

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
VILLAGE OF GOREVILLE
May 6, 2024

On May 6, 2024, at 6:08 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 Trovillion, Trustee Scott, Trustee Sullivan, Trustee Billingsley, and Trustee Johnson.

Others present at the meeting were: Treasurer, Michelle Maze, Sam Mighell, Fire Chief, Ryne McNally, Matt Russell, Attorney, Elle Basler, Patti Powell, Mike Powell, Whitey Sornat and Amanda Davidson.

Trustee Trovillion motioned to approve the minutes of the April 1, 2024 regular meeting and executive session, the treasurer report for March 2024, and the paid bills for April, 2024 totaling: **\$208,495.00** General Fund = **\$147,363.92**

TIF #1= **\$26,275.89** TIF # 2 = **\$10,822.83** TIF #3 = **\$24,032.36** MFT = 0

Trustee Billingsley seconded the motion. All voted yes.

The board reviewed monthly reports submitted by department heads and reports from committee chairpersons. Written reports were submitted by the fire, water, sewer, and street departments. Trustee Johnson briefed the board on items from the Finance Committee Meeting. The reports and committee minutes are attached and filed with these regular minutes.

The fireworks contract was approved by email vote on April 4, 2024, because we did not have the contract for approval at the April 1, 2024 meeting. It had to be approved so that the village clerk could order and pay for the fireworks to have them in time for July 4th. Trustee Billingsley motioned to approve the contract in the amount of \$15,048.00 and pay the entire amount in order to receive a discount. Trustee Sullivan seconded the motion. Trustee Trovillion, Trustee Beckmann and Trustee Scott voted aye. Motion passed. Email thread attached and filed with these minutes.

Sam Mighell briefed the board on an issue with a pump that had gone down causing water pressure issues through the village. After discussion, Trustee Trovillion motioned to approve up to \$10,000.00 to buy one new pump and rebuild another one to resolve the issue. Trustee Scott seconded the motion. All voted yes.

Mayor Vaughn briefed the board on the letters between the school superintendent and the village board in reference to donating a squad car to the school. The agreement is to donate the car to the school after the removal of the Goreville Police insignia, radio and any other emergency equipment as suggested in the first letter dated April 2, 2024.

Trustee Scott briefed the board on the pickleball court. The company, General Acrylics, is completing the set up this month. Trustee Scott presented Whitey Sornat with a t-shirt for his part in inspiring the addition of the court for the park.

Amanda Davidson briefed the board on details for the playground dedication on May 25th. There was a discussion about a parking issue due to a scheduling conflict with the school and ball practice. It was determined that the park would be available for school ball practice only after 5:00 PM on that day.

Matt Russell presented a quote from a company called Park Tables in the amount of \$5,815.92 to purchase six aluminum picnic tables for the village park. Trustee Billingsley motioned to approve the purchase. Trustee Scott seconded the motion. All voted yes.

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Trustee Scott briefed the board on the planting of new trees at the park. He stated that with the help of Amanda Davidson on behalf of the Jordon Davidson Memorial Fund, a sponsorship program has been established. Therefore, the trees will be donated, and the village will only have to pay \$960.00 for delivery and planting of the trees. Members of the community have volunteered to help keep them watered through the hot months. Trustee Scott motioned to accept the donation of the trees and pay the \$960.00 for planting and delivery. Trustee Trovillion seconded the motion. All voted yes.

Trustee Beckmann briefed the board on the July 4th celebration. He announced that the celebration will cost a total of approximately \$18,000.00, which includes the fireworks. The parade will begin at 10:00 and the affected streets will be closed at 9:00 AM on that day, and open at 11:00 AM. The village clerk will obtain the parade permit from IDOT for the closure.

The quote for Energy Culvert for the purchase of culverts to improve drainage was not approved. The mayor announced that there will have to be changes to the quote.

Trustee Johnson spoke of several possible grant opportunities. The Downtown Revitalization Grant would be an option to improve the downtown area. He is working with Susan Odum to determine if the grant would serve the purpose of the improvements we want to make.

The Community Infrastructure Fund Grant from Delta Regional Authority (DRA) has an emergency water/sewer grant option. This could be an avenue to pay for a new water tower. After discussion, Trustee Beckmann motioned to move forward with the grant application. Trustee Billingsley seconded the motion. All voted yes.

Trustee Johnson also mentioned a possible OSLAD 50/50 grant for park improvements like the one the village received many years ago.

The village clerk presented for approval by the board the letter of engagement from Sarah Gibbens, CPA to complete the fiscal year 2024 annual audit. Trustee Trovillion motioned to accept the letter of engagement. Trustee Beckmann seconded the motion. All voted yes.

The treasurer asked for authorization to close three accounts and have those funds deposited straight into the general fund. Trustee Beckmann motioned to authorize the closure of the fire department donation account. Trustee Johnson seconded the motion. All voted yes. Trustee Beckmann motioned to authorize the closure of the Freedom Fest donation account. Trustee Johnson seconded the motion. All voted yes. Trustee Beckmann motioned to authorize the closure of the water/sewer checking account. Trustee Johnson seconded the motion. All voted yes.

Fire Chief McNally presented information on a service known as Hyper-Reach Emergency Mass Notification Service which would cost approximately \$3,000.00 per year. Trustee Beckmann inquired about how this system would be so much different that our current call out system and how it would work with our county 911 system. This will not be approved at this time and the board will revisit it later.

The fire chief also presented a quote from Novacom for a handheld portable system in the amount of \$897.00 that would set off our storm siren during severe weather. Trustee Sullivan asked him to consult with the county emergency service to make sure it would not conflict with the current system. This item was TABLED.

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Trustee Johnson motioned to renew the health insurance agreement with Local Government Health Plan for employee health insurance for July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. Trustee Billingsley seconded the motion. All voted yes.

Mayor Vaughn presented quotes from We the People Roofing & More for a clear silicone covering for the village hall skylight in the amount of \$3,000.00 and Iron Knight Welding to construct an aluminum form for the covering in the amount of \$2,116.20. Trovillion motioned to accept both quotes. Trustee Beckmann seconded the motion. All voted yes.

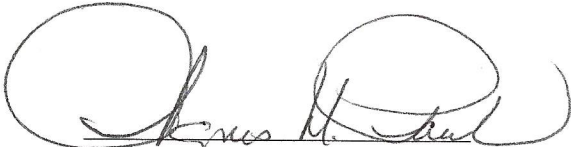
Patti Powell asked about the lot at the Peninsula that the village purchased with plans to build a firehouse there. Since the board has made other arrangements for a fire station in the area, are they going to donate the land back to the Peninsula? Mayor Vaughn stated the board has not made a decision and that we would have to see how much money the village has spent on the lot. The question was TABLED.

At 7:40 PM, Trustee Beckmann motioned to enter executive session. Trustee Johnson seconded the motion. All voted yes.

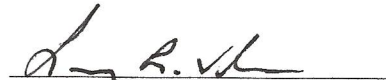
At 8:40 PM. Trustee Trovillion motioned to exit executive session. Trustee Beckmann seconded the motion. All voted yes.

Trustee Trovillion motioned to accept the resignation of Village Clerk, Agnes Paul, effective July 31, 2024. Trustee Billingsley seconded the motion. All voted yes.

At 8:45 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