

**SUNFIELD VILLAGE COUNCIL**  
**June 10, 2024**  
**MEETING OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL 2024-2025**

**MEETING HELD SUNFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**CALL TO ORDER: 7:09 PM**

**ROLL CALL: Present:** Beers, McCoy, Morris, Peabody and Steele. Fox was attending the Sunfield Fire Department budget meeting. Decker absent.

Acting President for absent Decker was Beers.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND PRAYER** lead by Beers.

**GUEST COMMENTS:** Belinda Gulley, owner of the day care center asked the council for regulations or information allowing her to install a phone tower to better the service in her daycare business. It is state regulations that the facility has a working phone during operating hours. The council recommends investigating Star Link satellite service.

Torre Miller introduced himself and his business known as Diesel Fuel Doctor located in the old Huff homestead just west of town. His visit was to simply offer an invitation to work with the council in any future endeavors.

**EATON COUNTY SHERIFF REPORT:** 23 calls

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Grosshans asked if there were any questions regarding the report. Morris asked for clarification on a few bills paid on the voucher report. Grosshans reviewed the credit card charges totaling \$1288.86. Grosshans shared to the council that Water & Sewer Clerk Waldo had reported to her that at this time the balance of outstanding account balances is \$34,838.94. This amount will go on tax bills. Peabody had a concern with the account code used for McKearney payment of \$6500 for the Dollar General sidewalk. The recommendation was made to move this entry from Sidewalk/Mobility to Miscellaneous Expense. All those in favor said yes. There were no nays. The motion was made by Steele to accept the Treasurer report, seconded by McCoy. Passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:** The council took a moment to review the list of bills. Snedegar informed the council that the final payment to HydroCorp was due in July and explained that in the last report sent to her most of all homeowners have either complied to the program inspection or were scheduled. There were a few that refused participation. Motion made by Steele and seconded by Peabody to accept and pay the bills. Motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Snedegar expressed to the council that in the future the minutes of the meeting will be included with their monthly council pay, and a second copy will be sent out with the meeting reminder, approximately one week prior to the published meeting. This action will allow the council members time to review prior to the meeting and should shorten the time of review during monthly meetings. The motion was made by Morris and seconded by Peabody. Motion passed unanimously.

**DPW:** Desgranges pointed out that on the voucher report the bills listed for the zero-turn lawn mower were excessive and it's over 7 years old. Morris asked what is the cost of a new zero turn lawn mower? Desgranges

stated \$20,000 to \$22,000 new. Snedegar pointed out that the final John Deere Tractor payment would be made this fall, so the JD line of credit is available for the purchase. Desgranges will investigate the final cost and payment schedule and report back to the council in July. He then went on to advise those in attendance that the gas line has been installed to the concession stand at the park and he's in the process of getting the stove operating.

He had received a quote for a new 24' x 56' pavilion having 10' walls estimated at \$39,000 allowing for the older structure to be relocated to Foltz Field onto a newly poured concrete slab. Morris asked if this could be done prior to the Farmer's Picnic in August. His reply was yes. Grosshans was asked to review the village funds and offer suggestions of availability to build the new pavilion. Tabled till July meeting.

Water Tower renovations have been postponed another week, but equipment has been delivered to start the work. At this time the shut off will begin on June 13<sup>th</sup> and have the tower completely empty by the end of June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024. At which time they have 25 days to service and paint the water tower. At this time, it is confirmed will be completed prior to the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday. Desgranges informed the council that the final cost for the mixer valve approved by the council in the May meeting will be \$18,500. The small generator is \$11,600 and will reside on a concrete pad. There was some misunderstanding with electricians therefore Peerless will return to complete this work. Question was asked of vandalism involving the generator, whereas Desgranges offered to either invest in fencing for the water tower area as well as the well house, or the installation of more safety cameras. McCoy asked Desgranges to present a quote for fencing at the July meeting. Morris made the comment that this would reduce some of the insurance cost.

The last matter Desgranges reported to the council was that a Railroad study was going to be conducted collecting information on number of cars/trucks, aggregate equipment and semis that traveled over the tracks on 1<sup>st</sup> Street and Main.

**WATER & SEWER:** none given outside of the Treasurer report.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Discussion of old business started with the ambulance service carried forward from the two previous monthly meetings. It is the understanding of Snedegar that the Township and the Decker has involved our legal counsel to conclude this matter.

Beers noted that Fox was attending the Fire Department budget meeting and would report to the council. Grosshans suggested that the council investigate moving this to a public vote. Morris asked Snedegar to find out the final date that a topic can make the ballot.

Morris and McCoy then spoke about their efforts to communicate with property owners on abandoned non-working vehicles and that some of these have already been removed. The next action to take is the mailing of a certified letter sent to those still not in compliance with the Village Ordinance. Snedegar asked for the updated list after Morris and McCoy made another sweep to confirm where abandoned vehicles remained.

Morris asked if there were any updates on the new phone service. Snedegar noted that Verizon has assigned the Village to an account manager for commercial business and that he is presenting a quote to her over the next week. Verizon does have desk top phone systems along with cell service.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Morris asked if the July meeting the council would discuss an ordinance involving RV and Boats parked within the village.

**COORESPONDENCE:** no correspondence read.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion made by Steele and seconded by Morris to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Minutes taken and summarized by Tricia Snedegar, Village Clerk. This summary of minutes is not official until approved by the Village Council at the July 8, 2024, meeting.