

CALL TO ORDER

The Village of Durand Board of Trustees met in Regular Session on Monday, October 22nd, 2018. The meeting was called to order by the Village President, Bob Corwin, at 7:32 PM.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Trustee Meissen, Trustee Waller, Trustee Ingram, Trustee Hoffman, Trustee Matteson

Absent: Trustee Slade

Employees: *Public Works Supervisor, Aaron Kahl*

Chief of Police, Jeff Schelling

Village President: Bob Corwin

Village Treasurer: Connie Langley

Village Attorney: Darron Burke

Village Clerk: Lindsey Leombruni

Public: *See attached sign-in sheet*

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MINUTES

The minutes from the October 8th, 2018 Regular Session were inspected. Motion was made by Mrs. Meissen and seconded by Mr. Ingram to approve the October 8th, 2018 minutes of the Regular Session as presented. ROLL CALL: Matteson, yes; Meissen, yes; Waller, yes; Ingram, yes; Hoffman, yes. MOTION CARRIED. APPROVED.

PAYMENT OF THE BILLS

The bills were reviewed by the Board members. A motion was made by Mr. Ingram and seconded by Mrs. Meissen to draw on the treasury to pay the October 22nd, 2018 bills totaling \$109,325.60. ROLL CALL: Waller, yes; Ingram, yes; Hoffman, yes; Meissen, yes; Matteson, yes. MOTION CARRIED. AUTHORIZED.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Brian Steelglove was present to address his concerns about the Square Project vote. He had several questions that he wanted answered. Mr. Steelglove would like the Board to rescind the vote for Option 1, as he believes Option 2 would be better for the Village long-term.
- Bruce Landsinger wanted to know why the Board was presenting Option 2 at the special committee meeting but then voted against the business owner's straw poll at the last board meeting. He also wants to know what the Village will do to stop over saturation of gaming machines.
- Sue Gibler wants to know if the board would look into the square options again so that the people of the Village know if the Board is making the right decision.

- Ken Gibler asked why the business owners are being slapped in the face since they all wanted Option 2. He said they should get some say since they are ultimately paying for this project.
- Etta Fugate wanted to know why, if their opinions weren't going to be taken into consideration, they were even invited to the special committee meeting.
- Lisatte Steelglove stated that she has a lot of elderly customers that come to the Fire Barn and the way things are now it's very difficult for them to get into the building. She wants the Board to think of all the elderly and disabled people around town.
- Brian McCorkle expressed his concern about water drainage for the upcoming square project. He suggested ways to pay for the project and wants the Board to really think about where the funds will come from. He's disappointed at the Board for not looking into all the options in the first place. He would like to see the totals of each project so the Village can be assured they aren't just signing a blank check.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. FINANCE

Sharon Pepin was present in Committee to update the Board on the upcoming projects. She had some concerns with the test well timeline but Mr. Kahl stated that he expedited the test results so they should be back by November 1st. The South/State St water main project bid opening will be on 12/18/18 at 10am. Advertising will start 11/1/18. There will be a bid meeting on 11/19/18 at 10am. Newman Street will be included as an alternate. If it's not approved by the EPA, the Village will have to decide if it wants to include that portion and use Village funds to pay for it. The Howard St./Wells/Saelens Park project will go out to bid in January or February 2019. Mrs. Pepin said she cannot really move forward with the USDA Square Grant without knowing the scope of work (dependent upon what option the Village was going to go with). It was decided to purchase the new street lights using the RBEG grant money and store them until the square project is to the point of installing them. Ms. Langley has been looking into the HRA for the last couple months and doesn't seem to be getting anywhere. Attorney Burke is looking into the Cafe Video Gaming Liquor License, and will hopefully provide an update later tonight so it can be voted on.

B. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Mrs. Hoffman and Chris DeSchepper met with Eli Nicolosi from Astute Web Group last Monday to get started on the website design. She showed the Board the progress of the website including the Village logo and branding that will be used. It was brought up that the Township might have an issue with using "Village of Durand" on the seal. Mrs. Hoffman will have that changed to just say Durand. Mr. Nicolosi suggested using VillageofDurand.com as a domain name instead of DurandIL.com. The website will be \$15 a month maintenance fee once it's up and running. Mrs. Hoffman spoke with Attorney Burke about the Property Maintenance Code pertaining to painting buildings and he thought that it wouldn't be covered in the code, only offensive sayings or pictures (graffiti) would be.

C. BUILDINGS AND PARKS

Mr. Kahl has been working with the people that are putting the Disc Golf Course in. They've been cleaning at the park to get it going. Bathrooms will probably be closed within the next couple weeks depending on the upcoming weather. A big thank you goes to Buck Walden for helping clean up the park.

D. STREETS AND ALLEYS

The sidewalk replacement proposal was reviewed by the Board. Mr. Ingram brought up some

questions regarding the unimproved alleys/streets maintenance responsibility ordinance to be voted on tonight. Mr. Kahl stated he believes at this point (for existing trees) it is only a penalty if someone rakes their leaves into the public right of way. Right now the Village will be taking care of the existing trees, but in the future, no one will be allowed to plant anything in the public right of ways without going through the proper channels.

E. WATER AND SEWER

The 419-421 N. Center St. issue brought to the Board at the last meeting was discussed. The Board ultimately decided to stick to their original response. Mr. Kahl stated that he would need a way to shut off all four units so Mr. Thomas would need to install four meters instead of one if he wants to pay less for his water bill. The Village already sent Mr. Thomas a letter regarding this issue.

F. POLICE

Trick or Treating will be October 31st from 5-8pm.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. SONIC LICENSE AGREEMENT FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR FIBER OPTICS NETWORK –

Motion was made by Mr. Ingram and seconded by Mrs. Meissen to approve the license agreement. ROLL CALL: Ingram, yes; Meissen, yes; Hoffman, yes; Waller, yes; Matteson, yes. MOTION CARRIED. APPROVED.

B. ORDINANCE 2018-17: UNIMPROVED ALLEYS/STREETS MAINTENANCE

REPONSIBILITY. Motion was made by Mr. Ingram and seconded by Mrs. Meissen to approved Ordinance 2018-17. ROLL CALL: Matteson, yes; Ingram, yes; Waller, yes; Meissen, yes; Hoffman, yes. MOTION CARRIED. APPROVED.

NEW BUSINESS

A. LIQUOR LICENSE CLASS “A”: Approval for Frank Calvagna, Lucky Loma, Inc., DBA Loma’s. Motion was made by Mrs. Waller and seconded by Mrs. Hoffman to approve a liquor license be issued to Frank Calvagna. ROLL CALL: Hoffman, yes; Waller, yes; Matteson, yes; Meissen, yes; Ingram, yes. MOTION CARRIED. APPROVED.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

President Corwin stated that he and the Trustees are not on the same page. He tries to be available to hear concerns but the Trustees continue to stab him in the back and run to Durand Charm with issues. He wants everyone to get on the same page for the good of the Village.

MOTION TO ADJOURN THE OCTOBER 22nd, 2018 REGULAR MEETING OF THE DURAND VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

ROLL CALL: YEAS, 5; NAYS, 0; ABSENT, 1.

TIME ADJOURNED: 8:48 PM

ATTEST: _____

Lindsey Leombruni, *Village Clerk*