

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

April 18, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Trustees met in a public meeting on Monday April 18, 2022 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 Andrew Pittard, Trustee Schmidtke (via Telephone), Trustee Finley, Trustee Brackney, Trustee Morrow, Trustee Melody, Trustee Koopman

Absent: None

**TRUSTEE MELODY MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES FROM THE
APRIL 4, 2022 BOARD MEETING. SECONDED BY TRUSTEE KOOPMAN. VOICE
VOTE.**

AYE: Trustee Schmidtke (via Telephone), Trustee Finley, Trustee Brackney, Trustee Morrow, Trustee Melody, Trustee Koopman

NAY: NONE

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

**TRUSTEE KOOPMAN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE BILLS FOR APRIL 18,
2022 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$19,335.18 SECONDED BY TRUSTEE MELODY. VOICE
VOTE.**

AYE: Trustee Schmidtke (via Telephone), Trustee Finley, Trustee Brackney, Trustee Morrow, Trustee Melody, Trustee Koopman

NAY: NONE

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

GENERAL FUND	\$	12,239.93
CIVIL DEFENSE FUND	\$	658.30
GARBAGE FUND	\$	4,958.73
POLICE DEPT FUND	\$	437.73
COMMUNITY CENTER PARK FUND	\$	465.99
VILLAGE PARK FUND	\$	574.50

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Streets & Alleys: No Report

Finance & Audit: Trustee Brackney reported that there was some confusion about one of our CDs coming up due. No decision was made at the last meeting until he had a chance to speak with Mike Bell.

The CD rolled over for a 10-month period with an interest rate of 1.096%. The Trustees voted after the fact due to the confusion on the roll over date.

TRUSTEE BRACKNEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE ROLLING OVER 1 CD FOR A 10-MONTH TERM AT 1.096% INTEREST. SECONDED BY TRUSTEE MORROW. VOICE VOTE.

AYE: Trustee Schmidtke (via Telephone), Trustee Finley, Trustee Brackney, Trustee Morrow, Trustee Melody, Trustee Koopman

NAY: NONE

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

Treasurer Powell wanted to apologize for interruption during the last meeting regarding the CDs. The Trustees had no problem with the interruption as its better to be safe than sorry.

With regards to the other 6 CDs, Mike Bell from Midwest bank will be invited to a future meeting so the Trustees can make an informed decision.

Buildings & Grounds: No report

Harbor: Trustee Melody reported that the docks have been delivered to the Harbor. They will be installed shortly.

He also reported that Chad Kelly sold the gas dock so it will be removed soon.

Park & recreation: No Report

Police: Trustee Finley reported that our new Deputy began in the Village today. His name is Deputy Work. Trustee Finley also reported that Deputy Work will attend 1 board meeting a month. The Sheriff's Dept has asked if the Village could spend some time rehabbing the substation. He believes it will bring more officers out to our area. Trustee Finley will be given a report once a month so the Village Board will be aware of the goings on in the Village.

Trustee Brackney mentioned that there have been car thefts in Fire Lake and suggests our residents be vigilant and lock their doors.

Justin Parchert mentioned that the person who broke into Taylor Ridge Paving a few months back was the same person that stole the catalytic converter from our dump truck. He admitted guilt. He has been apprehended and will remain in custody.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

Village Clerk: Clerk Hoffman reported that an Ordinance Violation went out to the owner of the truck lot on Andalusia Road. The violation was for the 2 drums and the oil container. The owner has 10 days to comply.

Surveyor Richard Anderson brought a plat in to be reviewed and signed to separate the storage units from Bill Vroman's property. The storage units have been sold. The plat was approved and signed.

Illinois American Water expressed interest in helping us install a splash pad at the Lion's Park. More information will be forthcoming.

Public Works Director: Justin reported that the baseball team, the Rookies has done a lot of work on the ball field at the Community Center. He explained that our field is their home field. We don't charge them to use the field because they maintain it.

Justin plans to revamp the basketball court in Lion's Park. He purchased 2 new rims and plans to work on the hoops. His hope is to seal the court.

The Fancy Creek Road Rehab project phase 2 is being finalized and will go out to bid within the next month or so.

Justin will begin cleaning out culverts and adding new ones this year.

