posted around town. She asked that everyone help share this information. Tammy Campbell will set up a public hearing, tentatively for November 29, 2023. She will publicize this to the public.

Trustee Beckmann motioned to approve the Appropriation Ordinance, Ordinance # 2024-10 for fiscal year 2024. Trustee Trovillion seconded the motion. All voted yes.

Trustee Trovillion motioned to approve the Levy Ordinance, Ordinance # 2024-11 for fiscal year 2024. Trustee Beckmann seconded the motion. All voted yes.

Fire Chief McNally presented a written estimate from Fleet-Fab to make necessary upgrades to the brush truck in the amount of \$5,037.99. Estimate is filed with these minutes.

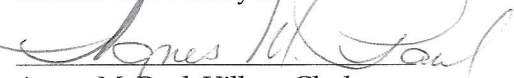
The board reviewed and approved a new MABAS ordinance which is a requirement by the state to enter into a mutual aid agreement for services. Trustee Sullivan motioned to approve Ordinance # 2024-12. Trustee Trovillion seconded the motion. All voted yes.

Trustee Trovillion motioned to approve the renewal of the Illinois Municipal League (IML) membership, for 2024 in the amount of \$40,949.87, selecting option # 3. One payment due by 12/15/2023 in the amount of \$20,974.94 and the second payment by 5/17/2024 in the amount of \$20,974.93. Trustee Billingsley seconded the motion. All voted yes.

Jim Anderson was allowed to address the board on the status of the UTV to be housed at the Peninsula to assist them in fighting brush fires until emergency services can respond. He stated that there was a recent brush fire that he extinguished himself in lieu of calling 911. The homeowner's association has purchased a cook building to house the UTV and expects it to be delivered later in the week. He was advised that it has been repaired, but they will need a ramp to drive the vehicle into the building and power to the building to protect the UTV from the elements in winter.

The Village Clerk provided the attorney and board with guidance on "paid leave for all workers act".

At 7:30 PM, Trustee Billingsley motioned to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Trovillion seconded the motion. All voted yes.


Agnes M. Paul, Village Clerk


Larry L. Vaughn, Mayor