

**Village of Westfield
PO Box 216
Westfield, IL 62474**

**Minutes of Regular Meeting
Monday, September 12, 2022
7:00 P.M.**

Members Present: Sandy Wheeler, Rob Robison, Roger Tinsman, Brett Livvix, Christy Stone

Members Absent: Jim Dollahan

Others Present: Treasurer Sherry Robison, Dwight & Leila Ennis, Madonna Staggs, Jim Hackett, Janice Darr, Reporter Gary Strohm, Bobbie Thompson, Jim Hackett, Julie Lockhart, Fred & Carol Bugle, Martha Menser, Glenda Oakley, Rocky Newton, Ken

Call to Order: Meeting called to order by Mayor Hacker at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Dollahan - absent, Livvix -present, Robison - present, Stone - present, Tinsman – present, Wheeler - present

Pledge of Allegiance: Given

Approve September Regular Meeting Minutes: Wheeler made the motion to accept the regular meeting minutes Robison seconded the motion. Motion carried. Approved.

Approve Payment of Bills: Tinsman made the motion to accept payment of bills. Stone seconded the motion Dollahan, absent, Livvix, aye, Stone, aye, Wheeler, abstain, Robison, aye, Tinsman, aye. Motion carried. Approved.

Approve Financial Statement: Wheeler made motion to accept the financial statement. Livvix seconded the motion. Motion carried. Approved.

Approve Transfer of Funds: Wheeler made the motion to accept a transfer from General Fund to Gym for \$100.00. Stone seconded the motion. Motion carried. Approved.

Citizens Comments: Glenda Oakley asked about having a horn replaced at her residence and about the process of choosing residences for water sampling. She also asked about how long a grant is good for. Madonna Staggs asked if the Village was going to replace the Rules sign in the park and if they were replacing the population sign. She also asked about the lights in the park and the Port-a-Pots.
Martha Menser, Janice Darr and Bobbie Thompson, from WIL, presented Mayor Hacker with a \$1000 check to help with floor maintenance.

Discuss and Approve An Ordinance for the Levy and Assessment of Taxes: Wheeler made the motion to accept the Ordinance. Tinsman seconded the motion. Dollahan, absent, Livvix, aye, Stone, aye, Wheeler, abstain, Robison, aye, Tinsman, aye. Motion carried. Approved.

Update on Selling of Property: Discussion took place. Mayor Hacker explained that anyone interested needs to get a bid form, for each lot, and complete and turn back in prior to Oct. 3. The bids will be opened at the October meeting.

Discussed Abandoned Cars: Mediacom Bills: Discussion took place. Christy Stone gave a presentation on donating cars to different organizations.

Discuss Neglected Buildings: Discussion took place and Mayor Hacker explained legal action is an expensive route to take.

Update on Sheriff's Agreement: Sheriff Bill Brown sent the agreement to Mayor Hacker. Contract was reviewed. There will be two \$3,000 installments. Wheeler made the motion to accept the agreement. Tinsman seconded the motion. Motion carried. Approved.

Discuss Water Well Capping: Finlay Bros. Well Capping has been out to the wells two times to look at the project. The wells will need to be scoped to be sure how deep they are. They will return on the 14th to begin.

Discuss and Approve Selling Excess Equipment: Discussion took place. The cost of a different backhoe from Birkey was \$102,000 for the backhoe. They offered \$56,000 for the Villages backhoe and mini excavator.

Discuss and Approve Changing Gym Fees: Livvix presented the board with a suggested rate fee. Wheeler made the motion to accept, effective September 1. Robison seconded the motion. Motion carried. Approved.

Discuss and Approve Authorized Individuals on Prospect Account: Wheeler made the motion to accept the Mayor, Jeff Hacker, Treasurer Sherry Robison and Clerk Kim Fouty to be put on the Prospect account. Robison seconded the motion. Motion carried. Approved.

Discuss and Approve Utility Superintendent's Report: Reviewed. Wheeler made the motion to accept the Utility Superintendent's report. Tinsman seconded the motion. Robison opposed. Motion carried. Approved.

Other Business: Rocky Newton informed the board that they have cleaned out the old bank and prepped the floor. He asked about floor color. Gray carpet was decided on. Tinsman asked who put the old countertops on the Village's burn pile. He expressed concern that the Village could get fined for this. Dwight Ennis asked for an update on the sewer project. Mayor Hacker told him that we are still waiting on the bank.

Adjourn Meeting: Wheeler made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. Tinsman seconded the motion. Motion carried. Approved.

