*Village Meeting*

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Village of Loda Board

April 12, 2023

The Village of Loda Board of Trustees held a regular meeting on April 12, 2023, at the Village of Loda town hall. Present were President Carol Arseneau, Trustees: Jon Boone, Teresa Reck, Dave Arseneau, Don Hutchinson, Cathy Tittle, Pat Allen, Treasurer Myles Reck, Clerk Regina Ptacek.

Minutes- Jon motion to waive and approve regular meeting and executive meeting from March 8,2023. Teresa second, all in favor, motion carried

ERH- work report, Jon verified who responsible for damaged to fiber optic, Carol said was Media Com. Carol contacted them and sent the bill. They cut through a water service line; we fixed the water line but still need to fix the tile. We are on ERH schedule for next week to get fixed and closed. We have the pipe that was damaged.

Water tank- Levi Kopmann is replacing Tom, no additional or updates on Bills for project. Tabled to next month.

Dollar General- Levi sent an email to their engineer. Some things sent was for sidewalk, moving sign due to site on 45. Carol advised that we want them to make entrance to DG off 45 not on Virginia Street at all. Levi said he was not aware and clarified entrance off 45. Levi verified his opinion, will revise his comments and send them to their engineer, traffic for semis will come off 45 and parking lot is big enough for any turns. Cathy inquires for possibility to reroute the pipe, board verified that is not option. There are concerns that the entrance off 45 for permits are extremely difficult and state may not allow it. Cathy clarified they would have to cover cost if reroute, Carol verified that drainage must go straight out. If they come in on Virginia street, they would have to rebuild that street. Currently it would not hold the traffic. Levi said those are things that we would ask for. They are more willing to negotiate. Myles verified if plans to take cement out and put it in asphalt. Levi verified in plans is better and more rock layer underneath. Would be asking for sidewalks and if they are going to develop the area then that is the least, they can do. If start on the sidewalks and go from there to negotiate. Carol verified we do have a zoning board but have not had a meeting. Dale verified for the zoning and Levi said there will be some other changes. Dale verified also as a planned development as there are multiple lots. For the meeting we will need developer and Fehr Graham present also. Levi would rather be here for meetings and make changes. Dale verified we can call a meeting anytime; Levi said that there shouldn’t be changes that need a second meeting. Currently the plans submitted are based on residential not business, Dale said the developer asked to have rezoned to business. Currently is still residential till zoning is completed.

 Levi verified to have discussion with developer with things covered tonight and then be in contact with Carol. Tom had recommended that if they aren’t willing to change the entrance, they should be responsible for rebuilding the entrance. Dale advised will need 30-day notice for zoning. We are acting informally to speed this along. Cathy verified that the only option is to rebuild Virginia, option with iDot is very unlikely to agree for entrance of 45. Trustees have been advised that they need to be present at the zoning meeting for any questions, not to ask questions after the zoning meeting when it is being presented to Board.

Will not be using Motor Fuel Tax, will be paying out of general fund and let the money build in MFT.

Building permits

1-JR and Regina Ptacek, 207 N Poplar will be doing a fence permit for north side and will connect to neighbor current fence.

2-Luke Schroeder, 110 N Elm with permit for garage, will be located where previously was. 26-28 feet wide x 40 feet. Will be new concrete and have electricity.

Teresa- water building roof, they are going to try and work on an old well inside the building so will need a trap door for access. Teresa doesn’t have updated bid yet.

For resurfacing of basketball court, was able to get one bid with crack and seal $2550, if needs additional work then add $2100. Carol verified he is scheduled to come to look tomorrow. Wanted to make sure have for appropriated correct funds. Tabled to next month.

Jon- Genzel property, asked a few people and maybe just put a table and call it a park. The village does not spend money on it. Jon inquiries about the lease to farmer, Dale advised if lease loose tax exemption. Discussion for more nature park. We tried to sell asking $8000. Table for next month.

Hutch- attempt to get a hold of Sheriff in Watseka, after several attempts. Will try to speak with Jon Shure on why we don’t get coverage that we don’t pay for? We are having issues in Village and what will be cost for having additional coverage. Has not received response currently.

Lawyer-

Vacating alley, also suggest to vacate the alley south. Will have ordinance to present at next meeting.

Appropriation ends at the end of this month, new on May 1st. Dale has in the past compared amounts spent in the past and what may be needed and then submitted proposal. Last year the board had a special meeting on what will be spent. Carol verified the special meeting and to go through it. The meeting will be last week, April Tuesday 25th 7pm. Dale verified committees to list expenses or projects to make sure coverage. Budget you try to balance out so don’t overspend, Appropriation often are in red with more appropriated then take in. You cannot spend more than what you appropriate. Carol verified with the board, and we used to do the budget and appropriation. General funds are growing so we haven’t overspent. Plan on appropriation at this time.

Bills- Jon motion to pay bills, Hutch second. Roll call- all ayes.

New-

Children at play sign over on chestnut. Believe we do have one, JR said yes and will put it on post.

Mowing bids- 1 Red Tile repair $532per mow, 2- Its not Just mowing $499. Verified including weed eating and garbage removal, Carol said yes, they have list for mowing requirements. Carol would like to discuss it in executive session.

New business- Jon lawyer at last meeting we wanted to do raises we need to do now? Dale said need to be 180 days before the election. It is time of election when you think about it so need to think now for future. It will only be newly elected people. Cathy verified would not be for existing board. Dale verified it would be the newly elected 2025.

Treasurer: get the audit scheduled early, verified using same company as before.

Dave motion to use Feller and Kuester, Cathy second. All ayes, Motion carried.

With Myles phone number on answering machine, generally Myles gets called for items. If we got another cell phone, it would be an additional $75. JR verified the dialer is self-contained and not needed for water. The one line at Village Hall is $102 + long distance.

Cell phone is $75 ATT nationwide calling, port the number. Cell would be given to board members if someone is out of town. Discussion with board, cost for purchase phone, good idea. Tabled for a month.

Last item, from Myles with water bills, if non owner occupied then water in landlord not the renters. The homeowner is responsible, if you do utilities, they are generally in the tenant’s name. Discussion with water responsibility. Cathy says the tenant is the responsibility not the landlord. Myles recommended to be in homeowner name. If it is just the tenant, then you need SS# and take to collections. We don’t do deposit cause then you must pay interest. Currently on delinquent accounts we have the right to put lien on property. Dale verified to make the landlord responsible with water, garbage. Discussion with board, if it is the renter then they go back and forth. We are having people tampering with meters, renters turning on water when turned off due to not paying. Hutch agrees that landlord be responsible. Carol verified doing ordinance for water and garbage pick up for rentals.

Teresa authorizes Dale to do ordinance to address owner responsible for rental properties to sign up and pay for properties. Hutch second roll call- Dave-yes, Hutch-yes, Teresa-yes, Pat-yes, Jon-yes, Cathy-no.

Building permits-

Teresa motion to accept the 2 permits, Jon second. Roll call all ayes, motion carried.

Public-

JR verified running city on appropriation and not on budget is lazy and should be ashamed of yourselves.

Carol verified on mowing Red Tile repair or It’s not Just Mowing

Dave motion to use RED tile repair at $532, Teresa second. Roll call, all ayes motion carried.

Dave motion to adjourn, Cathy second.

Attest Regina Ptacek, clerk