

Village of Goodfield

BOARD MINUTES

Regular Board Meeting – January 19, 2023

President Jim Edwards called the regular board meeting to order at 7:00p.m. Roll call showed the following board members present: Terry Nohl, Matt Ginder, Todd Perry, Nate Sauder, Roger Mullins and Hank Melton. Also present: Attorney Mike Gifford, Engineer Duane Yockey, PWA Nohl, Treasurer DeGrave, Clerk Sheri Martin and 6 visitors.

Citizens Request and Input

Randy Barth, Deer Lakes, asked if the burning code is the same for business as residential. President Edwards said it was. Randy commented that Zeller Electric is burning roofing materials, etc.

Randy also stated that for public safety issues radar should be run on Martin Drive. There are a lot of people out walking/running/biking primarily before and after work hours. Chief Lally said they will monitor this.

Chief Lally also said there is no speed limit sign on West Martin Drive. PWA Nohl said signs were placed where the previous Police Chief wanted them placed, but could be moved.

Meeting Minutes

12-15-22 Regular Board Meeting

Motion made by Melton, seconded by Perry to approve the minutes. Motion passed with the following roll call vote: Nohl – yes, Ginder – yes, Perry – yes, Sauder – yes, Mullins – yes and Melton – yes.

Police Report

Chief Lally informed the Board he is stepping down from his position. He has obtained a teaching position at ISU. Officer Dan Nelson will be interim Police Chief. Dan reviewed the Police Reports.

Treasurer's Report

Motion was made by Sauder, seconded by Ginder to approve the Treasurer's Report as amended to the warrants dated January 19, 2023. Motion passed with the following roll call vote: Nohl – yes, Ginder – yes, Perry – yes, Sauder – yes, Mullins – yes and Melton – yes.

Warrants/Accounts Payable

Motion was made by Ginder, seconded by Nohl to approve the payment of bills as listed on warrants dated:

01-13-23 \$45,945.88

Motion passed with the following roll call vote: Nohl – yes, Ginder – yes, Perry – yes, Sauder – yes, Mullins – yes and Melton – yes.

Transfers

Motion was made by Nohl, seconded by Ginder to approve the following transfers:

- \$26,641.04 from O&M Checking to General Fund Checking
- \$57,000.00 from General Fund Money Market to General Fund Checking
- \$ 4,000.00 from General Fund Money Market to Building Fund Money Market
- \$ 0.00 from O&M Checking to O&M Money Market

- \$10,000.00 from O&M Checking to Pledged Revenue (Bond Pmt)
- \$17,107.33 from TIF Fund to General Fund Checking
- \$ 0.00 from Bond Repayment Fund to General Fund Checking

Motion passed with the following roll call vote: Nohl – yes, Ginder yes, Perry – yes, Sauder – yes, Mullins – yes and Melton – yes.

Payment of outstanding invoices upon request of Village Engineer

There were no payments of outstanding invoices.

PUBLIC WORKS ADMINISTRATOR/VILLAGE ENGINEER REPORT

PWA Nohl – will address items under each agenda item.

Engineer Yockey said as a point of interest the Village got a letter from IDOT that they have sent the last money for rebuild IL Funds. The Village has received \$56,677.38. Funds have to be authorized by July 1, 2025 and it must be a bondable project.

WATER TREATMENT PLANT/DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

Nothing discussed.

SEWER TREATMENT PLANT/COLLECTION SYSTEM

Nothing discussed.

SANITARY SEWER COLLECTION SYSTEM ISSUES

Nothing discussed.

ATTORNEY REPORT

Attorney Gifford will discuss under agenda items and in Executive Session.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Edwards thanked Attorney Gifford for all the work on the TIF Settlement, TIF has been a long road.

Jim met with Deer Creek Mayor, Jim Hackney, to see what he sees with the Police Department in the future, in particular what Goodfield's role would be. Any rumors you may have heard that Deer Creek would like Goodfield to take over the Police Dept. are not true. They discussed challenges facing police in small departments. Police committee need to get heads together concerning days, hours, patrols, can we get more out of equipment, etc. There will be a significant increase in the next police contract. Both were in agreement police committee meetings should begin as soon as possible.

President Edwards also asked Trustees to let him know if they are satisfied with the committees they are on or if there is a specific committee they would prefer to be on. All should let him know.

City of Eureka is doing Charters of Freedom of Woodford County. If anyone would like to buy a brick we have blank forms.

OLD BUSINESS

Ingress/Egress Easement for Sanitary Sewer Trunk Main

Have not received anything from Andrew Hoerr in response to the proposal the Village sent him. PWA emailed Andrew asking for a response. Budget is coming up and the Village needs to know his response for planning. Engineer Yockey has put together design and the last thing we need is to procure easement for sanitary sewer trunk main.

