*Village Meeting*

State of Illinois

County of Iroquois

Village of Loda Board

December 11, 2024

The Village of Loda Board of Trustees held a Regular meeting December 11, 2024, at the Village of Loda town hall. Present were President Carol Arseneau, Trustees: Jon Boone, Dave Arseneau, Sandy Coffey. Teresa Reck, Terry Henrichs. Absent- Pat Allen. Treasurer: Myles Reck, Clerk Regina Ptacek.

Regina stated the question of privilege per Roberts Rule of Order request board shut off electronic devices and put them away to not be a distraction. Sandy advised removing newspaper recording device as well, she questions why and I advised removing all devices and she need to choose if here as trustee or reporter, as conflict of interest. Devices were removed.

 Jon approves the November minutes and waives the reading of the minutes. Teresa second, all in favor, motion carried.

Old-

Building permit- Richard Pikul changes made to move building in plans to east to clear building requirements to alley, will not be apartments, will be storage. Passed information around to Trustees and if anyone hadth any questions. Richard verified putting apron up to garage, Carol verified as long as not on Village property. At this time was not doing septic, he has checked with Miller septic and there is room on property, and he is not putting in now so not getting permit.

Jon motion to grant building permit, Terry second, roll call, Sandy-yes, Dave-no, Teresa-yes, Terry-yes, Jon-yes, motion carried. $2450.00 fees then will get permit.

Dale-

Tax Levy ordinance 2024-06, doesn’t increase as we are at our maximum.

Jon motion to pass, Teresa second ordinance, roll call all yes.

Zoning board 2024-07 rezoning tracts residential to M2 to accommodate expanded Fertilizer plant

Teresa motion 2024-07, Jon second, roll call all yes, motion caried

Bills- Jon motion to pay bills, Dave second, motion carried

New-

Wage adjustment for Marla Templeton, tabled to January

Sandy- Buckley for Police Shockley are present to speak regarding sharing with Buckley. Buckley Mayor Shockley introduced himself, 2 yrs ago we hired and in third year and trying to cut expenses, we share 20 hrs with Cissna, we would be willing to split and share 10 hours. Carol asked on cost and numbers. They provide everything, including insurance. We have officer anytime. 2 towns $44,000. It has made a presence and Buckley is quite. We leave it up to them when in town. Clint is aware of us speaking with you regarding sharing. Terry asked how affected Cissna, it would not affect Cissna. We are only splitting hours with Buckley. 10 hours a week, presence of car in town. If we have a problem or issue, we call them directly. They will not enforce ordinances. Carol verified they would stop the “racetrack.” Carol said it is a good idea to have presence. Dale said, on law enforcement they will only enforce states statue. We do have overlap and enforce underage drivers, if they catch them.

For ordinance the state has enough requirements that the small villages cant keep them due to qualifications, you can have a code enforcer, you still must take to court and general to expensive and another option for that problem.

 If they are in Buckley and we need them they come here. Terry asked that if we reach our limit, they will switch hours around and or we will still pay our taxes and have county coverage. The contract is up in January and Buckley can change theirs with our options. Dale verified the County Board also must approve it. Myles verified that it is appropriate for.

Jon motion to have Dale start agreement with County and present next month. Dave second. Roll call Sandy-yes, Dave-yes, Teresa-yes, Terry-no, Jon-yes.

Terry said we pay enough in taxes and there is going to be a 9% increase. We petition Watseka to get more coverage. Why should we pay for it when we aren’t getting it.

Teresa verified this motion was only to get information and start, not to approve.

Treasurer-

CD Federated Bank 1- $9,245.87 2- 30,192.34, both to renew

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Jon motioned to Roll over and see if there were any specials, Jon said staying same bank, Dave second, all in favor, aye, motion carried.

Myles needs zoning board members name and contacts so can pay them. Regina gave him list

ERH-

Work report- no questions

Public-

Dalton Payne 211 South Poplar

The water with chlorine issues, smell, taste, and post was high bill, last month $78 and this month $240. When said misread it he had some attitude and never any sort of sorry.

