

CALL TO ORDER

The Village of Durand Board of Trustees met in Regular Session on Monday, October 14th, 2024. The meeting was called to order by the Village President, Sheila Hoffman, at 7:38 P.M.

ROLL CALL:

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

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, Absent

Public: *See attached sign-in sheet*

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MINUTES

The minutes from the September 23rd, 2024 Regular Session were inspected by the board members. Motion was made by Mrs. Clark and seconded by Mr. Guth to approve the September 23rd, 2024 minutes of the Regular Session. 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 October 2nd, 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 October 2nd, 2024 totaling \$28,131.59. ROLL CALL: Cox, yes: Guth, yes: Becker, yes: Clark, yes: Waller, yes: Dasko, yes. MOTION CARRIED. AUTHORIZED.

The Payroll bills dated October 16th, 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 October 16th, 2024 totaling \$20,472.65. ROLL CALL: Cox, yes:

Guth, yes: Becker, yes: Clark, yes: Waller, yes: Dasko, yes. MOTION CARRIED. AUTHORIZED.

The Board Bills were reviewed by the board members. A Motion was made by Mrs. Clark and seconded by Mrs. Waller to draw on the treasury to pay the October 14th, 2024 Board Bills totaling \$32,397.38. ROLL CALL: Dasko, yes: Cox, yes: Becker, yes: Clark, yes: Waller, yes: Guth, yes. MOTION CARRIED. AUTHORIZED.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer's report for September of 2024 was reviewed by the board members. A Motion was made by Mrs. Clark and seconded by Mr. Becker to approve the treasurer's report for September of 2024. ROLL CALL: Cox, yes: Guth, yes: Becker, yes: Clark, yes: Waller, yes: Dasko, yes. MOTION CARRIED. AUTHORIZED.

ZONING

The Board discussed a proposed dining area for 419 Center St. They also discussed other options for potential deck construction and Zoning other than a general classification of "Beer Garden". Per the owners, the shorter building would be a bakery and breakfast/lunch area, while the larger building would have apartments and a gathering space.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Joe Harper, Tom Walsh, and Sherry Meinert were present to ask the Village to put up Memorial Blocks to honor Gold Star Veterans. Gold Star means that veteran lost his or her life in combat and these blocks would be put up where they lived when they left for duty. If the Village approves, the Legion will cover the cost of the signs.

Attorney Jacob Trotter: Otter Creek Lot Foreclosure Discussion

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. FINANCE

September financials were presented and reviewed by the board members. The annual Village RMA Village Liability/Loss Insurance was presented. The annual renewal amount

is \$43,499. Billing and Zoning Computers have been ordered, as well as a new file server. Due diligence was presented for the Employee Health Insurance Renewal. The Village will remain with the existing plan with a 9% increase. Benning Group will present the results of the Audit at the October 28th meeting.

B. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Queen of Hearts raffle has a jackpot of over \$27,500 and is increasing. The Board discussed a bond issue solution. The Durand Charm housing presentation is scheduled for October 21st, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. Solutions Bank. Halloween on the Square will take place on October 26th, 2024 from 10:00 a.m. until noon. Trick or Treating hours will be Halloween Night, Thursday, October 31st, 2024 from 5 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. The American Legion Riders has a raffle request for November 10th, 2024 up for a vote tonight. Food Truck/Retail Street Sales has been tabled. An Ad featuring Durand was placed in the Rockford Area Experience Guide.

C. BUILDINGS AND PARKS

The property at 14730 Ruby St has a court hearing scheduled with Winnebago County on October 15th, 2024. There will be no further updates until the next board meeting. There is interest in both vacant buildings on the square.

D. STREETS AND ALLEYS

Trustee Dasko provided an update on Vacant Buildings during the Buildings and Parks Committee Meeting. The Board discussed the Alley behind South and Howard St. Trustee Dasko will speak with Gavin Byl and Randy Good.

E. WATER AND SEWER

The Water/Sewer hookup fee Ordinance was handed out and reviewed. The Ordinance is on the agenda tonight for a first reading and possible vote. Waste Management is implementing a new app for Village residents which will allow residents to access services online. Solutions Bank and Pacemaker will be selling extra waste stickers. Well #3 is back up and online.

F. POLICE

The monthly Police Report for September was handed out and discussed. Two applications have been received for the position of School Resource Officer. The ad will run until the end of the month, with interviews to follow shortly after. Portable radios have been ordered. Body Worn Camera was ordered and received. The RVC squad will be picked up this week. Both Part Time officers are on their own and have each worked a solo shift. Grant Awards-Taser 10 and Bulletproof Vest will be discussed by Chief Reiman at the next meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Motion was made by Mr. Guth and seconded by Mr. Becker to approve Resolution 2024-7: Attorneys Jacob Trotter, Cicero, France & Alexander Legal Svcs., OC lot foreclosure. ROLL CALL: Becker, yes: Guth, yes: Clark, yes: Cox, yes: Dasko, yes: Waller, yes. MOTION CARRIED. APPROVED.
- B. Motion was made by Mr. Guth and seconded by Mr. Cox to approve the 50/50 Raffle Request: American Legion Riders 11/10/2024. ROLL CALL: Becker, abstain: Guth, yes: Clark, yes: Cox, yes: Dasko, yes: Waller, yes. MOTION CARRIED. APPROVED.
- C. Motion was made by Mr. Guth and seconded by Mr. Becker to waive first reading for Ordinance 2024-21: Water/Sewer Hook Up and ON/OFF Rate Change. ROLL CALL: Becker, yes: Guth, yes: Clark, yes: Cox, yes: Dasko, yes: Waller, yes. MOTION CARRIED. APPROVED.
- D. Motion was made by Mr. Cox and seconded by Mr. Guth to approve Ordinance 2024-21: Water/Sewer Hook Up and ON/OFF Rate Change. ROLL CALL: Becker, yes: Guth, yes: Clark, yes: Cox, yes: Dasko, yes: Waller, yes. MOTION CARRIED. APPROVED.

NEW BUSINESS

None

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: Petition Packets are available for the Consolidated General Election to be held on April 1st, 2025. The open seats are Village President and 3 Trustees. The Clerk will transition from Elected to Appointed as of May 2025. Petition Packets are to be returned to Mary Sphatt, Village Clerk Nov. 12-15

MOTION TO ADJOURN THE OCTOBER 14TH, 2024 REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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

TIME ADJOURNED: 8:19 P.M.