*Village Meeting*

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County of Iroquois

Village of Loda Board

March 13, 2024

The Village of Loda Board of Trustees held a Regular meeting March 13, 2024, at the Village of Loda town hall. Present were President Carol Arseneau, Trustees: Jon Boone, Dave Arseneau, Sandy Coffey. Teresa Reck, Terry Henrichs, Pat Allen. Treasurer: Myles Reck, Clerk Regina Ptacek.

Jon motioned to waive reading and approve minutes, Teresa second, all in favor, motion carried.

ERH- no work report, no questions

Dollar General has received their certification of completion. They are doing reflectors on the drive.

Carol- no building permits. Water line surveys- questionnaires- must have sent to EPA by the end of month, 41 people still working on getting. Have had some call and refused. Our understanding is to be seeing regarding lead in housing but not for sure and this is not an optional thing and told by the state. But if they don’t want to then we are putting resident refused. We have one week to get finished.

Mowing- hiring for next meeting, we don’t have to put out for bid, we can hire Red, and we are not required to take lowest bid.

Jon motioned to hire Red again this year. He did a good job last year. Carol said takes about 8 hours to clean up railroad area in spring before can mow. Teresa second motion. Roll call Dave-yes, Teresa-yes, Terry-yes, Pat-yes, Sandy-no, Jon-yes, motion carried.

Carol will let him know and get a quote per week.

Teresa- dog park: has calls out for other quotes and handed out quote that currently have for Main Street Construct Co for 24,825.00. Have calls out for 4 other people and waiting for call backs and checking on grants. Dale also verified options for grants and Angel that was here and Municipal League and there is someone in Cissna. Jon also verified checking with the Township for donation.

Water tank garden- checking with others on help and getting design with Monarch program. Also, a foundation work with gardens to get them on map for certain requirements.

Bills- Jon motion to pay bills, Dave second. Roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

New

Carol- Alley’s and Burning: reminder that yard waste only, no wood, pallets etc. small bonfires ok, please be mindful. Alleys need to be open, no parking. Aware of one currently with a roll off in Poplar alley currently but we will be doing gravel in alleys and need to have them clear.

Carol had some trees trimmed on the edge of property that they were grabbing when the garbage trucks were going down the alley. They are village trees, but if the village doesn’t want to pay then I will have them pay but they are Village trees. Discussion with some other trees that need trimmed back. Also, will be discussed some new trees planting for DR Hutchinson and in park for Roy Hilgendorf. Plenty in tree fund. Residents can call trustees if they have concerns with tree that need trimmed. Dale mentioned that the fiscal year ends April 30 and that we have to a special meeting for finances and adopt budget. scheduled April 16th 7pm Tuesday finance meeting

ERH contract- same as previous 4/12/2024- 4/12/2029 $60,000.00 per yr increments $5,000.00 out of water fund. Currently pay $4452.00. This is the first increase in 5 years. If the operator is called to shut off for any residents on a private facility the business or customer will be expected to install a shut off valve at that time. It the customer doesn’t install a shut off then the next time they are called out again then ERH will charge a $50 shut off fee. Myles verified if people are turning off for a winter, then we don’t charge a fee. Myles will include that information in the next water bill. Will include season shut off, if turned off then need to have a shut valve installed as well. Verified not tampering with water pits as that is a fine as well.

Our contact ends 4/12/2024

Discussion with trustees on ERH and their service. We haven’t had any service issues, when we call them whoever is here, or they send Jason from Gilman. We have had complaints they try to address right away. Carol is happy with their service.

Jon motion to renew the ERH contract for 5 years 4/12/2024- 4/12/2029, Sandy second. Roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

New-

Trustees:

Jon: houses question with lumber at the Navarette, is that a business, Carol will check, believe they are zoned for business. He is going to buy cars, detail them and sell them at auction. He told Carol he is going to get rid of the lumber but will verify. Carol verified he was done with the building. Carol will check with him.