There needs to be something with billing, something online, cant get out or pay online. Why is bill coming from Village not ERH… verified they read the meter. Carol verified they are Contracted with Village. He complained about when was dug that he asked for gravel and ERH was going to put it in, Carol said we did put it in, Dave did. He said he paid and put in his own gravel. He asked about flushing, Carol said quarter, normally early in morning.

John McBride verified that we did the dead ends. We are mandated 1 part per million at the very farthest part. At the water plant we measure chlorine. If you see what water is at the water plant, you will see there isn’t an issue. Sandy verified that if her water at the plant looked like that she would be in heaven. Going to get tests and send to company for them to test. We have done test with hydrants, and they are in set with what required to have.

Hydrants will be flushed and will be posted so not surprised. Terry asked if we had tested in his house? Sean restated Dalton said he would not allow ERH to test a sample from in house. Dalton said correct he would not let them, Terry said needed to get a sample from his house. Troy, 102 Jackson St, with pool and sentiment and how can we drink it if it is coming out of pipes. We are not flushing hydrants. Meters quite due to crap in the lines and not getting it out.

John restated we will flush hydrants more.

Jon B said that he had been gone for a few days and when he came back and turned it on it was thick brown but that he had been gone and it only happened that one time. Have not had a problem with chlorine smell, weird that some are on same line with color vs chlorine smell. Jon verified that it has been up and down the line. Everything coming out of the tower and into the system is good. There are a lot of old pipes in town. But houses with plastic piping can still get calcium build up. We can let these people (ERH)do the testing and they do other towns, and they are good at it. Carol said we had one person saying rust in the line, we took the line apart, and the water was as clear as can be and discovered it was something within the house. Jon states we do see there is a problem, Sandy said chlorine is a new problem. If using sink stop and company will come get sample. Was restated that ERH is contracted, and that Village does that billing. Terry verified options for banks that do electronic paying bills. Discussion with board that there are other options for payments besides the Village having to have the option.

Terry verified when the pool was filled if he turned brown immediately. He said that even chemicals were not able to change it. 102 E Jackson. John verified going to get sample to see if from pipes.

Discussion on why Dalton didn’t call when getting a small bill on asking why then normal bill, that the small bill was a mistake if you average more. Then the next bill being $240 was higher but it was his attitude and just the no apology or just not saying sorry.

We have made a Village of Loda page; we will not be on the Community page and we have an email address and we can also text. Village page is communication page for informing of flushing or other notifications.

John ERH verified we get samples that are not correct and that is why we need to go in and gather samples ourselves. Verified that JR is an employee, and he is under his direct supervision.

We use liquid bleach now and don’t know if that change could be something vs previous using gas. I have had a good reputation for the last 40 yrs.

We have these complaints but have not had names or samples previously to get further information.

Discussion with Carol and Brianna about Carol responding to Sandy’s comment of whatever and then challenge on using gavel. Brianna left meeting

Discussion with John, Jon, Troy regarding the sentiment in pool.

Teresa also verified comment with flushing water heater, sediment in there as well. In every house and especially with older homes, we have had people test our water in various houses and need to make changes inside our home since the meter inside our home is our responsibility as I am very sensitive to water. They said that good water went up to the house and was the pipes in the house. Have heard of issues with different areas of town. Have not heard names of people, hate to say that sledge at pool who did you call, this is the first time have heard of issues. Troy responded that, we didn’t use the pool this year due to the sediment.

Gene Breeden verify having ERH employee coming to house tomorrow to get water sample. John verified he is going all over to get samples.

Regina verified with John ERH for cold temps to leave water drip to prevent frozen pipes. John verified yes. Regina will post on the Village of Loda page

Pikul verified the pipe that was shut off that is backing up into his basement. John asked for sample

Dave motion to adjourn, Jon second 8:30

Attest- regina