

CALL TO ORDER

The Village of Durand Board of Trustees met in Regular Session on Monday, March 25th, 2024. The meeting was called to order by the Village President, Sheila Hoffman, at 7:45 P.M.

ROLL CALL:

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

Present via teleconference: None

Absent: None

Employees: *Chief of Police*, Michael Reiman

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 March 11th, 2024 Regular Session were inspected by the board members. Motion was made by Mrs. Waller and seconded by Mr. Becker to approve the March 11th, 2024 minutes of the Regular Session as amended. ROLL CALL: Clark, yes: Cox, yes: Dasko, yes: Waller, yes: Guth, yes: Becker, yes. MOTION CARRIED. APPROVED.

PAYMENT OF THE BILLS

The Payroll bills dated March 20th, 2024 were reviewed by the board members. A Motion was made by Mr. Guth and seconded by Mr. Becker to draw on the treasury to pay the payroll dated March 20th, 2024 totaling \$17,016.30. ROLL CALL: Cox, yes: Guth, yes: Becker, yes: Clark, yes: Waller, yes: Dasko, yes. MOTION CARRIED. AUTHORIZED.

The Board Bills dated March 25th, 2024 were reviewed by the board members. A Motion was made by Mrs. Clark and seconded by Mr. Guth to draw on the treasury to pay the March 25th, 2024 Board Bills totaling \$37,665.85. ROLL CALL: Dasko, yes: Cox, yes: Becker, yes: Clark, yes: Waller, yes: Guth, yes. MOTION CARRIED. AUTHORIZED.

ZONING

Gavin Byl was present to discuss Zoning issues. The proposed variance for the property at 202 North Center Street is on the agenda for a vote and was discussed further by the Board. A request to vacate the North end of Laona St. was discussed by the Trustees.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Comment

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. FINANCE

A draft for the budget should be put together for the next meeting. The Village is working on obtaining an S&P credit rating which will help obtain a lower interest rate for the bond certificates. The Board discussed the possibility of combining the Village Clerk and Utility Clerk jobs into one position, and determined it was not feasible at this time. The Village currently has three active TIF applications and offers have been sent to the owners. The Village may need to clarify some language in regards to vacation and sick time payouts for terminated employees. The Village is considering looking into cyber insurance cost, which is a risk factor for the credit rating.

B. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Kelly Giovanine was present to provide a Durand Charm update. The Market in the Park and Spring Plant sale will take place on May 4th at Saalen's Park. The Village library monthly programs have been well attended. Three grants have been written for the Summer Reading Program. The Village discussed the possibility of allowing a progressive, 52-week raffle within the Village. A straw poll showed unanimous support to implement these changes.

C. BUILDINGS AND PARKS

Trusses have been put up on the new Public Works Building.

D. STREETS AND ALLEYS

Trustee Dasko has been working with Mayor Hoffman to obtain contact information for owners of vacant buildings in the Village. Some contact information is not currently available and will be investigated further.

E. WATER AND SEWER

Public Works Supervisor Aaron Kahl will send a letter to the utility companies in regards to the drainage issues on Lorimar Dr.

F. POLICE

A straw poll showed unanimous support to offer Officer Sager a full-time position with the Village Police Department. Chief Reiman will look into any possible training that may be needed to implement this change. Chief Reiman will attend 20 hours of training in Tinley ark from April 24th-26th. Extreme ownership training will take place in Dixon on March 18th.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Motion was made by Mr. Guth and seconded by Mr. Becker to waive first reading of Ordinance 2024-05: 202 N. Center St. Variance. ROLL CALL: Becker, yes: Cox, yes: Clark, yes: Dasko, yes: Guth, yes: Waller, yes. MOTION CARRIED. APPROVED
- B. Motion was made by Mr. Guth and seconded by Mrs. Clark to approve Ordinance 2024-05: 202 N. Center St Variance. ROLL CALL: Becker, absent: Cox, yes: Clark, yes: Dasko, yes: Guth, absent: Waller, yes. MOTION CARRIED. APPROVED.

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MARCH 25TH, 2023 REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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

TIME ADJOURNED: 8:11 P.M.