*Village Meeting*

State of Illinois

County of Iroquois

Village of Loda Board

December 14, 2022

The Village of Loda Board of Trustees held a regular meeting on December 14, 2022, at the Village of Loda townhall. Present were President Carol Arseneau, Trustees: Jon Boone, Teresa Reck, Dave Arseneau, Don Hutchinson, Cathy Tittle, Treasurer Myles Reck, Clerk Regina Ptacek.

Jon waive reading and approve minutes, with correction for vote on snow plowing, Cathy second, all in favor, motion carried.

Jim Shearl Assessor- started last year on 1/1/2022, going thru LIA and move to next area, plan to assess everyone once in 4 yrs. Jim gave everyone a report that he was reading information from. It is included with these minutes for the book. Is Village in with lakes? Jim says relates to all townships and the mass of property across them. Carol verified that about 2 yrs ago we were separated and inquired if will have to go thru that again. Jim states that year compared to rest of county not many properties sold. You will probably have another increase next year. Since interest rates were low so people bought and increase in sales but have since slowed down. Jim will let us know as soon as possible.

Hutch verified on freeze that the one year they took but they wouldn’t take the second year and was told didn’t qualify. Jim will ask more information.

Cathy inquires for freeze under $65,000, and age appropriate would have freeze, Jim verified if on freeze and the 17% comes in and if you see increase and if you go off the freeze at the higher level but as long as income below then you stay on freeze. It was what you originally qualified for. The value on house, if done remodeling, then how will that affect. Jim will assess on the assessed value per square foot, not accounting for any remodel. May ask few questions for bathrooms, heater, driveway etc. Its not based on fancy. If your house is 40yrs old the State of Illinois rates, it at different. Can contact Jim at 309-838-2879

ERH- work report, did hydrant flushing Monday and Tuesday, all went well.

Mention continues posting things on the FB Loda Community page.

Water tank- Tom

When isolating the tower, we couldn’t get it to shut so we couldn’t isolate the old tower and were going to have to put in stops to put in valves. John McBride with ERH had an idea with options and shaking the rust free and was able to get that valve working. Also includes a tap on the riser and drain and 2 sample faucets inside. $5590.82 change order #7

Tank demolition originally scheduled and now with weather cold and not predictable asking to delay until spring. Verified the tower is no longer being used. Will have to do extension on plans, change order $5590.82 with time extension till June 2023. Should be down in 2 days once started. Cathy verified that we are paying them so much money, Tom verified we are retaining 10% and demolition until done. Cathy inquires how much more going to put out. Tom verified we have replaced many things that originally were not included. Cathy inquires when is enough, verified grant money is spent. We have come across some additional costs with the 40 years of things not being changed. Original $975,160.00 currently $65,000 added. The grant is cover half and second half IEPA and then loan forgiveness for large sum. Cathy verified that when we have added things where is that coming from, Tom verified we will be rolling into loan and paying 1% over 30 years rather then paying cash now. Tom verified when we approve pay estimates, we are not paying till they give us that money. There are still some items that we must still added. Tom has made sure that we are helping getting expenses covered, currently 75% is paid for. Better to fix them now with great loan and contractor is here.

\*Jon motion to approve #7 5590.82 and grant time extended to 6-1-2023 second with Teresa, roll call, Hutch-yes, Dave-yes, Jon-yes, Cathy-yes, Teresa-yes, motion carried.

Pay estimate #9 work in October $43046.16, Loan disbursement #8 $51810.16 includes contractors and engineering

Pay estimate #9 for November 44215.92, Loan #10 44215.92 contractor’s bill

\*Jon Motion to approve paying pay estimate #8, #9, #9, #10 work disbursements, Teresa second, roll call Hutch-yes, Dave-yes, Jon-yes, Cathy-yes, Teresa-yes, Motion carried.

Verified we will get all manuals at the end of the project and at the same time the generator will be put in warranty with Caterpillar. Desiree Cleary from Caterpillar verified it is registered under the Village of Loda since first start up.

Tom verified the dialer that alerts when any issues, current dialer read pressure and pump failure and was turned off or would set alarms off with the changes. JR verified the dialer is important as it alerts when any concern. Currently told there is no wires from the old dialer to the new set up. A new modern dialer and allow for more alarming and allow Mayor and operator to control thru system pressures or water in tank. Tom verified we need to have good alarm system as people can’t be there every hour and access to monitor alarms. Carol asked if only quoted certain dialer or different options. We don’t need a lot of specifics. Carol verified like what we have and tied thru John with ERH and just JR to be notified. Tom verified can get something outside of project or can do with this project with a change order. Would advise the existing one is not compatible with new system. Will bring information to next meeting. Board agreement that we need to do it. Carol asks for information so she can also talk with John McBride.

Verified when they sand blasted with no protection the dust went everywhere. They will need to remove gravel and be responsible for replacement gravel along with other cleaning.

