

Committee of the Whole
February 24, 2025
MINUTES
6:00pm

Board present: Steve Buss, Claudia Simpson, Brian Peight, Brooke Baldauf, Dean Rood, Brandon Smith, Cathy Stevens, Nicole Callos. Not present: Christin Keeffer. Also present: Brian Nott, Bridgette Stocks, Robin Walton, Louise Workinger

Call to Order

1) The Committee of the Whole meeting of February 24, 2025 was called to order by President Buss at 6:00pm.

Public Participation

2) There was no public participation at this time.

Approval of Minutes – January 27, 2025

3) On a motion by Peight second by Rood to approve the meeting minutes from January 27, 2025. ALL AYE.

Approval of Special Meeting Minutes – January 27, 2025

4) On a motion by Peight second by Rood approving the special meeting minutes from January 27, 2025. ALL AYE.

Discuss Budget

5) Callos stated the budget needs to be finalized before the March committee of the whole meeting, for April Board approval. A general funds CD matures in April at Community Bank. 1) Buss stated a special board meeting will be held March 24th to discuss and approve street improvements and payments. 2) Bridgette Stocks explained the loan documents that will be signed tonight and are to be submitted February 25th. 3) Stocks stated DOT, ITEP, IEPA and Safe Routes to School are all Federal money and could be effected/have less principal forgiveness. Stocks stated she would hope to know more by end of March, but Lena is locked in for their loan yet. 4) Water meeting takes place March 6th at 1:00pm to have a plan for loan money to be submitted March 31st. 5) GIGO (75/25 grant capped at 2million) reopens in March, and is set to be resubmitted for. 6) Buss mentioned the ComEd grant for Volunteer Park. Stocks said applying for that would be at no charge. 7) IEPA storm water/waste water treatment plant update: a public hearing notice will be posted in the paper before March 31st to be on the intended funding list. The Village should know the funding outcome around July 1st. 8) ITEP update: 80/20 grant that the Village applies for every other year. 9) DNR grant: \$200,000 cap at 50/50 match that can be used with other loans, so a no-cash situation. 10) Buss stated Williams Street has settled in areas and asked that it be inspected.

Discuss Village Newsletter

6) Stevens stated she is in the process of working on April Newsletter and asked for topics to be added before the March Committee of the Whole Meeting. Topics listed: Sewer lining/storm water timeline from Nott, list of grants that the Village is applying for, a recap on leash laws and non-emergency number to call for ordinance violations. The QR codes on the existing website will not transfer to the new website and will need to be redone. Holding another Recycling Day was discussed.

Discuss LASER Village Grant Payment for Winterfest

7) Stevens explained that the grant for LASER Winterfest listed advertising, but Stevens stated she has not seen any advertising. All grant applications are to be approved at the April Board Meeting.

Welfare of the Village

1) Rood noted a building permit that he referred the resident to the Zoning Board of Appeals. He suggested the Village add a section to the building permits stating to refer to the Ordinance. 2) Nott stated Derek Thompson and a resident are meeting next week regarding trees in the right of way.

Adjournment

8) On a motion by Rood second by Smith to adjourn the February 24, 2025 Meeting at 6:55pm. ALL AYE.

Submitted by Claudia Simpson, Village Clerk