

SUNFIELD VILLAGE COUNCIL
September 11, 2023
REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL 2022 - 2023

MEETING HELD LIBRARY

CALL TO ORDER: 7:06 PM

ROLL CALL: Present: Beers, Decker, Fox, McCoy, Morris, and Steele. Absent Peabody.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Wachar reported no updates. Took in over \$21,000 in taxes. Received \$1400 from the ball field usage this year. Still available funds for additional tree clean up from windstorm. Morris asked about the miscellaneous amounts, Wachar explained. Motion made by Beers and seconded Steele to accept Treasurer's Report. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BILLS: Review of bills to be paid. Jeff Gibbs asked to split the Granger Waste bill with the Village from the Farmers Picnic activities. The split will be for the \$700.92 dumpster rental during picnic. Motion made by Fox and seconded by McCoy to accept and pay the bills. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Review of minutes with no concerns. Motion was made by Steele and seconded by Morris to approve the June minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

EATON COUNTY SHERIFF REPORT: 11 calls to report.

DPW: DPW Manager report did a simple review of current activities around the village. Farmers Picnic was of great success. Burned brush pile from tree clean up. Good news on Generator, cement pad and conduit schedule for next week. Morris discussed the state of equipment used by DPW. Consider replacement time and funding. Fox asked of plan for new pick up truck. Morris to investigate pricing options for government agencies. Deseranges to get a lawn mower pricing. Morris suggested to let Lake Odessa know we are interested in their old leave truck.

WATER & SEWER: None Given.

OLD BUSINESS: Decker reported that regardless of the Dollar General participation that the Village should move onto installing the walking/bike path from the old school area to the Dollar General parking lot. Morris suggested a committee be established for the improvements to the village community. Vote was made and passed to begin the installation of the walking bath per the map reviewed before the council. Motion by Beers and seconded by Steel to accept the McKearney bid for the path. All in favor and passed.

Thus far on the report from Fishbeck the portion of the load for pump station was a no, but still pending to result on the well. The rate of water and sewer bills will increase January 1, 2024. The council then agreed to raise the rate by \$1 each year thereafter till 6th year and a max at \$9.50. Last rate increase was in 2017. Motion Morris and seconded by Beers. Motion passed unanimously.

Cross connection still 98 residents to complete the contract, but the contract must be renewed for another two years. Recommendation made for the material in the mailing to be done either with the Water and Sewer mailing or to mail in the Village of Sunfield envelopes, so residents won't think of it being junk mail. Wachar reported we still have \$5500 in the budget for the renewal of the contract.

Decker reported that we must move forward with the alley abandonments in the Village. Will retain Foster and Swift to draft the letters to the property owners. A public hearing will need to be held to review the draft for a resolution to process the alley abandonments.

NEW BUSINESS: Recommendation was made for the council to zone in what they wanted Trista McCoy and Vicky Beers to locate in way of Grants. What was the village priorities. Question was asked if and how much is the Village willing to match in grant funds, and lastly a committee to be formed to continue this work.

Wacha made the recommendation to stripe 3rd street back with the bike path. DPW to investigate.

CORRESPONDENCE: none read

ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by Morris and seconded by Steele to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:37 PM.

Minutes taken and summarized by Tricia Snedegar, Village Clerk. This summary of minutes is not official until approved by Village Council at the October 9, 2023, meeting.