

VILLAGE OF ANDALUSIA

Village Hall
221 First Street
Andalusia, Il. 61232

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE VILLAGE OF ANDALUSIA ROCK ISLAND COUNTY, ILLINOIS

May 17, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Trustees met in a public meeting on Monday May 17, 2021 at the Village Hall. The meeting was called to order by President Andrew Pittard at 7:00 pm. He led the pledge to the flag.

ROLL CALL

Present: President Pittard, Trustee Schmidtke, Trustee Morrow, Trustee Koopman, Trustee Brackney. Trustee Finley, Trustee Melody.

Absent: None

TRUSTEE MORROW MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES FROM THE MAY 3, 2021 BOARD MEETING. SECONDED BY TRUSTEE KOOPMAN. VOICE VOTE.

AYE: Trustee Koopman, Trustee Schmidtke, Trustee Morrow, Trustee Brackney, Trustee Melody, Trustee Finley

NAY: NONE

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

TRUSTEE BRACKNEY MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 19, 2021 SPECIAL ANNEXATION MEETING. SECONDED BY TRUSTEE MORROW. VOICE VOTE.

AYE: Trustee Koopman, Trustee Schmidtke, Trustee Morrow, Trustee Brackney, Trustee Melody, Trustee Finley

NAY: NONE

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

TRUSTEE MELODY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE BILLS FOR MAY 17, 2021 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,610.39 SECONDED BY TRUSTEE KOOPMAN. VOICE VOTE.

AYE: Trustee Koopman, Trustee Schmidtke, Trustee Morrow, Trustee Brackney, Trustee Melody, Trustee Finley

NAY: NONE

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

GENERAL FUND	\$	5,063.22
POLICE DEPT FUND	\$	86.78
COMMUNITY CENTER PARK FUND	\$	54.66
VILLAGE PARK/HARBOR FUND	\$	364.46

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Streets & Alleys: Trustee Morrow that the \$500,000 street grant we've been approved for is eminent so we have contacted our engineers to begin the process for the street repairs.

Finance & Audit: Trustee Brackney reported that the Appropriation Ordinance is ready for the 1st read. We raised the fund amounts to reflect the expenses we paid out last fiscal year. We also appropriated high on the Administration fund Maintenance Supplies – Street line in the amount of \$815,000, this reflects the grant money we've been approved for.

We also appropriated high in the MFT Fund to reflect Phase 2 of the Fancy Creek road project that was started a couple years ago.

TRUSTEE MORROW MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO 2021-05-11 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 2022. SECONDED BY TRUSTEE SCHMIDTKE. ROLL CALL VOTE.

AYE: Trustee Koopman, Trustee Schmidtke, Trustee Morrow, Trustee Brackney, Trustee Melody, Trustee Finley

NAY: NONE

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

Buildings & Grounds: Trustee Koopman reported that the Planning Commission held a special meeting to determine the zoning for the newly annexed property located to the west of Midwest Bank.

The recommendation from the Planning Commission is to allow for the re-zoning of lot 1 with a special use permit to allow for a fire station to be built there. The other lots will remain zoned R-1 Single family residence until such time as Mr. Schwigen has a plan for the lots and presents them to the Planning Commission.

TRUSTEE MORROW MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT RECOMMENDATION FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND REZONE LOT 1 OF MR. CHASE SCHWIGEN'S PROPERTY LOCATED TO THE WEST OF MIDWEST BANK AND TO ALLOW FOR A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR A FIRE STATION. THE OTHER 3 LOTS WILL REMAIN ZONED R-1 UNTIL MR. SCHWIGEN RETURNS TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION WITH A PLAN FOR THE LOTS. SECONDED BY TRUSTEE SCHMIDTKE. ROLL CALL VOTE.

AYE: Trustee Koopman, Trustee Schmidtke, Trustee Morrow, Trustee Brackney, Trustee Melody, Trustee Finley

NAY: NONE

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

The Village has taken over the Lion's Club Building. Our first plan is to have internet run to the building and install video cameras to protect the investment. The hope is that the cameras will deter vandalism and/or catch the offenders.

Park & recreation: Trustee Schmidtke reported that we spoke with the Rock Ridge Choir Director about having the Choir attend our Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony in December. They have agreed to give us an hour of Christmas Carols for our event. The ceremony will on Saturday December 11, 2021 from 5:30pm – 6:30pm.

Harbor: Trustee Melody has been in contact with Chad Kelly regarding the Harbor. He explained that Mr. Kelly is doing his best with what he has. The Styrofoam docks have been removed and the electrical system has been redone.

Chad Kelly from Kelly's Landing was present to request funds to dredge the harbor. He explained that the last time it was dredged was in 2017, the Village reimbursed him for the dredging at that time as well.

The river is low, about 1-2 feet. He said that if it lowers another 6" no one will be able to get out.

