*Village Meeting*

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Village of Loda Board

January 8, 2025

The Village of Loda Board of Trustees held a Regular meeting January 8,2025, 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 approve the December minutes and waives the reading of the minutes. Terry second, all in favor, motion carried.

No building permits

Agreement from law enforcement but they didn’t add us to the main body of contract so not ready to approve. We need to get back with them for correction and contract information.

Wage adjustment for December for Marla Templeton, last year $300

Jon motion to give same as last year $300, Dave second, roll call, all aye, motion carried.

Open Lot bids for on Mulberry-

1. Larry and Allison Sutton $5100, enclosed for $510.0
2. Craig Young- Gibson City, $11,100 check for 10% enclosed $1,110
3. Joe Gonzalez $7500, enclosed $750

3 bids received, it is zoned B1, Terry asked what plans for lower bids, one did ask about it being for B1, Terry said we have enough metal buildings and would be a no for him. Jon said it is zoned business, and that side of town used to be business. We have been trying to get rid of the lot and should take the highest bid. Anyone that buys it is going to end up putting a building on it. Sandy said the one is from outside town and going to be putting equipment on it. Loda will be known as the place to go and just do anything. Discussion with board and concern with needing residents and not more buildings. Sandy says need to stay local.

Jon motion to accept highest bidder, Craig Young $11,100, Teresa second, roll call: Dave-yes, Pat-yes, Sandy-no, Teresa-yes, Terry-no, Jon-yes, motion carried. Dale will get information ready to have set for next month’s meeting. Carol will send letters to the other bids not accepted.

Years ago, block of street got vacated that should not have, (north end Elm Street) the property was divided for the property owners. The people said she, Sue Williams, could use the property but now he wants to sell the property. Sue Williams’ house faces the property but now cant access her property with no street access. What does the board want to do? She would have to create a drive to township road to get out. Aardsma said they would work with her. Or we can try and buy it back. Teresa asked can a road be unvacated that was vacated, Dale said no. The only way would be if the new owners deed owner an easement, and then will be able to use it. On the Aardsma part there is a catch basin and a fire hydrant. Dale said would also have to see about right of way for public utilities. The road vacated in one long ordinance may not have reserved right away and was undeveloped but will need to recheck, was done in 1990. Carol verified Sue Williams doesn’t have access to get to her property. Board agrees to help find out what needs to be done to help get resolved. Dale verified since once was a village street that was vacated and done as a mistake that Village can help resolve. Carol verified error that streets were different names back then, it also involves Williams and Elliots property. Tabled till February.

Dave- will be starting vehicles in shed, also turned heat on.

Carol- 2013 ordinance for public participation, village president at that time did not sign it, we will be redrawing up, will be new number and add some other items. Will be passed next month.

ERH-

Work report- no questions

handed out Water report from Hawkins that did Test results.

Our water obligation to the village is to meter pit. Once through the meter it is the homeowner’s responsibility. By this report we fall with in EPA guidelines. You can call John McBride with any questions. He advised reverse osmosis, but that takes all the minerals out of the water.

Sandy verified that water at plant vs. the many houses around and it’s the houses with issues. Carol verified we had turned the chlorine down. Flushing once a month and has helped. There are only a few people that are having issues with water. Sandy said the chlorine has died down, Carol said turned down to the lowest limit.

Carol verified if continue to have brown water even with our numbers is we will dig up meter, disconnect the water and can see what is coming through the meter. The state is keeping track of our water, and we do have some small traces of ammonia in our water. That is in the aquifer that is in the ground. The only way to cut that down is to add chemicals to water. All the numbers are in and showing we have good water. Jon verified that if you have brown water or issues then we can trace it down. Sandy inquires what the change has been, and Carol verified that nothing really has been changed. Carol verified they had turned down chlorine to the lowest limit. The public asked about the homeowner pay for having someone there to also test the water. We had another homeowner that we did the same test with, and it did end up being the homeowner filter causing the issue. We just can’t do it when it’s cold.

Amanda Loveless-

Why not flushing previously- it did make a difference when it was done.

If you have people saying they are having issues and the way that it was addressed was more of the problem. If there are multiple people with issues that concern that needs to be addressed and friction with residents but want to know whoever I need to go to this is the steps to resolve. But it was not received that way and mocked. Carol verified that didn’t know that people were having issues and when asked for their name, was not given names. Cannot assume all over town. Amanda said up until last January didn’t know when the meetings were. Carol verified she has people at her door all the time. Carol verified meetings are on the second Wednesday and have always been that way. The meeting minutes are not approved until the next meeting and cannot be posted till then. We do try and post information. Marlene asked why hydrants weren’t flushed, Carol verified it used to be on regular basis but not sure why stopped. Teresa verified we are complying when its posted, we do have posted in Post office, Gas Station and on Village outside window. We also have the website. Minutes, ordinances and other information are also posted there.

Hydrants will be flushed if the weather permits, 2 days of 50 degrees and overnight cant drop below 40. Don’t want to make ice rink when flushing them out onto the ground and keep things safe.

Bills- Dave approve to pay bills, Teresa second, roll call, all aye, motion carried.

New-

Clerk- 2024 Economic forms coming in February / March and need to fill out and mail in. This will be for anyone that did any work in 2024 with the Village.

Treasurer- CD in Buckley $26308.18

Jon approves to roll over CD at Buckley Bank, Terry Second, all in favor, aye, Motion carried

Letter from IRS with forms being electronically submitted now or a fine will be imposed.

Myles handed out W2 forms.

Public-

Gene- water stunk Saturday and was grey. Water bills that readings are high vs previous month that they should catch it and do a reread. If feel the reader is off then we can reread it. Myles verified that he does try and catch them and reread them. We also have had resident that got mad that tried to help.

Jon motion to adjourns, Terry second 8:00pm

Attest

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