

APRIL 1, 2024

REGULAR MEETING 6 P.M.

Regular meeting of the Village Board held at the Village Hall and called to order by President Starcevich with the following members present: Loving, Olson, Willems, Baker, Starcevich, and Johnson. Absent were Sappington and Waugaman.

Motion by Willems, second by Olson to accept the March 4, 2024 regular meeting minutes. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Motion by Baker, second by Olson to authorize the March 2024 bills. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Kris Grimes present concerning what people are doing on properties. He said that he has asked various workers on his property, and he only gets an attitude from the person. Maintenance person Thorp stated that Langman construction was in the Village during December to fix manholes, and White Construction is putting in fiber optics. President Starcevich stated that if there is a problem, contact him, and he will work it out.

Mr. Grimes also asked about a concert after the Rodeo on Saturday night of the Rodeo, and he has a band in mind, but would like to close off part of Fifth Avenue. He said he had talked to Brenda Marshall of the Depot about a bar.

Mr. Grimes told the Board that he was trying to buy the body shop to make it into a small machine shop, but no trucks. Logan Ericson present also about the closing of Fifth Avenue on the Saturday night of the Rodeo. President Starcevich asked Mr. Grimes and Mr. Ericson to bring their plans about the street and dance to the next Board meeting.

President Starcevich reported that the fiber optic mains are done, and White Construction is now going to houses, but they are fixing the resident's yard when they finish hooking in.

President Starcevich reminded the Board that May 1, 2024 is the deadline to have resident's sewers put in, and then their water will be shut off if it is not done.

President Starcevich stated that the ball diamond at the Ball Park needs diamond dirt, and Trevor Duyvejonck and Bryce Frenell are working on getting the diamond ready along with players' dads. President Starcevich stated that no four-wheelers or tractors will be used on the diamond, only a mower. He said the back diamond had been tilled up and they have a plan.

President Starcevich reported that the former Peer house at 300 South Fourth Avenue was sold to James LaCamera, and he is going to tear it down.

Stephen Thorp informed the Board that he is going to have his knee fixed, and he will be recovering for three months.

Stephen Thorp reported that Judy Nelson's house had water coming in, and he had an emergency locate done, because it was a broken tile. He put in a culvert and new tile. He said the tile runs through the field down the waterway, and Tyler Whiting, next to Mrs. Nelson's property fixed his, then Tom Whiting fixed the tile behind her house. Mr. Thorp said that Mrs. Nelson's gray water should be hooked up to the sewer. The Board agreed to hook up Judy Nelson's gray water to the sewer, and Mr. Thorp will take care of it.

Motion by Willems, second by Olson to remove the tree at Sycamore Street and Fourth Avenue at a cost of \$3,400 for the tree and stump since the tree is on Village property. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

President Starceвич reported that he had talked to Village Attorney Halpin about a new search on the buildings on Main Street, the new gas stations hours of 6 A.M. to 11 P.M. and Sunday Noon to 11 P.M. He also asked Attorney Halpin about the gambling ordinance and having a cooler with beer for sale by the machines, and a Village Board Trustee, Scott Sappington, having a liquor license and gambling license. Attorney Halpin will get back to President Starceвич.

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President Starceвич stated that a violator will get a warning, then a certain time frame, a sticker on the vehicle, a picture, and then ten days if not taken care of, the vehicle will be towed. He said that the ticket plus the tow fee will have to be paid.

The Board noted that Ken Peer's building along Main Street has a bunch of appliances hidden behind brush plus a couple cars. They also noted the Charles David and Monica David properties. President Starceвич said that a list will be made and letters sent, then after a certain period of time, there will be a fee and fine that has to be paid.

President Starceвич stated that Attorney Halpin is getting the process in place.

The Board asked who owns the house that burned on the south side of town. Village Clerk Johnson said it was Alan Celada's house, and he was renting it out (301 Eighth Avenue).

The Board asked Village Clerk Johnson to check on the age of a teen that can work for the Village during the summer to do mowing and weed eating.

The Board noted that the White Construction Company that is doing the fiber optic installation is responsible for the cost of repair for Stephen T

horp's knee.

Motion by Baker, second by Willems to adjourn. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried. The meeting was adjourned.

Claudine D. Johnson, Village Clerk