*Village Meeting*

State of Illinois Proposed:

County of Iroquois Approved:

Village of Loda Board

6/9/2021

 The Village of Loda Board of Trustees held their regular meeting on June 9, 2021 at the Village Hall. Present were: President Carol Areseneau, Trustees: Cathy Tittle, Jon Boone, JR Ptacek, Ronda Breeden, Gene Breeden JR, Teresa Reck and Village attorney Dale Strough. Clerk Regina Ptacek Meeting called to order at 7pm, all spoke the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ronda motion to waive reading and approve minutes from April meeting including executive minutes. Jon 2nd, all ayes, motion carried.

ERH work report

Fixed fire hydrant and Weber’s also put 2 concrete barriers to protect.

Myles- currently have a shut off, no contact from resident them for turn on.

Tom- water tower, preliminary report for intended use plan and will be able to move forward but waiting on formal letter. $550 thousand and then balance 50 % loan forgiveness then other be loan for 30 yrs at 1%. After end of this year July 1,2021 for fiscal year for state to complete paperwork. Carol has verified with Michelle and all paperwork is in. waiting on letter for actual numbers.

OLD

Clean up rescheduled 8/14 8a-12noon with 2 dumpsters.

Electronics cleanup notice was in water bill June 19, asking for volunteers to help load. We are invited to participate.

Committee- Roads: Carol discussed with Louie for road behind Murdock’s with putting so much gravel for options to tear up and then oil & chip so help rock usage. Roads; JR working on alleys and completed from Shirley Meece thru to library. Have another load at water plant and will continue down alleys.

Water / storm drain- JR: took pictures of everyone’s meters so we know starting numbers and a base to work with. Looking into future 2 Julies- with a lid removed, ERH will bring in vacture truck. Another Julie for possible sink hole

Mowing: weeds been removed from dirt mounds, did great job. Carol also verified empty garbage cans when mow. Reminded that Cathy Tittle is on mowing committee and will report in future.

Golf Carts: going over ordinance and clarification on 4wheelers, suggested to remove 4wheelers and motor bikes, need to be golf carts and side by side. Carol clarification on bikes and definitions on “bike” concerns with size and speed. Carol clarified problems with 4 wheelers traveling thru town over 25 mph. all golf carts and side by sides are permitted. Lawyer comment on language in the definitions is extremely limited. Discussion with getting how to clarify. Teresa verified if take ordinance away, for instance if hit fire hydrant who covers repair, discussion with the driver of device is responsible. 4 wheelers come into town from country, lakes and locations and fight us on permits. If they do something illegal, then they call Carol, and she has advised to call police. Police has advised that with us having an ordinance they do not enforce ordinance so if we do not have ordinance then they will follow complaints. Carol explained done playing police with carts anymore. Cathy agrees to remove ordinance and make them be responsible for action. Carol and Dale verified that when amend ordinance it needs to be in writing, be prepared and submitted for record. Teresa tabled so has chance to look over.

JR motion to eliminate the golf cart ordinance, Cathy second. Roll call Cathy yes, Jon no, JR yes, Gene no, Ronda no, Teresa abstains–motion did not carry.

Carol verified fix or change, Ronda motion to amend to make wording more practical, Cathy second, 4 yes, 1 no, Advised by Dale- for drafting ordinance need wording on what you want. Need public safety and streets to talk thru committee to discuss. Cathy verified should not penalize to golf carts. Teresa verified to allow golf carts & side by side so no 4 wheelers. Clarification that any meeting must be public, Jon clarified can do one on one so not a group meeting. Carol questioned on dirt bikes and 4 wheelers, were they intended to be on streets, discussion that no they are off road. Carol showed picture of 2 small children riding small dirt bikes on 45. Tabled discussion till next month.

Lawyer- Appropriation ordinance, JR discussion appropriation ordinance and example with 5 yr average and appropriations that are over 1000 times the 5 yr average. Discussion that the appropriate for this year is a lot of unaccounted for money, why appropriating more. Dale states he proposes, starts with prior year, and then go down sheet with treasurer of what has exceeded or areas that need to increase and if there are any special projects that need extra funds. Example funds like gravel or park. Those are the only types of increases. Dale verified trustees are welcome to change, the law is that you can not exceed the appropriation then you must go thru another entire process. Rule of law that needs to be reasonable related to amount. JR states does not make sense that increased over 1000 times.

Ronda motion to approve Appropriation Ordinance 2021-04, Jon second motion, roll call- Cathy yes, Jon yes, JR no, Gene yes, Ronda yes, Teresa abstain, motion carried

Ordinance change for Building permits fees 2021-05, section 3-7-4 fees changes section 1- fee $50 application fee 2- all new .25 per square foot. Exceptions with lower projects the fees are same, #6 needs to be removed completely. Will make changes and present next month.

