

CALL TO ORDER

The Village of Durand Board of Trustees met in Regular Session on Monday, March 11th, 2024. The meeting was called to order by the Village President, Sheila Hoffman, at 7:53 P.M.

ROLL CALL:

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

Present via teleconference: None

Absent: None

Employees: *Public Works Supervisor, Aaron Kahl*

Village President: Sheila Hoffman

Village Treasurer: Denise Britnell

Village Attorney: Darron Burke

Village Clerk: Mary Sphatt

Public: *See attached sign-in sheet*

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MINUTES

The minutes from the February 26th, 2024 Regular Session were inspected by the board members. Motion was made by Mrs. Clark and seconded by Mrs. Waller to approve the February 26th, 2024 minutes of the Regular Session. ROLL CALL: Clark, yes: Cox, yes: Dasko, yes: Waller, yes: Guth, abstain: Becker, abstain. MOTION CARRIED. APPROVED.

PAYMENT OF THE BILLS

The Payroll bills dated March 4th, 2024 were reviewed by the board members. A Motion was made by Mrs. Clark and seconded by Mr. Becker to draw on the treasury to pay the payroll dated March 4th, 2024 totaling \$24,902.14. ROLL CALL: Cox, yes: Guth, yes: Becker, yes: Clark, yes: Waller, yes: Dasko, absent. MOTION CARRIED. AUTHORIZED.

The Board Bills dated March 11th, 2024 were reviewed by the board members. A Motion was made by Mrs. Clark and seconded by Mr. Dasko to draw on the treasury to pay the March 11th, 2024 Board Bills totaling \$504,971.60. ROLL CALL: Dasko, yes: Cox, yes: Becker, yes: Clark, yes: Waller, yes: Guth, yes. MOTION CARRIED. AUTHORIZED.

ZONING

Zoning Board Administrator Gavin Byl was present to discuss the zoning meeting held on March 7th, 2024 at the Village Hall. Eric Olsen presented his drawing and survey of 202 Center St. to the Zoning Board. He is requesting a 2' x 13' variance of the Northwest corner of the property. He will be tearing down the existing building in stages so that Loma's can remain open for business. A straw poll from the Board of Trustees showed unanimous approval.

PUBLIC COMMENT

A resident was present to request a vacation to the East of Center St. North of town. A straw poll results were: 1-abstain, 4-yes, 1-undecided pending more information. The Public Works Department was recognized for the great job they did painting the Village Hall ahead of the carpet installation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. FINANCE

A special meeting will be scheduled to work on approving the budget for the next fiscal year. Thirteen resumes have been received for the open utility clerk position and interviews will begin soon. A question was brought up regarding the need to work before and/or after a holiday in order to receive pay for the holiday. The policy will remain unchanged. The board discussed Macayla Pilson's request for back pay and denied it based on policy. The TIF meeting was held on March 6th. The TIF report was presented and an update was given on current applications. Mayor Sheila Hoffman will verify the final payments to Durand C.H.A.R.M.

B. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Mayor Hoffman presented at the Rural Community Economic Development Conference in Springfield Illinois. Difficult and absentee landlords were discussed as well as vacant buildings. The Board discussed the possibility of adding on to the existing raffle Ordinance to allow a progressive raffle in the Village of Durand as well as logistics for carrying out the raffle.

C. BUILDINGS AND PARKS

Trusses will be put up on the new Public Works Building soon. The Board discussed the possibility of starting a dog park. Possible available locations were considered, as well as liabilities.

D. STREETS AND ALLEYS

Trustee Dasko rode with Village Code Enforcement Officer Randy Ketchum and identified seven vacant properties. Trustee Dasko will work with Mayor Hoffman to send notification letters to the property owners. The NFR for the Spelman lot has been officially recorded.

E. WATER AND SEWER

The board discussed the drainage issues on Lorimar Dr. The utility companies within the easement will need to be contacted. The utility easements are part of the homeowner's property which makes it difficult to proceed. The field to the south of the subdivision drains directly into the utility easements during heavy rainfalls making it a safety hazard while utilities are under water.

F. POLICE

The Police report for the month of February was handed out and discussed. Officer Kunkle has resigned.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Update of Ordinance numbers on record
 - 1. Ordinance 2024-1: General Bonds
 - 2. Ordinance 2024-2: Annual Square Abatement
 - 3. Ordinance 2024-3: Debt Certificate Bonds
 - 4. Ordinance 2024-4: Repeals Ordinance 2024-1

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Mayor Sheila Hoffman read into record a statement in recognition of the 37 years of A.B.A.T.E of Illinois, Inc and over 352,318 registered motorists statewide, and in recognition of the continued role Illinois serves as a leader in motorcycle safety, education, and awareness proclaimed the month of May, 2024 as motorcycle awareness month.

MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MARCH 11TH, 2023 REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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

TIME ADJOURNED: 8:18 P.M.