*Village Meeting*

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County of Iroquois

Village of Loda Board

August 9, 2023

The Village of Loda Board of Trustees held a regular meeting on August 9, 2023, at the Village of Loda town hall. Present were President Carol Arseneau, Trustees: Jon Boone, Teresa Reck, Dave Arseneau, Don Hutchinson, Cathy Tittle, Treasurer Myles Reck, Clerk Regina Ptacek.

Jon motion, Teresa second motion carried.

ERH- work report, flushed hydrants due to concerns with colored water, others at meeting said they also had some discolored water and better now. We have 3 hydrants in town we are not charging fire dept for until they are replaced, 2 reg and 1 smaller, they are currently on order.

Water tank- Schaumberg wrote a check to pay for sign and design. Ready to pay and finalize water plant. We are ready to get paperwork finalized and Carol has paperwork to complete, we have 1 yr warranty. Jon inquired if done, and now understands that complete. Carol verified 1 yr warranty starts when? Andy verified starts from tonight. Cathy verified what does one yr cover, Andy advised the manufacturers cover pumps, controls. Cathy asked about a longer warranty. Carol said would have to look at other items that may have a longer warranty with separate like GasVoda. Andy verified with EPA loan it is 1 yr warranty but manufactures may have longer warranty. Carol states the compressors and generator may have longer. Teresa inquires for a paper that states a 1 yr warranty from today’s date, 8/9/2023.

Carol has Schaumburg final bill $52,090.09 and IEPA $64,077.29

Jon motion to make last payment for $52,090.09 and IEPA $64,077.29, Cathy second roll call all ayes, motion carried.

One of agreements with the Nate Grice for the artwork on water tank he wanted acknowledgement to know who drew the picture and Carol ordered a corrugated weatherproof sign that will have designed by Nathan Grice and Signs & Designs for $35.00

Cathy motion to pay the $35.00 for Signs & Designs. Hutch second roll call, all ayes

Water plant security- still plan on installation on 8/15 8am including the maintenance shed.

In Illinois we must have 2 sources for the water plant, we had them pull the water well and have Andy for information. This is the well that was originally down to 250 ft. currently top 237 feet, 14 feet, bottom 4 ft is settlement and probably not cleaned since put in. one area that on video is very hard to look at due to settlement. There may be a crack. But normally in a situation we would try to send brushes down to clean screen, there is about 10 ft screen can’t see. Brush casing and airlift crud out and see if can save well. It is important to not lose this well, if there is a crack, we do have a way to repair it and fix the gap. We can lower the pumping rate of the well and probably fix it. We can’t see enough of this video to see it. Get this well cleaned up enough so that we alternate the wells so that will prevent this from happening. This well has 10 ft of crud, as tall as this room, just from not being used. Andy believes we can save it. Andy said the only time see this kind of shift is in earthquake. We really need to go one step farther and get it cleaned out and see what options are. Good news that if we get new pump in and downsize then we can set them up to alternate. Don’t know ERH feeling currently. Work with Cahoy Pump Service. Carol did see the casings they were pulling out and the top were clean, Carol verified screen with Andy. Andy said there is 14 feet of screen, casing pipe and bottom 14 feet is wire wrapped screen. Cathy inquires for grant, Andy said yes probably IEPA and maybe DECA, it is not considered emergency since we do have one working well. With the IEPA we do have 40% forgiveness. Need to see what we need to fix it and then need to see for wells and rotate the 2 wells for running. Andy inquires who to contact at ERH since consulting with running water plant. Verified Carol, John and Andy to get together and next steps.

Approx $10-15 thousand, already spent $1500 when they pulled it. Myles verified money fine.

Jon motion to go forward with cleaning well with getting written proposal from Cahoy Pump Service and not to exceed $15000, second by Dave, roll call, all ayes, motion carries.

Sent letter with water bills, had someone tamper with water due to needing water shut off with plumber there, he told Carol he did it, technically he is open for tampering fee. Carol wants to send a letter and copy of ordinance and not to do it again and if he does it again, he will be fined. Water is a utility, and we need to run as a utility. Carol verified with the trustees, and they agreed.

