

CALL TO ORDER

The Village of Durand Board of Trustees met in Regular Session on Monday, August 14th, 2023. The meeting was called to order by the Village President, Sheila Hoffman, at 8:08 P.M.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Trustee Waller, Trustee Becker, Trustee Cox, Trustee Clark, Trustee Dasko, Trustee Guth

Present via Teleconference: None

Absent: None

Employees: *Chief of Police*, Michael Reiman

Public Works Supervisor, Aaron Kahl

Village President: Sheila Hoffman

Village Treasurer:

Village Attorney: Darron Burke

Village Clerk: Mary Sphatt

Public: *See attached sign-in sheet*

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MINUTES

The minutes from the July 24th, 2023 Regular Session were inspected. Motion was made by Mrs. Clark and seconded by Mr. Guth to approve the July 24th, 2023 minutes of the Regular Session. ROLL CALL: Clark, yes: Cox, yes: Guth, yes: Waller, yes: Dasko, yes: Becker, yes. MOTION CARRIED. APPROVED.

PAYMENT OF THE BILLS

The Village Payroll and Benefit expenses dated July 26th, 2023 was reviewed by the board members. Motion was made by Mrs. Clark and seconded by Mr. Becker to draw on the treasury to pay the Village Payroll and benefits dated July 26th, 2023 totaling \$14,361.66. ROLL CALL: Dasko, yes: Cox, yes: Clark, yes: Guth, yes: Waller, yes: Becker, yes. MOTION CARRIED. APPROVED.

The Village Payroll and Benefit expenses dated August 9th, 2023 was reviewed by the board members. Motion was made by Mrs. Clark and seconded by Mrs. Waller to draw

on the treasury to pay the Village Payroll and benefits dated August 9th, 2023 totaling \$16,631.83. ROLL CALL: Dasko, yes: Cox, yes: Clark, yes: Guth, yes: Waller, yes: Becker, yes. MOTION CARRIED. APPROVED.

The Village Board Bills dated August 14th, 2023 were reviewed by the board members. Motion was made by Mrs. Clark and seconded by Mr. Becker to draw on the treasury to pay the Village Board Bills dated August 14th, 2023 totaling \$360,415.57. ROLL CALL: Dasko, yes: Cox, yes: Clark, yes: Guth, yes: Waller, yes: Becker, yes. MOTION CARRIED. APPROVED.

TREASURER'S REPORT-Will be Read into record at the next meeting

ZONING

Nothing to Report

PUBLIC HEARING: Budget and Appropriation. Called to Order: 8:15, Adjourned 8:16

PUBLIC COMMENT

The Board of Trustees discussed the standards for public comment including time spent speaking on the topic as well as introductions of the person speaking.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. FINANCE

Mayor Hoffman and Trustee Clark have been discussing the possibility of hiring office help to get the accounting records up to date and help streamline the position. This would be on a short-term basis and would be used to fill the gap while interviewing and looking for a permanent replacement. Public Works Superintendent has filled the open Public Works Position. Mike Lane will begin working on Monday, August 21st. An Insurance IGA meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 16th. This will start the discussion to create a larger group for insurance purposes. The Board reviewed the Electrical Aggregation for street lighting and pumping. It was recommended by Rock River Energy to move forward with Dynegy for the pumping contract bid. This is on the agenda for a vote tonight. Vacation time was discussed and will remain the same. Employees will be allowed to keep their jury duty pay, which will also count as time worked in regards to Overtime Calculation.

B. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Board discussed opening up a position for a Economic Development Co-Ordinator. Halloween on the Square will take place on October 28th. The Fall Plant Sale is scheduled for September 23rd.

C. BUILDINGS AND PARKS

The Board discussed the vacant building Ordinance. Trustee Dasko will be investigating possible vacant buildings. The transfer of land from the sanitary district to the Village of Durand was discussed. The Board discussed the camera system at Saelen's Park. There will be a Disc Golf Tournament at the Park, which will remain open during the tournament.

D. STREETS AND ALLEYS

Chip and Seal has been completed, and cleanup should take place in the next three weeks. Fog Sealing will be done on the main roads later on. The Board agreed that trees and vegetation growing over neighboring private property should be resolved between the parties involved and should not involve the Village. Maintenance of the alley between the Firebarn and Masonic Temple was discussed and the Board agreed that it should be maintained by the property owners.

E. WATER AND SEWER

The Village is requesting IEPA Loan funds for the Main Lift Station Improvement Project in the amount of \$291,250.68. This is on the agenda for a vote tonight. Mr. Kahl informed the board that ComEd has been holding up the project by not supplying power, and Mr. Kahl will follow up with Fehr Graham and ComEd to help resolve this issue. ComEd is also requesting a \$25,000 deposit to connect power to the Main Lift Station.

F. POLICE

The monthly activity report for July was handed out and discussed. Officer Kunkle, the new full-time Police Department employee, has been in training for three weeks and today was his first day in uniform. No cash bail begins on September 18th, after the supreme court decision.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Motion was made by Mrs. Clark and seconded by Mr. Guth to approve Ordinance 2023-12: Budget and Appropriation. ROLL CALL: Becker, yes; Cox, yes; Clark, yes; Guth, yes; Dasko, yes; Waller, yes. MOTION CARRIED. APPROVED.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Motion was made by Mrs. Clark and seconded by Mrs. Waller to waive first reading of Ordinance 2023-12: Approving Transfer of land from The Durand Sanitary District

- to the Village of Durand. ROLL CALL: Becker, yes: Cox, yes: Clark, yes: Guth, yes: Dasko, yes; Waller, yes. MOTION CARRIED. APPROVED.
- B. Motion was made by Mrs. Clark and seconded by Mr. Cox to approve Ordinance 2023-12: Approving Transfer of Land from The Durand Sanitary District to The Village of Durand. ROLL CALL: Becker, yes: Cox, yes: Clark, yes: Guth, yes: Dasko, yes; Waller, yes. MOTION CARRIED. APPROVED.
- C. Motion was made by Mr. Guth and seconded by Mrs. Clark to approve the requested Road Closures to celebrate Halloween on the Square. ROLL CALL: Becker, yes: Cox, yes: Clark, yes: Guth, yes: Dasko, yes; Waller, yes. MOTION CARRIED. APPROVED.
- D. Resolution 2023-___: Aggregation Public Works “Pumping” has been tabled pending an updated address list.
- E. Motion was made by Mrs. Clark and seconded by Mr. Cox to approve Loan Request #6 IEPA WPC Loan 17-5827 in the amount of \$291,250.68. ROLL CALL: Becker, yes: Cox, yes: Clark, yes: Guth, yes: Dasko, yes; Waller, yes. MOTION CARRIED. APPROVED.

MOTION TO ADJOURN THE AUGUST 14TH, 2023 REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

ROLL CALL: YEAS, 6; NAYS, 0; ABSENT, 0.

TIME ADJOURNED: 8:54 P.M.