

VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD

Regular Board Meeting Minutes – January 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
Bob Parr	X		Dustin Henderson – Supt. Of Public Works
Doit Roberts	X		Janet Hambright – Treasurer
Ferrell Stroh		X	Lori Fields – EMS Billing
Robert Wright	X		Julie Leverenz – Office Manager
			Ron Soderstrom – Police Chief

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Mayor McArty asked for a motion to approve the following regular meeting and executive session minutes: December 13, 2021 (Study Session, Executive), December 20, 2021 (Regular Meeting), and December 28, 2021 (Study Session)

Robert Wright made a motion to approve the December 13, 2021 (Study Session, Executive), December 20, 2021 (Regular Meeting), and December 28, 2021 (Study Session) minutes with a second from Cathi Fritz.

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

Motion Carried

APPROVAL OF BILLS

GENERAL FUND	\$ 52,884.29	POLICE	\$ 1,093.86
ROADS/BRIDGES	\$ 1,000.00	EMERGENCY RESCUE	\$ 3,276.17

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	Bob Parr	Doit Roberts	Ferrell Stroh	Robert Wright
Yes	X	X	X		X
Nays					
Absent				X	

Motion Carried

GUESTS

Bob Woodard came to the board with concerns about police and emergency rescue coverage over the weekends. Caroline Darr explained that all the emergency rescue staff are part-time and work full-time jobs elsewhere. Area departments help cover each other, and they are experiencing the same issues. He also was concerned there was no village presence at the grade school's DARE program. The school will be notified that the village would like to be notified of events etc.

VILLAGE HALL REPORT

Julie Leverenz reported the sexual harassment training had been scheduled, and many have signed up. The office also filed for the last CARES Act funds that are available.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Dustin Henderson reported he plans to start working with Emily Poynter Jenkins from Farnsworth Engineering on S. Olmstead drainage and the park sewer system. He emailed Southern Tire Mart on the status of their project, and they are still waiting to pick a contractor.

Robert Wright asked what the department plans were with their trucks. D. Henderson discussed letting go of the 2006 Chevy and 2009 Ford 350 and using the proceeds to set up the dump truck with a salt spreader. Cathy Fritz stated she was concerned about not having a spare truck to utilize with something breaks down. It was suggested that the police department's expedition would be an option as an emergency backup. Further discussion will happen at a study session at a later date.

POLICE REPORT

Ron Soderstrom provided his monthly December report and his yearly statistics on actions the department completed for the 2021 year. He also presented bids for new tires on the F150 white truck to the board.

Bob Parr made a motion to approve the bid from Oakwood Tire for \$926, seconded by Doit Roberts.

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

R. Soderstrom also reported he had posted the SRO position in-house, but there have been no takers.

EMERGENCY RESCUE REPORT

Caroline Darr provided the December monthly report and the 2021 annual report. A grant of \$2,000 from the John P. Cadle Foundations was received and will be put towards purchasing 2 AEDs that need to be replaced.

C. Darr provided the board with an estimate and recommendation from Goodman Diesel for unit 5A2. They recommended replacing the motor. They recommend deleting the EGR Valve when replacing the motor. Goodman found several issues attributed to "lack of attention to detail" from previous mechanics. C. Darr recommended accepting the presented estimate and starting moving forward with the motor replacement so the unit can get back up and road.

Robert Wright asked how much it would cost them to dig deeper into finding out what is wrong with it. C. Darr will call to see about digging deeper into the real issue.

Lori Fields provided an update on the outstanding payments from the VA, and they continue to submit payments for the due balance.

TRUSTEE APPOINTMENT

Mayor McArty reported she had received three candidates for the village trustee board opening. She is recommending the board approve Lindsey Light for this replacement.

Bob Parr made a motion to approve the recommendation for the placement of Lindsey Light to fulfill the open board spot, seconded by Robert Wright.

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

Motion Carried

Mayor McArty also stated that Ferrell Stroh has communicated that he will be stepping down from his position. She has requested that he provide this in writing to the Village office.

GoEnforce PROPOSAL

Mayor McArty showed a short video on GoEnforce. It's a system that helps manage Code Enforcement cases and allows for easier sharing of updates on submissions. R. Soderstrom stated this would streamline all processes and enable the updates to be available to others with easier tracking. Mayor McArty recommended to the board the approval to purchase this software.

Cathi Fritz made a motion to approve the purchase of GoEnforce at the cost of \$1,200 for the year 2022, seconded by Bob Parr.

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

Motion Carried

PARK ANNEXATION

Mayor McArty reported that the park was annexed years ago, but the lawyer failed to develop an ordinance for approval. This approval is just going through the formality and getting this approval on the books. Robert Wright wanted to make sure the description was correct, and Mayor McArty stated it was.

Cathi Fritz made a motion to approve the ordinance annexation of Oakwood Park, seconded by Robert Wright.

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

Motion Carried

VILLAGE CLEAN-UP DAY

Mayor McArty asked the board if it was interested in pursuing another clean-up day in 2022. There was discussion on expanding the amount of time to several days to help eliminate traffic issues that occurred in 2021. It was also suggested that a list of what is and is not accepted be provided. Doit Roberts also suggested the location of the dumpsters be moved out by the cold storage shed to provide more room. It

was decided to have the Public Works Department come up with ideas with the help of several board members. Bob Parr and Doit Roberts stated they would help develop a proposed plan.

JULY 4TH CELEBRATION

Mayor McArty stated that decisions need to be made if the village is interested in having any celebration. It was said that many residents missed the parade, and this should be continued. The more significant issue is having the fireworks display out at the park. It takes a lot of manpower when it comes to police coverage. There was a recommendation to see if the Fairgrounds would be an option with the help from area villages. This area would provide a bigger space for the display and allow for more parking. It would also help with the show's expense if other towns helped. Mayor McArty stated she would check with surrounding villages to see if there was any interest and call Jamaica Pyrotechnics, Inc. to see if they were even available.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Mayor McArty asked if there were any updates from any of the committees.

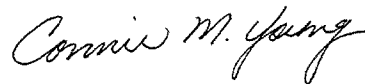
Cathi Fritz reported she had received three positive referrals, which allow for purchasing the speed signs. Lindsey Light stated she would work with Fritz on the project's logistics. This purchase was approved at the December board meeting. It was pending the positive referrals.

Cathi Fritz asked if there was progress on selling the land north of Speedway. Mayor McArty stated the business development board needs to discuss and bring to the board what options are available.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:04 pm, Bob Parr made a motion to adjourn with a second from Robert Wright.

Respectfully submitted,



Connie M. Young, Clerk

Approved 2/22/2022