Desiree Cleary with Generator – Talking about protecting your investment, handed out folder with information. Has a modem on to monitor generator. The generator will keep pressure at plant and this remote monitoring will alert and have everything working correctly. This will monitor everything, can set up alarms and notifications. ERH will be included and Caterpillar has a tech that lives in Buckley and Lake Iroquois, they will then get notification as well, like coolant temp or something else that physically needs attention. Will report once an hour and can access this site to read all levels or any item before hitting alarms. Can customize for sending alerts with a status change, like if the dialer didn’t work the generator would be a secondary as well. Modem $499 one time install, no additional fee. The modem will also have warranty. Warranty extension quote, came with 5 yr, quote for 10 yrs total 3550.00 with credit from 5 yr= 2520.00 for 10yrs from start date. With warranty and any parts needing replaced it is fixed so no failure. Maintenance agreement 6yr, 3yr, 1yr options and went over what is covered and costs. Papers included with minutes; each trustee was given folder with information. Myles verified this generator has something working and moving 24/7. 6yr would be $975, 12 times. JR verified the generator turns on automatically to test. JR verified Lake Iroquois had same generator and only 3 yr warranty and now depend on someone else to maintain it and wouldn’t trust them.

\*Cathy motion for the 6yr service agreement with 10yr warranty and modem. Dave second motion, roll call, Hutch-yes, Dave-yes, Jon-yes, Cathy-yes, Teresa-yes, motion carried. Myles verified a generator age, there are some still working back to 70’s with good maintenance. Carol verified that if generator fails and not operable for a time then part of the warranty will cover up to $5000 for rental and they will bring one till other fixed.

Old-

No building permits

Luke Schroeder is the 110 N Elm, when we read water, they had a reader on west side and during some time the reader is gone, and they read the meter in house. The reader and meter will never match. Ended up with high water bill. We don’t know what happened and as far as concerned doesn’t owe that large bill. He owes $40 for connect fee and the $32 fee= $72.00 Already has new pit and meter.

\*Teresa motion that he will not owe $2,480.50, only pay $72.00. Hutch second roll call, all aye, motion carried.

Teresa- security, have sent in contract and have not heard back at this time.

Hutch- Perzee Sheriff, verified the last activity with Village was when we had neighborhood watch. Carol verified that was good cause we had Officer that would let the village know items that are concern or going on. Over years things stopped and then completely gone. Carol verified it gave police opportunity to hear what we are seeing. Cathy feels like now we are “swept under the rug.” The little towns with elderly people need the reassurance and protection. Some residents are saying they are told we can’t come out and do anything, instead need to be what can we do to help assist you. What information they need to give the police the information they need. Kathy Casper’s with people to west of her all summer would start music at 9a until late am hours and had asked them repeatedly turn down or driving too fast and concern with children and have been told to mind their own business. Have called up to Watseka and have not gotten a response or anyone and then the residents continue. Carol stated the residents in town not getting results when they are contacted. Carol verified we have dropped our ordinance for golf carts and has calmed down as they know now that the Sherriff will be contacted. Verified problem with people from lakes coming into town. Village has had issues with someone going around and knocking on door and running. Little towns are targets currently. Sherriff increasing patrols, 5 officers on night. Verified we had asked for officer like Cissna and other area. Thru 2023 an additional deputy, going to training in January, mid to late June when officer be on own. Last year gilman did 40 hr coverage, Friday nights 10 hrs 6 nights a week 5 hrs coverage and handle calls day and afternoons, there more then 40 hrs. Cissna park inquire for contract, they partnered with Buckley to higher another officer. Inquire for loda for more patrol ours with Cissna and Buckley see how that works that will see coverage options. If something happens in the township would the buckley guy come here, yes. 5 officers on for night shift and the closest car would respond. They don’t have typical cars with light bar, vehicles may be unmarked cars, couple SUV’s, couple trucks. Some are marked. Trying to do better with what we must serve the public. Sandy state when crime done, serious crime, must wait for States attorney to do warrant and then have to wait so during while waiting other things are being done for harm.

Contact number 815-432-4918 non-emergency for dispatch. Loda is on list and have done request for more patrols. Carol verified that if we know some of the trucking companies will send letter first to have drivers slow down but there are couple semi-trucks that disregard all of it. Perzee verified call us and get more presence here for patrol request when specific time frame.

Village maintenance Truck been taken care of except couple minor things. In addition, needs driver side outer U joint on steering axel and plow needs angel cylinders rebuild or replaced they are leaking fluid. Keeping the truck and plow in case of emergency. Last meeting was said to fix and have running correctly. Trustees verified to have things fixed. Our tractor needs battery, so not having to jump it.

\*Cathy motion to get batteries for the tactor and complete fixing the truck and snowplow, second by Jon, roll call Hutch-yes, Dave-yes, Jon-yes, Cathy-yes, Teresa-yes motion carried. Carol will contact Jerry to have items completed.

Clerk election update 3-7pm till 12/19 for turn in petitions for Consolidated Election, April 4, 2023.

Bills- no questions

\*Dave motion to pay bills cathy second, roll call, Hutch-yes, Dave-yes, Jon-yes, Cathy-yes, Teresa-yes, all ayes, motion carried

New

Waiting on gravel to verify with the cleanup for inside back of water building.

They are working and doing ceiling and replacement drop ceiling, may have leak. Teresa will call Bash to come, and JR will be able to show.

Tree over by Myles is dropping limbs and hallowing out, Los Alto gave estimate $2,000.00. Myles say can wait for next year tree removal.

Myles- have 2 CDs at Federated bank $29,241.92 & $8,945.20

\*Jon motion to roll over cd’s, Cathy second, roll call, Hutch-yes, Dave-yes, Jon-yes, Cathy-yes, Teresa-yes, motion carried.

Hutch motion to adjourn, Teresa second. 8:54p

Attest

Regina Ptacek, Village Clerk.