

VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD

Board Study Session Minutes – February 16, 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	By phone		
Lindsey Light	X		
Bob Parr	X		
Doit Roberts	X		
Ferrell Stroh	X		
Robert Wright	X		

VILLAGE OPEN HOUSE

Bob Parr recommends that the board have a Village Hall Open House to showcase the new building. He would like to see the concrete around the building completed first. Mayor McArty suggested that it be in conjunction with another event. It was recommended maybe with the Farmers Market. The first scheduled Farmer's Market is June 1.

Mayor McArty will also get on the agenda the approval to put out for bids the rest of the concrete project.

Robert Wright also suggested that the board needs to earmark money that will be maturing in CD's. With inflation, this is causing the loss of revenue in the funds. Mayor McArty stated that all the departments would be working on their budgets and creating their wish lists. There was also a discussion on buying additional property within the trailer park for possible future development. Cathi Fritz stated this could take 10-20 years, but there needs to be a point where this needs to start. McArty said she would check to see if there are any options of partnering with a contractor to see if this would even be an option in future development.

UPDATING CURRENT GAMING ORDINANCE

Mayor McArty stated the village attorney informed her there needed to be an update to the gaming ordinance due to changes in legislation. There is now a requirement that an establishment is up and running for at least six months before a license can be issued, and there is now a 50/50 split of income generated from the machines. This will be on the next meeting's agenda.

TRUCK LOGISTICS PLAN

Mayor McArty reported to the board that several departments have sat down and started planning a semi-truck logistics plan after the last winter storm that hit several weeks ago. They hope to have a plan in place before the March 1 Freedom Convey that is scheduled to meet in Oakwood. Getting residents involved with facilitating food and water during storm disasters was discussed. Once a draft of the plan is ready, it will be shared with the board.

4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION

Mayor McArty informed the board that she called Jamaica Pyrotechnics, and there has been an organizational change, and she is not sure they will continue in the fireworks business. They were not comfortable accepting a deposit on a future show. There was discussion on still staging a parade, and it was decided to include several other individuals involved in the planning process.

PROPOSED ENGINEERING PROJECTS

Mayor McArty reported on Emily Poynter Jenkins's engineering projects around the village. Copies of the proposals were provided to the board for review and consideration at the next meeting. Below is a summary of the scopes of work:

- Assess the existing sanitary line from the restrooms at the Oakwood Village Park and provide a recommended schematic for improvements
- Design a storm sewer to replace an existing 15" storm sewer along Olmstead Street from Park Street to Rt 150 (approximately 1000 LF). Design shall incorporate estimated future flow conditions generated from an assumed developed conditions of the farm field to the east of the grade school. Construction documents shall be generated using IDOT standards and format
- Project Services to provide On-Call Engineering Services for the Village of Oakwood to represent the Village of Oakwood as the Engineer for the Unit #76 grade school / junior high expansion.

Robert Wright asked if the plans would be paper or electronic. McArty will check into the format of the plans. Cathi Fritz asked if the cost of these projects were in the budget. The Olmstead project has already been voted on, but the increased size of the pipe that has been requested was not included in that approval. Additional money would need to be allocated for this additional cost. Costs for the park sewer upgrades would qualify with ARPA funds. L. Light recommended asking the country for additional funds as they are currently asking for proposals. She offered to contact a representative in regards to available funds. B. Parr stated that the funds need to be taken out of the General Fund and put into a separate account. R. Wright also asked if backflow preventers would be installed for the Olmstead project. He is aware that other villages have had claims filed against them when water backups are in basements. Mayor McArty will look further into this.

Mayor McArty asked for a motion to go into executive session. Ferrell Stroh made a motion at 7:09 pm, seconded by Robert Wright, to go into Executive session.

The board came back into regular session at 7:40 pm. Cathi Fritz left the meeting via phone.

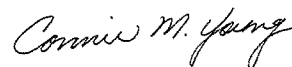
Mayor McArty explained the need for a large generator for the Village Hall operating plan. The office is designated as a command center. Robert Wright will look into prices and possible grants to cover this cost.

BOARD COMMITTEE UPDATES
VACANT & ABANDONED PROPERTIES
BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was more discussion on an electronic sign for the village hall. This would provide an additional way of communicating with the residents. Robert Wright stated that "essential public services" can qualify for grant money. He will look further into grant opportunities and let the board know of options.
STREET, SIDEWALKS & PROJECTS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Due to the weather at the current time, the evaluation plan of roads and sidewalks will be evaluated and developed towards April 1.
PARKS

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:52 pm, Bob Parr made a motion to adjourn with a second from Lindsey Light.

Respectfully submitted,



Connie M. Young, Clerk

Approved 3/21/22