Justin is rocking the alleys, hauling rock to the harbor and has plans for improvements at the point at the harbor.

The docks are in town. Doug Harper hopes the Harbor will be open by May 1, 2022. It's taking a little longer than anticipated but he is working on it.

Justin asked the Village Board to consider a new sign sometime in the future. He mentioned that Alpha has just installed a new one. It has an electronic message board. He said it would be much easier to add messages to it. He wants the Trustees to consider it in the 5-year plan.

Chase Schwigen mentioned possibly purchasing a flat screen tv and installing it at the Village sign behind plexiglass and simply put an SD card in it with any messages we want to put on it.

We need to get a sign for the Community Center. One that matches the 3 other signs we put up on the Village Hall, Flood Building and Municipal building.

With the appropriation ordinance coming due in the next couple of months, Justin would like money appropriated for the flood wall and boat ramps at the Harbor. We have been hoping to apply for a grant for these improvements, however things have not been working out and there is no guarantee that we will get the grant.

Justin will be working on a street repair list for the new fiscal year.

The Rockridge event, Rock the Ridge will not be held this year. Justin asked the Trustees to consider putting on some sort of summer event as a replacement.

Justin has gotten a few bids from tree companies, to take care of 2 trees in our right-of-way that need to be removed. His recommendation is to waive the bid process and go with Horizon Tree Service.

TRUSTEE MELODY MADE A MOTION TO WAIVE THE BID PROCESS AND ACCEPT THE ESTIMATE OF \$7,000.00 TO HORIZON TREE COMPANY TO REMOVE 2 TREES IN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY IN THE VILLAGE OF ANDALUSIA. SECONDED BY TRUSTEE FINLEY. VOICE VOTE.

AYE: Trustee Schmidtke (via Telephone), Trustee Finley, Trustee Brackney, Trustee Morrow, Trustee Melody, Trustee Koopman

NAY: NONE

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

Mayor: Mayor Pittard asked if the houses we notified in town that have in-ground pools have put up fences or given us an install date. They have not been in contact with Clerk Hoffman. One of the homes has a new owner and that person is aware of the issue and will install the fence.

There are several other homes that still have not responded or complied. Mayor Pittard directed Clerk Hoffman to send letters out to those that are not in compliance.

Mayor Pittard has begun getting bids to put solar panels on 3 of our buildings. At this time, we have only 1 bid. It was from Iowa Solar. He hopes to have a couple of more by the next Board Meeting.

Trustee Brackney asked how we would be able to keep the panels safe. And how much it would cost. Mayor Pittard did say that the panels could be added to our insurance policy and that they can take hail up to ½ inch.

TRUSTEE BRACKNEY MADE A MOTION TO GO INTO AN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL MATTERS AT 7:45PM. SECONDED BY TRUSTEE MELODY. VOICE VOTE.

AYE: Trustee Schmidtke (via Telephone), Trustee Finley, Trustee Brackney, Trustee Morrow, Trustee Melody, Trustee Koopman

NAY: NONE

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

TRUSTEE BRACKNEY MADE A MOTION TO GO BACK INTO THE REGULAR MEETING AT 8:05PM. SECONDED BY TRUSTEE MELODY. VOICE VOTE.

AYE: Trustee Schmidtke (via Telephone), Trustee Finley, Trustee Brackney, Trustee Morrow, Trustee Melody, Trustee Koopman

NAY: NONE

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

TRUSTEE MORROW MADE A MOTION TO RAISE JUSTIN PARCHERT'S PAY BY 6%. TO PUT CLERK HOFFMAN BACK TO 40 HOURS AND PUT HER ON SALARY WITH A 6% RAISE IN PAY AND RAISE MAURICE DEBACKERE'S PAY BY \$1.00 PER HOUR. SECONDED BY TRUSTEE BRACKNEY. VOICE VOTE.

AYE: Trustee Schmidtke (via Telephone), Trustee Finley, Trustee Brackney, Trustee Morrow, Trustee Melody, Trustee Koopman

NAY: NONE

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

Citizen Comments: Marty Yakovich told the Board that the Harbor is looking nice.

TRUSTEE BRACKNEY MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE MELODY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:10 PM.

Minutes written by:
Shelly Hoffman, Village Clerk