*Village Meeting*

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Village of Loda Board

February 14, 2024

The Village of Loda Board of Trustees held a Regular meeting February 14, 2024, at the Village of Loda town hall. Present were President Carol Arseneau, Trustees: Jon Boone, Dave Arseneau, Sandy Coffey. Teresa Reck, Terry Hendrics, Patricia Allen. Treasurer: Myles Reck, Clerk Regina Ptacek.

Jon approves of January minutes and waive reading, second by Pat. All in favor, motion carried.

ERH work report, Carol went over. Hydrant pressure check completed. Water running on Locust and Adams, SW corner catch basin was plugged and they had to break loose. There are other concerns about that catch basin. A few hydrants opened and flushed as well. Next meeting will have new contract to go over for ERH.

Our Well is assembled and running, finished yesterday, pumping out clear water. When the engineers come back in 2 weeks will run a cycle and will have it run a cycle every so often. Terry verified if any downfalls. Carol said it shouldn’t break anything loose, it should be fine, but we can put a notice out when we do. Sometimes when we hear water is discolored it is cause we do use a liquid chlorine now and that attacks rust so that may be clearing the lines. It is hard as it is not consistent. The smell of the chlorine is when they do a new tank and try to turn it back to prevent. Sandy said there is a resident on N Elm with concerns, Carol said we need to know and have checked as that maybe something else. If there are issues let Carol know to address them.

Dollar General- doing sidewalk, made it a bit wider. Working on the fence, frame up and will be putting up the panels. Still some concerns with the drive at night with the lighting. Mention of options with reflectors.

Old-

No building permits.

Teresa- dog park have plans and Main Street with Mahomet came out, will get back to Teresa with pricing. The fence will be one foot inside the property line. Carol said could be on the property line. Discussion with what would you do with the foot around the line. Discussion with water and that it is shut off, not always running. Idea for composting waste and will be used for fertilizing. Amy advised Sniff Spot listing off the internet for people to stop for pets that travel off Interstate 57.

No measurements on butterfly park yet but will be working on it.

Lawyer-

2024-02 Municipal Telecommunications tax

The state will collect, in by 3/20 to start collecting in July. We have had previous discussion for 3%. There will also be another company coming into the Village for service.

Terry makes a motion to pass 2024-02 Telecommunications tax, Dave second motion. Roll call, Teresa-yes, Dave-yes, Pat-yes, Terry-yes, Sandy-no, Jon-no. Motion carried.

Pat inquires for people get this tax if they will lose business, the village needs to have the tax, they won’t even notice. Discussion how it is itemized and shows on the bills. It will be removing the franchise tax and calling it a telecommunications tax, so still charged, just different name.

Bills-

Jon approves to pay bills, Teresa second, roll call, all ayes

New –

Buckley fire dept for annual cash bash at the Loda Fire House, March 23 4p-11pm. Carol has all the paperwork and insurance.

Jon motion to approve cash bash, Dave second. Roll call, Teresa-yes, Dave-yes, Pat-yes, Terry-yes, Sandy-yes, Jon-yes. Motion carried.

Carol will do paperwork and give permit to Buckley for Cash Bash.

Carol will hand out info for mowing. If under $20,000 we are not required to make bids and not required to take the lowest bid. We are required to take the bid on what the job they do.

Water Line Survey- required by the EPA, usually ERH took care of it. Carol has been collecting. We need an approx. age of house. JR went around and checked service lines. Not required to have name but must have address. It is a lead survey. It is everyone and must be done by April 1st. We will send out a second notice for who we are missing. If someone needs help, please give us a call. So far participation has been very good.

Alley work, need gravel to spread. In the past the board approved and will do worst alleys first. Start with $20-25,000

Jon motion to $25,000 for gravel and labor for Alley. Dave second, roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

Carol talked to IDOT about Murdock’s and will have a team come down and look. Will give suggestions that we may be able to do that may also be approval for signs and or concrete options. They will do measuring and see what will be best. Discussion with options on parking on railroad. Discussion on ordinance that can park on sidewalk so that clear for traffic on road, Carol states believe it is parking on the east side.

Budget- projects list include are paint maintenance building, trim on Village Hall, window fix on Village Hall, trees in town need quotes, alley at Murdock’s was black top and need gravel removed and fix holes and see about repairing.

Trustees-

Dave- will be starting Village Truck and driving around town as it needs movement.

Myles- Cd at Federated Bank due on 2/29/24 for $31,745.91 to roll over.

Sandy motion to rollover, Jon second, all in favor, motion carried.

Angel Crawford- works with us for Iroquois’ Economic Development- Grants

Discussion with board on Grants and funding

Handed out a Broadband Challenge – needing to complete as many “pings” getting some funding with these grants.

Discussion with Mapping- planning community, infrastructure

Discussion on membership- linking website, demographic information, creating job board, senior information, promote events & businesses.

Dale verified that Illinois Municipal league site does also have information on what Grants are available, Village is a member as well.

Public-

Question on mulberry road- Carol verified that the base is bad, between Jefferson and Washington. Discussion with Terry that the road is not bad. Tom states that with the Tractor pull concern with the event and if gravel on the road and damage to tractors. Carol said engineers need a better base. Dave verified that the rock will be driven on and pushed down. Discussion with dust with oil and chip and going to have it. Discussion with the road in front of Konas Road and being so bad, that Weber’s is also using that road. We do have to fix the streets. Closer to corner on Jefferson concerns. Carol will take it into consideration and discuss it with the engineer when comes back.

Contractor here inquires getting on list for when Village does work- Jason Miles, Miles Excavating gave business card for consideration.

Jon motion to adjourn, second Teresa 8:25p

Attest RP