*Village Meeting*

State of Illinois Proposed:

County of Iroquois Approved:

Village of Loda Board

1/13/2021

 The Village of Loda Board of Trustees held their regular meeting on January 13, 2021 at the Village Hall. Present were: President Carol Areseneau, Trustees: Ronda Breeden, Cathy Tittle, Jon Boone, Joyce Gharst, Gene Breeden jr, Patricia Allen and Village attorney Dale Strough. Clerk Regina Ptacek Meeting called to order at 7pm, all spoke the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minute:

Gene motions approve and waive reading of December minutes. Jon second, all ayes, motion carried.

ERH: work report- no questions. Carol verified one location is still turned off from water bill payment, Myles confirmed.

OLD:

Tom:

Water meeting review last 3 yrs of audits with water and verified analysis. Numbers looking as if funding agency would like utility that pays itself. Operations and maintenance to produce the water, debt service, reserves and depreciation as things age and replacements. Looking over the years the reserves have not been collected causing area concern now. After review based on numbers recommendation is $32 fixed amount to everyone every 2 months just to have water service + 10.25 per 1,000 gallons. Currently verified min bill need cover debt service and some reserve/depreciation cost. Yes, it is an increase over current rates but necessary for utility. Jon verified 3000 gallons, 30.75 + 32= 62.75. Carol verified last rate was 2006 increase and if we would have been accessing a charge over the past years then would be higher currently. This is the minimum we can do for new tower and have service costs. Tom still working with the funding and EPA for loans for tower improvements, some being loan forgiveness. Some of the fee with $10.25 will help cover that. Doing the numbers, the way IEP and CPA like to do it. This is something that must be done, Village is not subsidizing the residents. Carol verified we are one of the lowest rates around. Tom verified if you want to include that every 2 yrs there need for adjustment. Cathy voice concern with covid and so many people struggling and it is our town and community. Dale verified this will be posted and appropriate motion to draft ordinance and bring back. Tom verified that payment when projects are done for towards end of next year and could delay the debt. Carol and Jon verified cannot wait till last minute.

Jon motion for the attorney to draft and bring ordinance to next meeting. Pat second roll call

Ronda- yes, Gene- yes, Joyce-yes Cathy-no, Pat- yes, Jon yes; motion carried.

Myles verified on the fire hydrant charge; Dale verified that would continue as same. Clarification if it should have the $32 added? Jon verified for Myles and Dale to communicate on changes when drafting.

No building permits-

Property clean up:

Working on list and will be sending out few letters.

There are a couple with vehicles that have not complied will be giving to lawyer.

Treasure: ordered Christmas lights, ordered after holidays so had discount.

Clerk: verified how names will appear on ballots for April Consolidated Election, Carol-President, Regina- Clerk, trustees will appear: Dave Areseneau, Don Ptacek jr, Cathy Tittle, Teresa Reck

No old business with Trustees

Lawyer: Owls nest. authorized last month to proceed with complaint, mayor signing tonight.

Will be sending a letter for a residential area with gas tanks at Hendricks that are not allowed.

Overview on properties, Seddlemyer- maybe out to spring 2022 but checking on timeframe.

Concern with Beaver dam and not responding to letters. That may need executive session. Currently only have address of new owners end of November, followed up with deed address. Myles verified if in past month, due to delay on mail. Dale said original 12/1/2020, second 1/2/2021. The owner is M&M with PO box in Gibson City. If going to continue with next step, then go to executive. Jon motion to go, second Pat. 7:33pm

\*\*Jon motion out of executive 7:46, Gene second

New:

Side by side going thru town and sending letter to get permit or cease driving.

CD $1/28 Buckley $25388.17, Ronda motion to let cd roll over, Gene second, roll call motion carried.

Flagpole on RR property rope broke and that is why no flag. Need bucket truck to repair. Options with electric company or tree trimming may have truck to help. Myles will see if can find someone.

Jon motion to fix flagpole and check light, Gene second. Roll call, all ayes, motion carried

Clerk: Economic forms, list sent to Watseka and anyone with any income from Village 2020 will need to fill out and complete the yellow form.

Trustees:

Joyce verified where will be voting, Jon verified not specific at this time.

Bills:

Jon motion to pay, Gene second roll call motion carried.

Gene adjourn, Jon second.

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