Clerk- Economic forms to mail in for 2023, Bicycle Across America park August 23, Loda Legion event with Loda Truck tractor craft July 29 after parade will not be associated with Village and not Loda Good ole days

Treasurer- printer issues and may need new one,

Jon motion to purchase new printer with $500 cap, Terry second, roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

Public-

Larry Sutton- shop in front proposed dog park, please make sure enough parking so off the street so not block with parking. Inquired for the repair on the street. Verified for the street to be torn up with tar and chip, Carol verified will have to sit for a year. Larry verified if in front was not gravel and money allocated. Carol verified that it is allocated. Asked why to tear it up, Carol said that engineer is shot and must tear it up, last time they refused to do it and would be wasted money. Discussion with there are ways to have tested, Carol verified it was the engineers for that road and few other roads that need to be torn up. Larry wanted to make sure that we have money allocated to have torn up and then work. Reinstated that for the parking to have space for pulled in parking and people to walk and make sure not blocking any driveways. Carol did verify that we did discuss the property. We had a price of $8000 and no counteroffer and we went off a realtor. Larry verified options to rezone as business and sell it vs it being residential. Carol verified that no one even counter offered. Larry offered $4000 tonight if it was zoned commercial. Perfect property for business and all buildings to north are business. Rezoning is less expensive than spending on a dog park. Discussion with trustees and reasoning with not paying taxes. Larry verified that should benefit the town and not the lake, I am for the dog park, just need to function. Carol verified would have to be an open bidding process with the real estate, which we did, and we would have to redo that process. There is also a process we must go through for the zoning including the zoning board meeting. Carol verified to think about that we have put time for the dog park that if we cant get within a reasonable budget then we can look at selling it.

Susan Wynn Bence- Candidate 53rd State Senate- take Tom Bennett, focus to prevent Chinese from buying our farmland.

Pavlov Media- Mr Sheldon

High speed internet out of Champaign, 150 cities with fiber to home now, public utility right of ways, we work with cities and premium, safety. Sent info to trustees previously. We do JULIE locates, one cabinet by states right away, in town will be underground, every lot will serve 2 homes, flat to ground, main drag will be concrete vault for safety purposes. If something happens, we fix it right away. We have a strong safety record. We have our own contracting crew, Ron Battle, and you will be able to contact him. We know accidents happen and a line will get cut. Our lines are in conduit and will be fixed in a matter of hours. We work safely and quickly. No conduit sticking out of ground, we will do vaults and if exposed utilities we will have times for a day but not a week. Currently we want to be part of the plan for the internet in rural areas, there is grant money coming down. 8gb for residential, business more dedicated and more reliability big band width. Take about month or 2, good weather we are getting a lot done. Will do whatever necessary fees and permits to get going. We have ERH for our water, basically the main thing. Carol is most concerned with not having a water map for lines. When we had another service that did hit a service and was a mess. Mr. Sheldon did verify that we are not 5 feet except under the road. Carol asked with how that is done and concern. Mr. Sheldon did say may use a vac truck but would probably be best to check with the project manager for the best options. When you subcontract who is responsible for damage? He verified go through him, but they will do the claim. Carol verified the vaults, what’s in it? In vault the fiber comes through, will have drop to home and fiberoptic, junction box, in conduit. Makes it easier for repairs. We do have permits from Loda Township. Also do participate with ACCP. Dave verified vaults connect, Mr. Sheldon verified 2 houses to vault. Main line coming from dark fiber Illinois century network runs along interstate. Next step will be permit with under railroad. Will start the town without having that permit. Verified paperwork that Carol has for starting process.

Carol verified with Trustees, $25 building permit and forms.

Dave motion to approve Pavlov excavation, Terry second, roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

Carol received a letter for resident 100 N Maple St to put solar panels in town, we don’t have an ordinance.

Terry motion to adjourn, Jon second. 8:47pm

Attest RP.