

September 1, 2020 Village Council Meeting

Meeting called to order.

Roll Call: Present, Ludwig, Miller, Rolfe, Cummings, Torrance, Kenney, Sutherland. Absent Coburn, Borden.

Motion by Torrance/Second by Cummings to accept the September 1, 2020 agenda as presented. All in favor.

Motion by Kenney/Second by Sutherland to accept August 18, 2020 minutes as presented. All in favor 7-0.

Bill Package: motion by Ludwig/Second by Torrance to Accept the Bill Package as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes - Jim Cummings, Nick Ludwig, David Miller, Jayci Torrance, Denise Kenney, Janet Sutherland. Abstain Bruce Rolfe. Nays none.

Guests: Mark Waterhouse, of 352 Prairie Place approached the Council about guidelines and restrictions to build a proposed 25' x 24' out building. Council will refer the matter to current building inspector, who earlier informed the Council he is retiring and closing his business.

David Dell, of 154 Maple Circle, approached the Council about ordinance violations he has observed in the Village.

Anthony Bates, running for County Commissioner, updated the Council about some issues he learned and introduced himself to the audience.

Communication: The Council received a driveway permit application at 215 South Main Street from Don Cochran. The Council unanimously approved the driveway permit application. A separate site plan for the project was also submitted to review.

The Council also reviewed a federal and state reimbursement opportunity for Hazard Pay, Public Safety, and Revenue Sharing Grants in the amount of \$2,251.

Public Works Report presented.

Water Chairperson Jim Cummings informed the Council he shadowed DPW Manager Mike Gibson with the water testing process. Cummings notes pumpage reports indicate the Village is pumping approximately 57,000 gallons of water per day. A high would be 70,000 gallons and a low figure would be 40,000 gallons. The divers that perform water tower tank inspection and interior cleaning, are scheduled to perform the service in September. More water testing will be required next year.

Parks/Cemetery/Library: Chairperson Janet Sutherland. Not much activity. Library Board will be asked to submit paper work required by the auditor.

Streets/Sidewalks/Census: Chairperson Jayci Torrance informed the Council final grant paperwork for previous year has been submitted. Village was not awarded a grant for roadwork this year, however the grant process for 2022 will begin soon.

Administration: Chairperson Denise Kenney - Items needed for fall newsletter. Business Credit Card recommendation reviewed.

Public Safety/Fire: Nick Ludwig - no word on when speed trailer will be available again. Citizens Police Academy Nick was scheduled to attend to learn more about local law enforcement, has been cancelled. Nick will research as well as meet with Capt. Christensen of the Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Dept., about marijuana enclosure regulations. He expects to offer a report at the Sept. 15 meeting.

Ordinance/Zoning: Chairperson David Miller reviewed ordinance violations he has observed and the process to enforce.

Building inspector informed Village President Bruce Rolfe he is retiring because of health reasons. 3 inspection companies - SAFEbuilt, SCMCCI, and Associated Government Services have been contacted. All three companies are expected to submit proposals.
Adjournment at 9:04 p.m.