*Village Meeting*

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Village of Loda Board

May 10, 2023

The Village of Loda Board of Trustees held a regular meeting on May 10, 2023, at the Village of Loda town hall. Present were President Carol Arseneau, Trustees: Jon Boone, Teresa Reck, Don Hutchinson, Cathy Tittle, Pat Allen, Treasurer Myles Reck, Clerk Regina Ptacek. Dave Arseneau absent

Hutch motion to Approve minutes from April, along with Budget and special meetings and waive the readings. Teresa second motion, all in favor, motion carried.

ERH- handed out work report, Jon asked how demolition went on tower, JR verified went very smooth and no issues. The tower removal was not ERH issue and but it went smooth. No additional questions.

Water tank-

Approve payment, change order for connecting sample tap, chlorine feeds and hooking to dialer system increase of $1967.16. Cathy motion to approve change order, Teresa second roll call all ayes, motion carried.

IEPA $40896.35 disbursement with Schomburg request $37,978.35. Cathy motion to approve, Jon second. Roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

In the contract states Schomburg to put name on tank, due to changing paint we were not able to do originally planned. Carol has been working with Signs n Design in Paxton, with Loda print shadowed and butterflies for $646.25. We have already approved but wanted to verify still ok with trustees. All agreed yes to go forward. Verified will be on side facing street. Carol will get ordered.

Carol asked if anyone had gone to see how water plants look? Carol verified the new sink with 4 faucets attached to lines that he does testing with. Also adding a hot water heater 6 gallon for $369 for under sink and out of way. Altogether approx. $1250 not including labor. Will be replacing with a hard powder coat finish to help repel the rusty water, but we can still ask the plumber opinion. Jon made a motion in March for $8000 to finish any little projects and Carol is just advising trustees what plans are. Carol also mentions that can run through the EPA at 1% interest and Schomburg plumbers. Jon verified if we can then run through there at 1%, this will also include a new laminate counter top. Also possibly moving the sink to middle of counter, discussion as that will move cabinets and reposition. Teresa inquires why, JR states the position of the sink would be more convenient and look better. Verified will be doing plumbing and the counter would be extra but using the same cabinets, moving the sections around. Schomburg with the EPA would go through the contractor for the items. Jon verified this is the first time we have made changes so need to get done work done now. Will check with Schomburg and move forward.

OLD-

Building Permit- Mark Rust purchased old elevator and will be putting grain bins up on it and would like to start end of May. $50 application fee and will get final measurements, will be .25 per sq ft. Verified that area is zoned business. Jon motion to approve building permit, Teresa second it. All in favor, motion carried.

Dollar General has approached IDOT for entrance on main drag and waiting for response. Cathy verified that if, Andy states really shouldn’t be a concern. But the current situation with where it is located shouldn’t be a concern. Dale verified IDOT is short help and maybe bogged down for a while, Andy states that this should be a minor request and should not take too long.

Gasvoda will be here next week to complete the Crystal ball, go thru control information and other items at water plant on Thursday 5/18. ERH will be there as well as others. Great time to come see the plant, looks immaculate, tanks look great. JR has done a great job.

Myles verified phone; Andy verified it is not working at this time. They are having to do something with some splitting signals and will be installing things Thursday. Will have history and get online and see what plant is doing as well as some different screens for how it is operating. Andy verified that things have been running smoothly, and JR has worked hard with the plant.

Genzel Property- Jon and Teresa putting a park bench there. Talk about making something that won’t be stolen.

Myles Job and raise- 2% raise, handed out paper previously that talked about his work and benefits.

Jon motion to give Myles 2% raise not retroactive, Cathy second, roll call Hutch-no, Pat-yes, Teresa-abstain, Jon-yes, Cathy-yes, Carol-yes, motion carried.

Teresa- no update on Bash Pepper on roof, waiting on the roof to get done to do Security.

Hutch- police, had meeting with Jon Shur and asked for coverage that we aren’t paying for since we are part of county and then contract for additional coverage. One thing is having a marked car going through, will have alternating make and unmarked vehicles. Going through at different times, and different routes through town. For additional coverage year $42,500 originally, new one is $37506.31. need to increase the police fund to $40,0000 and use gambling money to cover any overtime. Teresa asks how to sustain. Carol verified from gambling money and appropriation. Dale verified there is also a property tax levy of .075 police protection that can set up, will be short but it’s there. Hutch verified would be the police fund that was increased to $40,000 that comes out of the general fund and the gambling that was approved back to 2021, this was previously approved by Board. Teresa asked how the general fund would be sustaining that and what we would cut somewhere else. Carol gave all a copy of the contract, this is a 2 yr. contract, some have done for just one yr to see if good fit, if only want to do for 1 yr. Hutch stated that a revisit would be an increase of 4%. We would pay for each year all at once, so no banking account was needed and paid for in full. Hutch verified coverage during the day would be what we don’t pay for, but evening would be our coverage. This would be the Village of Loda, not the Lakes. Carol states if we pass tonight then goes to county board in June and they pass and start in July.

Hutch verified kids some 4-6 on golf carts and not slowing down or paying attention and that is one of the things we would be going after, along with go carts zooming around town.

Cathy motion to approve agreement from Hutch for the Police coverage at 1 yr at $40,000. Hutch second, roll call Cathy-yes, Jon-yes, Hutch-yes, Pat-yes, Teresa-no, Carol-yes, motion carried.

Carol verified for Hutch to contact for 1 year and verify price the same.

Trustees-

Teresa approval to go ahead with park basketball area improvements, $2750.

Jon motion to approve the basketball area at park to be fixed for $2750, Cathy second, roll call, all ayes, motion carried. Teresa will contact them to get started.

Dale- handed out ordinance 2023-03 vacating Alley and verified with title company, including the ground where old grain area was and McCreary property.

Jon motion to approve ordinance 2023-03, Teresa second, roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

Will adopt Appropriation Ordinance in June. We can still make changes, for police increase to $40,000. Carol also verified paying ERH increase $4,200.

Bills- Jon motion to pay bills, Hutch second roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

Swear in new Trustees-

Dave was not present, Hutch, Jon and Sandy present, sworn in and took seats.

Thank you, Pat, for your service.

No new business

treasurer- basketball court Company said does paving and would like to bid on future contracts. Will get name and contact information to Carol.

Public-

Jose is interested in Coe Property, Carol said yes, we will get appraisal and will go up for bid.

Randal Irving for Truck and Tractor pull, moving forward last Sunday in July. Will have country singer on Saturday night Mark Mills, will have Saturday events with parade and weedwhacker’s and bag tournament ending with fireworks. Still on TTP to help with basketball court and will donate some money, don’t really have the labor or time but will donate $500 towards fixing basketball court.

Hutch motion to adjourn, Cathy second. 8:20p

Attest Regina Ptacek clerk.