

VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD

Board Study Session Minutes – March 14, 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		

BUSINESS PRESENTATION - LIQUOR BOX

Cathi Fritz excused herself due to a conflict of interest.

Brett Harrison provided to the trustees his plans for expanding the Liquor Box. This expansion would provide 70% more space. The development would include purchasing additional property with a shadow box fence with brick pillars around the property to help the looks of the downtown area. B. Harrison is requesting the use of TIFF funds to help in this expansion. He would also be using local contractors for the expansion.

Doit Roberts recommends having a meeting with the residents that would allow others to come and listen and ask questions. He would also like to have residents' buy-in on tiff funds with all projects going forward. Robert Wright agreed with this, but a subject can be on the agenda two or three times, and residents have every opportunity to come and give their input, but they choose not to. Wright also stated that no one comes to the meetings and they are comfortable just complaining on Facebook. Farrell Stroh commented that the voting people of our community had elected the sitting Trustees to make decisions on behalf of the Village of Oakwood.

Mayor McArty stated she would follow up with the TIFF administrator regarding this request and will have the board reconvene at a later date.

PUBLIC WORKS EQUIPMENT

Mayor McArty provided to the board the public works request for the consideration for the purchase of a skid steer and attachments. Dustin Henderson feels this would greatly help around the village with day-to-day operations.

Robert Wright looked at the bids and felt it would be an asset to the department. Farrell Stroh stated that additional attachments could also be purchased for additional jobs. Cathi Fritz asked if this would be budgeted for the next fiscal year. R. Wright stated the village has the money, and it needs to be spent on capital equipment because of inflation the way it is. Mayor McArty asked if anyone had additional questions for voting on at the next meeting. There were none.

PARK IMPROVEMENTS

Mayor McArty provided the board with quotes that the public works department received to purchase bleachers for the park. R. Wright stated there was no need for the additional cost for powder coating. D. Roberts asked if these included wheels because of having to move them seasonally. Mayor McArty called D. Henderson, and she stated he would be additional quotes for wheels. C. Fritz asked if the skid steer could be used in moving them.

VILLAGE PARKING LOT/DRIVEWAYS

R. Wright provided the board with an ariel view of the village property and surrounding lots. After review, it was decided the bids do not have any consideration for a water basin. B. Wright recommended having the engineer evaluate the area to see what is needed, then draw up new specs and go through a new bidding process.

MUNICIPAL CODE AMENDMENTS

Mayor McArty provided the board with an ordinance that updates the current municipal code to include petty theft, assault, battery, etc. She stated that weather-related issues would be coming later for an update. The board had no questions, and it will be voted on at the next monthly meeting.

OLMSTEAD STORM SEWER PROJECT

Mayor McArty provided the estimates for the storm sewer project on Olmstead that is part of the grade school expansion received from the engineer. It was explained that bids would not be required since the money allocated to infrastructure. There would be additional money the village would have to come up with, and L. Light is looking at grants that might be able to help with the additional costs.

RESIDENT TREE INITIATIVE

Mayor McArty wanted to bring the idea of a residential tree initiative that would help remove dying trees throughout the village. McArty was thinking that if the village could line someone up to do the removals, it would allow residents having issues with getting someone to take down trees. C. Fritz stated that it would be costly and asked if the village could do some matching funds to help residents as she feels owners should have some responsibility. L. Light agreed the village could put something into it, and residents still have ownership of their property.

Mayor McArty stated they would start contacting companies to see what type of discount they could provide if there is a significant need around the village. R. Wright said he would like to see if other towns have done something like this. He asked if we do this, how would we control requests such as this in the future. C. Fritz just said he doesn't feel the village should have to pay for this service.

TILTON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

Mayor McArty provided to the board an intergovernmental agreement with Tilton for consideration. Danville informed area municipalities they will no longer be processing claims that go to court. Tilton is willing to set up a system that the area municipalities could utilize to cost \$1,600 to join. C. Fritz asked how many times the village goes to court for violations a year. McArty stated she would have Ron Soderstrom do a small presentation on what was done in 2021. L. Light stated the village doesn't have any other options.

GO GOV SOFTWARE & NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

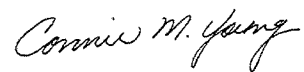
Mayor McArty informed the board had already approved this software. Still, once Julie was able to start the onboarding process, it was determined that there were several additional available services that would need to be purchased. The information about these other services hasn't been received, and she will share this with the board once it has been received.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor McArty asked the board if there were any additional agenda items that they would like to be added to next week's agenda. R. Wright stated he is gathering information regarding getting a digital sign.

At 8:30 pm, Cathi Fritz made a motion to adjourn with a second from Robert Wright.

Respectfully submitted,



Connie M. Young, Clerk

Approved 4/18/22