

VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD

Regular Board Meeting Minutes – April 18, 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		Caroline Darr – Int. EMS Coordinator
Lindsey Light	X		Lori Fields – EMS Billing
Bob Parr	X		Julie Leverenz, Office Manager
Doit Roberts	X		
Ferrell Stroh	X		
Robert Wright	X		

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Mayor McArty asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

Ferrell Stroh made a motion to approve March 14, 2022, Study Session with a second from Cathi Fritz.

	Cathi Fritz	Lindsey Light	Bob Parr	Doit Roberts	Ferrell Stroh	Robert Wright
Yes	X	X		X	X	
Nays						
Absent			X			X
Motion Carried						

Ferrell Stroh made a motion to approve March 21, 2022, Regular Meeting minutes with a second from Cathi Fritz.

	Cathi Fritz	Lindsey Light	Bob Parr	Doit Roberts	Ferrell Stroh	Robert Wright
Yes	X	X		X	X	
Nays						
Absent			X			X
Motion Carried						

Cathi Fritz made a motion to approve March 21, 2022, Executive Meeting minutes with a second from Ferrell Stroh.

	Cathi Fritz	Lindsey Light	Bob Parr	Doit Roberts	Ferrell Stroh	Robert Wright
Yes	X	X		X	X	
Nays						
Absent			X			X
Motion Carried						

APPROVAL OF BILLS

GENERAL FUND	\$ 51,632.76	POLICE	\$ 5,030.00	EMERGENCY RESCUE	\$ 4,137.90
ROAD/BRIDGES	\$ 407.10				

Mayor McArty asked for a motion to approve the monthly bills.

Bob Parr made a motion to approve the monthly bills, seconded by Robert Wright.

	Cathi Fritz	Lindsey Light	Bob Parr	Doit Roberts	Ferrell Stroh	Robert Wright
Yes	X	X	X	X	X	X
Nays						
Absent						
Motion Carried						

GUESTS

None

VILLAGE HALL REPORT

Julie Leverenz reported about the passing of Richard Woodard, who managed all the IT for the village hall. The office has met with someone else who is willing to help on the basis needed at this time. Julie also requested that the village provide a donation to the AMBUCS. Richard was instrumental in getting the village's all-inclusive playground and picnic table. He was a considerable volunteer for this organization.

There has been an increase in complaints of stray cats. A resident is having damage to their property and plans on starting to trap them. Julie stated she would call the Vermilion County Animal Shelter to voice the need for an animal control officer.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Lisa Lashuway presented the appropriations for the MFT that are being proposed to the board. With board approval, this would allow the use of these funds throughout the whole year. This will be put on next month's agenda for approval.

POLICE REPORT

The monthly report was provided to the board.

EMERGENCY RESCUE REPORT

The monthly report was provided to the board. Lori Fields reported she received another release of funds from the VA. Mayor McArty has emailed the VA representative with her concerns regarding how slow funds have been coming through.

GENERATOR FOR VILLAGE HALL

Mayor McArty provided the board with the preliminary quotes for purchasing a generator for the Village Hall. Because of the cost of the generator, this will need to be bided out.

Robert Wright made a motion to approve the bidding of the generator for the village hall, seconded by Lindsey Light.

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

Motion Carried

RADAR SIGNS

After some further investigating, there is a possibility that the radars that were purchased will read inaccurately because of the main road technically having four lanes and the radar being too far off from the two driving lanes. There would need to be the purchase of 17-18 foot poles that cost around \$800 a piece. The mobile radars are the same cost as the permanent radars with the purchase of the poles. Mayor McArty told the board the police wanted to mobile to begin with, and the board voted for the permanent for the school zone. Robert Wright stated that if what was ordered doesn't work for the need, the equipment should be sent back. Cathi Fritz said she feels there should be a conference call with the departments, her, and the vendor to ensure everyone is being told the same information. Ferrell Stroh stated the school is almost out for the year, so there is no big hurry and more research needs to be done.

WATCHFIRE SIGN

At the last study session, Watchfire came out with a demo of what a sign would look like that provided multiple resolution options. After some discussion, Mayor McArty asked for a motion.

Lindsey Light made a motion to approve the purchase of a Watchfire sign to be installed along the Kickapoo Rail Trail, seconded by Bob Parr.

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

Motion Carried

CLEAN-UP EVENT

After some discussion, it was decided to have the cleanup day on June 4, 2022. The timeframe could always be extended if Bryant's can accommodate the additional time.

AUDIT REPORT

Julie reported that the village is still waiting on the report on the audit that has been completed. She contacted the village attorney, and they suggested waiting a few more weeks. Julie also got the Controller Office as the charges continued to build up. She will also be contacting the CPA association and reporting them to the department. She has also contacted another auditor firm out of Champaign.

OAKWOOD STREET REPAIRS

It was tabled till next month.

Mayor McArty asked for a motion to go into Executive Session.

Lindsey Light made a motion at 7:20 pm to go into executive session, seconded by Bob Parr.

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

Motion Carried

At 7:54 pm, the board moved back into regular session.

TIF FUND REQUEST

Bob Parr made a motion to pursue an appraisal on the property for the TIF request from Brent Harrison, seconded by Lindsey Light.

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

Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:56 pm, Robert Wright made a motion to adjourn with a second from Lindsey Light.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie M. Young

Connie M. Young, Clerk

Approved 5/16/22