Chad mentioned that he does have a couple thousand dollars that he can contribute towards dredging, but does not have the entire amount. He stated that he has been having a hard time renting slips this year because the renters don't know if they will be able to get out. For this reason, it's hard to plan for the season.

The village was hoping to do a cost share for the dredging of 50/50, as this is a substantial amount of money, around \$30,000. The Village Board wants to explore any options available, specifically grant funds. We are also waiting on word about state funds that would help but still haven't gotten any clarification on what the Village can spend the money on. Mr. Kelly explained that if the harbor is not dredged, then he will have to close down and pull the docks.

The Village Board members were not prepared to make a decision and told Mr. Kelly they will have a decision at the next Board meeting on June 7, 2021.

Police: Trustee Finley reported that Chad Kelly has captured a couple of kids on camera down at the Harbor. The kids weren't causing mischief at the time the photos were taken, however there has been recent vandalism down there.

Trustee Finley also mentioned that Clerk Hoffman made a phone call to the Rock Ridge Bus Barn and UPS regarding their employees speeding through the Village. So far this seems to have slowed them down, only time will tell.

He also mentioned that he will be meeting with Captain Erickson with the RICO Sheriff's Department about the possibility of adding a temporary 2nd officer in the Village for the overnight shift.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

Village Clerk: Clerk Hoffman reported that she spoke with Attorney Halpin about the overdue bills and how to remedy them. His recommendation is to take them to Municipalities (Civil Court). Clerk Hoffman will begin sending notices out to those residents that have overdue bills. If they are not paid, then an Ordinance Violation will go out. If after that, the bills are not paid, then a summons will be issued.

The RICO Clerk sent us a tax bill for our new flood building. We are tax exempt. Clerk Hoffman contacted Attorney Halpin about getting it corrected.

The Annual Treasure Report will be in the newspaper on May 19, 2021. The cost of publishing it is \$462.61.

Clerk Hoffman reported that the auditors will be here to do our annual audit during the week of July 6-9, 2021.

Public Works Director: Justin reported that he used our new tar crack sealer. He plans to seal some cracks in Fancy Creek this week.

A resident in Fancy Creek contacted Justin about a new sink hole in Fancy Creek. Justin will address it as soon as he can.

Justin has a repair man coming out to fix the furnace at the Lion's Club. The fan is blown out and needs to be replaced. Justin has been cleaning and doing maintenance on the inside of the building. He explained that some work still needs to be done.

Justin has been working on the Flood Access road that has been discussed over the past couple of months. The Surveyor is working on getting it surveyed. The Village will pay \$2500 for one section of the road to the Kargls. The rest of the land was donated to the Village.

Justin attended a pre-construction meeting with the Corps. To discuss the Levee Rehab Project. The bid was awarded to Anderson & Son but the sub-contractor and the company doing the work will be Valley Construction. It will be surveyed and construction could begin in the 1st part of June. Justin asked about a reimbursement of the excess funds we paid. The Corps assured him that everything will be done right, including a reimbursement. The project should be completed in about 3 ½ weeks after the start date.

Mayor: Mayor Pittard reported that the new storm siren is in, it should be installed this week.

Mayor Pittard also asked the Park & Recreation Committee to meet and construct a rental agreement for the Lion's Club. They will meet on Thursday May 20, 2021 at 6:00pm at the Village Hall.

The Village of Andalusia has a credit card account for the Mayor, Public Works Director and Clerk. The Cards come from Andalusia Community Bank. After the election and a new Mayor being sworn in, we have to address the cards. Clerk Hoffman spoke with Kelley Jackson at the Midwest Bank about renewing the cards. She recommended that we open a different account with Midwest Bank, since they service their cards in house, and close the current account.

TRUSTEE BRACKNEY MADE A MOTION TO CLOSE OUR CURRENT CREDIT CARD ACCOUNT THROUGH ANDALUSIA COMMUNITY BANK AND OPEN ONE WITH MIDWEST BANK. THE FOLLOWING WILL BE THE ISSUED CARDS AND THEIR LIMITS. MAYOR ANDREW PITTARD \$20,000, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JUSTIN PARCHERT \$5,000, VILLAGE CLERK SHELLY HOFFMAN \$1500. SECONDED BY TRUSTEE SCHMIDTKE. ROLL CALL VOTE.

AYE: Trustee Koopman, Trustee Schmidtke, Trustee Morrow, Trustee Brackney, Trustee Melody, Trustee Finley

NAY: NONE

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

Citizen Comments: Resident Wayne Wanek asked the Village to take down an Ash Tree that is on the right-of-way in front of his house. Mayor Pittard told him that if the tree becomes unhealthy or goes bad, we will take it down but will not do it at this time.

Resident Marty Yakovich said that the mowing in the Village looks good.

TRUSTEE KOOPMAN MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE MELODY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:23 PM.

Minutes written by:
Shelly Hoffman, Village Clerk