

VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD

Study Session Meeting Minutes – August 8, 2022

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Heather McArty called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

ROLL CALL	PRESENT	ABSENT	OTHERS PRESENT
Cathi Fritz	X		
Lindsey Light	X		
Bob Parr	X		
Doit Roberts	X		
Ferrell Stroh	X		
Robert Wright	X		

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- Mayor McArty updated the board on the WatchFire sign. Still waiting on the metal frame to be made then installation can happen.

MONTHLY BUSINESS

BUDGET

Mayor McArty reported a new copy of the updated budget was provided to the board. She stated 19 full pages were removed from getting rid of unused GL codes. All department heads have provided their budgets which is reflecting in the proposed ordinance. She also stated she foresees the budget being amended down the road. There was discussion on if there was a police vehicle allocated within the budget. The Mayor was told it would be put into the 2024 budget.

TIF ADMINISTRATOR

Mayor McArty stated that she emailed all board members with answers to questions she had received from the board regarding the agreement that is being present to the board. R. Wright asked where do the funds to cover the cost paid out of and it was explained it comes out of TIF funds and not the general fund. B. Parr stated he doesn't remember having to pay a fee to sign in the past but was only charged for services rendered. L. Light wanted to make sure this document would be shared with the school district so they are able to benefit from the agreement as well.

INVESTMENTS

Mayor McArty reported she has not heard anything back from any of the institutions she contacted in regards to village investing. She was able to connect with an individual but because of licenses and governmental business policy, he is not able to solicit to the village because of being a resident of the Oakwood. But as a citizen he could volunteer his time. The Mayor stated she feels this needs to wait until the board is able to set goals incase funds will be needed and not tied up.

VILLAGE PARKING LOT

Mayor McArty reported updated plans have been received from Farnsworth and there were areas highlighted with some drainage issues. These issues will be address within the bidding process. R. Wright asked if this updated plan included concreting the alley. He was also thinking drainage could be

incorporated at the same time. The majority of the board agreed the alley needing to be concreated. It was also suggested to bring in the owner of the laundry mat into the discussion which the project is being done. The Mayor will get input from Emily to see if this would be possible. There were concerns regarding how quickly work is getting done from Farnsworth and the mayor stated she would email Emily and invite her to a meeting.

POLICE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT

Rod Soderstrom provided a proposal for the purchase of 4 new laptop units and 1 tablet. This would provide each unit with a new units with updated software and the tablet would allow an officers to taken into places. Cathy asked if the department even had 4 functioning vehicles and if 4 were even needed. B. Parr explained there is a need for an extra one in case one unit goes down or if the future SRO would need one.

PROPOSED ADDITIONAL STOP SIGN

Mayor McArty explained to the board the police department has received the green light from IDOT for the installation of an additional stop sign at the corner of Park and Oakwood Street. This should help with speeding that occurs on the main road.

Having no other business to discuss, Mayor McArty asked for a motion to adjourn.

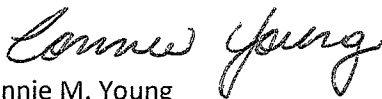
Robert Wright motioned to adjourn at 7:43pm.

Seconded by Ferrell Stroh.

	Cathi Fritz	Lindsey Light	Bob Parr	Doit Roberts	Ferrell Stroh	Robert Wright
Yes	X	X	X	X	X	X
Nays						
Abstained						

Motion Carried

Submitted by,



Connie M. Young
Village Clerk

Approved 9/19/22