Ordinance change for Building permits 2021-06 adding 3-7-9 for clarifies and procedure questions for accepting building permits for accessory uses in areas. Current zoning accessory only on property with house dwelling. This states that any building that not going to live in. in paragraph 2 defines for wood, brick and stone, metal building shall not be deemed compliant with zoning ordinance. Cathy disagrees with not having a metal building as a home, things have changed from when doing wood, brick and stone construction. Discussion with allowing metal buildings for residential. Motion failed. Jon clarified we like A but not B. Clarification that ordinance 2021-06 failed, should prepare and present next month with containing paragraph A without B.

Bills- Jon motion to pay bills, JR second, roll call, all ayes, bills motion to pay passes.

New President: Swear in Teresa Reck.

OSHA inspection on water and maintenance building, first in many years. Wednesday night JR, Dave, Carol went down and cleaned and did best of our ability. They divided the state to others that have never had inspection, 5-20 yrs, 5 yrs or less and names in hat and we were #2 for inspection.

She was exceedingly kind but gave us 2 checklists to complete, electric exit signs, fire extinguishers, shelves being cleaned, what needs to be removed. The air compressor is sitting too close to electric box and have some rearranging to do, and bench cleaned. Chemicals must be logged. Area from shelf to the door and paperwork to complete. Water dept has own list to complete, the lady was asking for the safety list and JR had it all done as he has been doing all safety for ERH and she was overly impressed. Carol has been at the building cleaning and we have till Friday of items, take picture and fix then Carol will send to her and Village will not be sited. Extinguishers are in, exit signs to be done Friday, Dave cleaned off shelves. Carol is completing paperwork and what training is needed. ERH has fire extinguisher and signage for exit.

Carol advised with board that mower not used, would like to have checked and see what take to get to run and possibly put out for bid, no need to keep if not going to use. Also backhoe, leaking hydraulic fluid and not sure if will start, would also like to get fixed and will need for clean up day. Maybe down road gets rid of it also as only using couple times, but mainly need to get fluid stop.

Jon thinks a good idea to get lawn mower gone and backhoe fix.

Carol asked for board permission to get done. Board agrees for Carol to complete.

Finance- Myles: paper for auditor needs to fill out by each member and give back before end of meeting.

Cd 8931.84 Federated bank, Ronda to roll over, Cathy second roll call, all yes, motion carried.

FOYA request for all water related contracts, Myles responded we only have with ERH for any contract.

Water- Water Ordinance JR going over information with new rates and $32 fee, convenience allows me to send water to resident (.50 day), for using 3000 gallons your water rate doubled. Now want to address that everyone here pays $32 for each connection, but need to include Churches, government buildings, as the building all need water and need to pay for infrastructure. If main breaks, then we fix. Fire hydrants are still water connections, currently pay $3 every 2 months and showed pictures of them fixing hydrants that cost $2,000. The fee is about .05 a day per hydrant, if raise rates on residential need to including fire hydrants as it is not the fireman that pay fee.

Jr motion line 3 in water ordinance to change fire hydrant fee to be $5 per hydrant 2021-01 to reflect all connections have connection fee, including church $32 and hydrant fee to $5. No second, motion dead. No change.

Public-

LTTP- Randal, president, Friday 23rd registration starts 5pm with pageant & Talent show, Saturday morning 10a parade, noon weed Wacker pull at Coffey property, 1-5:00 bag tournament at building, Sat night 3 bands Natu and main attraction Drew Parker, ending with fireworks. Sunday 11:30a registration, Noon Pulls start.

Street west and east of Mulberry and Walnut on 7/25 from 8:00a to 8pm, and for parade 7/24 Jefferson, poplar, Virginia, back Locus to Village Park, parade 10a, line up 9am. Center Mulberry on west side with large pothole that need fill before event. 20 golf cart/side by side permits, different color then event.

Ronda motion to allow roads for parade 945-am – 1100am 25th 8a-8p, second Cathy. All in favor, motion carried.

Rick Pikul- regarding the letter for his vehicles and stickers. Carol verified that letters had crossed, and everything has been moved. Thank you and grass looks good. Carol asked regarding other permit, Rick stated will be address later.

Mike Widmer- interested in getting backhoe and things fixed. Also, to let the Village know he is Osha certified. Mike advised interested in mower, Carol verified that will take mower back to the person that we purchased from and Mike advised willing to purchase as is. Carol verified will be put out to bid.

Rick Pikul verified if every resident must have power, electric, water, toilet. Carol and Dale advised must be hooked to water, can not have a private well.

Carol verified not a cop and call Watseka non-emergency number.

Gene motion to adjourn, JR second.