Dollar General-

Zoning committee meet and recommended we go forward; you have a copy of amended zoning ordinance and copy of report.

Ordinance 2023-05 amending zoning from residential to business, Sandy motion, Hutch roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

Carol received from Dollar General the building permit, papers and maps available at entrance off rt 45. There was inquire for 911 physical address it will be 301 South Oak St, Loda. Dale recommends on Village needs to do a new zoning map and publish changes and if engineer has software, we can get updated we need to do.

Cathy motion to approve building permit for Dollar General, Dave second roll call, all ayes, motion carries.

OLD-

Building permit Pikul, sunroom addition 108 S Locust, Carol verified to know where survey stakes are.

Jon motion to approve Pikul permit, Cathy second roll call all aye, motion carried. Advised may limit future coverage.

Coe property bid- received one bid Jose & Amanda Garcia $3500.00 won bid. Will get with Dale to complete transaction.

Dog park- survey complete and gave to Jon, Stakes are in place. Teresa and Jon found a grant that filling out paperwork and seeing if qualify. Teresa verified for fencing in. Carol verified get plan together and then present to board. If a grant falls through, is there anything else we can get grant from? Cathy said to check with Paxton and Carol said she may have someone in Watseka that will give her name. She does all kinds of grants and some charities, like the Donovan trust. Dave will make the stakes a bit more permanent.

Insurance Clarification- water plant and tank were not on renewal; they wanted more information. Carol has updated and needed more aeration and detention tank. Andy will get info with Carol to complete.

Village phone- tabled to Sept.

Jon- bank will have an electrician look at the light. Loda Big Mart is also going to order a new light.

Dave- mowed lot

Cathy- verified the permit and was approved, verified they are building longer than what may have been approved for

Hutch- Monday went to Buckley town meeting and they are interested in splitting the police as 20 hrs. is too much and they are checking with Cissna Park, possibly 3, but 2 more likely. Talked to sheriff and they have one more person in Academy but still short. Current recommendation is to split with Buckley, 10-hour week, police with someone close and someone w/in 10 minutes. Cathy said 10 hours doesn’t make since. Discussion that if we do have something they would be closer. The amount is the policeman, car, insurance and everything. Would be 20 hours and approx. $40, 10 hours a week approx. $20,000. We do have the money set aside. Buckley current contract up in October. Hutch is interested in trying for one year. Dale verified we did approve for up to $40,000.

We can do a property tax levy that is very minimal and a referendum on ballet. We need to get more sheriffs and they need to look at their regulations and they have people going to school and they find they can go somewhere else and get paid for it but the Iroquois county paid for them to go to school. If we do have a situation, we have a phone number, and someone would be here in 10 minutes vs right now we don’t know who or when someone would be here.

Treasurer- Auditor has form need to fill out and return to Myles, be here Sept meeting.

Lawyer- Cable services with Conxxus expanding.

Bills- Hutch motion to pay, Cathy second motion carried.

New- burning violations keeping track and sending ordinance and after that will start fining. Some start at night but they stink and can smell them.

Had some digging on Village property to widen for semis for the Tractor pull, we own 30 feet past edge. Carol understands they need room to get trucks, but they don’t ask. Need to send letter that they ask. They dug out and rolled back and now have buried a water connection and put the grindings over it. That grinding will harden. Sandy will get the address for Randall for us to send information to. Teresa inquires for Julie, Carol said they were out there after the fact doing the Julie.

We have a garage sitting on a trailer on Village Street, it is on back of where Dollar General is going. The owner said he hasn’t gotten a permit. Carol having Dale send him a letter and give him info.

Public-

Jose using some from Dirt pile, approved.

FB message from Aardsma of problems that need repair at old school and rain causing flooding.

Regina mention JR retirement party Sept 16, 11-2p stop by, Village is invited.

Adjourn- Dave, Hutch second.

Attest

Regina Ptacek, Village Clerk