Raymond & Cleveland Street Right of Way

Nothing discussed.

Consideration of Right of Way and Dedicated Easement Plat of Martin Drive

Survey work and calculations are done, waiting for drafting.

Discussion on proposed revisions to Chapter 6, 7, 8, 10, 11 & 12

Still waiting on information from Building Inspector on Chapter 10.

Comprehensive Plan

The Request for Proposal (RFP) Attorney Gifford and Engineer Yockey prepared was in the packet. Attorney said the board has had the draft for a couple of months. It seems that the Board has not made it clear in its intent that it wants to pursue the Comprehensive Plan due to expense involved. Trustee Ginder asked if we budgeted for the Comprehensive Plan and we have. Trustee Melton stated he feels the Comprehensive Plan is needed. Motion was made by Melton, seconded by Ginder to approve the RFP and to advertise it. Engineer Yockey said the Board should decide when the RFP need to be back and suggested it be back prior to March 16, 2023 Regular Board Meeting. Motion passed with the following roll call vote: Nohl – yes, Ginder yes, Perry – yes, Sauder – yes, Mullins – yes and Melton – yes. Clerk will advertise the RFP in the papers.

Discussion and Possible Action of Potential TIF Settlement

Woodford County approved the TIF Settlement Agreement. They are transferring documents. The Township may have to resign as some changes have been made. TIF issued should be done.

Sewer Treatment Plant response letter to IEPA

It is Engineer Yockey's intent to send letter to IEPA to indicate all that the Village has done to determine the cause of the excessive total suspended solids and effluent at sewage treatment plant. PWA Nohl has documented all the things they have tried and paid to have checked. The main issue is too much sludge in the lagoons. The Village needs an action plan which includes sludge removal. Engineer Yockey recommended approval of the sludge removal proposal on the agenda. This is an ongoing situation, we will need to remove sludge every year until it is under control. We have stopped some septic haulers from dumping sludge in lagoon, moved aerators, hired someone to check how much sludge was in lagoons. We have restricted all but Timberline as far as dumping sludge. Duane said it might be worth sampling Timberline's effluent to see if they are dumping a lot BOD's and suspended solids, if so the Village can charge them a higher rate.

Consolidated Election – April 4, 2023

3 Trustee positions – 4 year term

1 Village President – 4 year term

Filing Period ended Dec. 19, 2023.

As of the end of the filing period on December 19, 2023 there was one candidate running for Village President and two running for Trustee.

Design of Phase I of Trunk Sewer

Phase I of the trunk sewer is basically designed. Still issues of trunk sewer. The creek has eroded terribly – channel has changed, one man hole at edge of creek and fallen trees also blocks flow. Engineer has to decide what to add to the project with regards to protecting additional erosion control. Duane brought pictures. The Village needs ingress/egress easement before sending permit to IEPA. .

Ordinance re: loitering and vagrancy

Nothing new discussed. Safe T Act has been put on hold. Chief Lally said it would be good to look to see what other municipalities do for vagrancy. Attorney Gifford will talk to IL Municipal League also.

Title Searches on E Robinson Street/Easement Issues

Title searches did confirm there was no easement between lots 3 and 4 in Heinold Subdivision Section One. Where there is just one 1' public storm sewer. There should be an easement there. Two lots N of that have a 10' easement for this same 21" storm sewer-15' would be better. PWA or Village should ask property owners if they would be willing to grant an easement to the Village for maintenance of that storm sewer. If granted, it could then be drafted and recorded

Pending Imminent Litigation Executive Session 2(c-10) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss pending litigation & 2(c-1) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss the employment of a specific employee with public body

Motion was made by Ginder, seconded by Nohl to go into Executive Session under 2(c-10) and 2(c-1) of the Open Meetings Act. Motion passed with the following roll call vote: Nohl – yes, Ginder yes, Perry – yes, Sauder – yes, Mullins – yes and Melton – yes. Board entered into Executive Session at 8:55p.m.

Pending litigation was discussed and then PWA Nohl left the meeting and Treasurer and Clerk were excused from Executive Session during discussion of employment of a specific employee with public body.

Motion to reconvene and go back into Regular Session was made by Melton, seconded by Nohl. Motion passed with the following roll call vote: Nohl – yes, Ginder – yes, Perry – yes, Sauder – yes, Mullins – yes and Melton – yes.

No action was taken in Executive Session.

Motion was made by Melton, seconded by Ginder that Executive Session under 2(c-1) of the Open Meetings Act that the tape be entrusted to Village President. Clerk should send file to Village President and once he acknowledges receipt delete file. Motion passed with the following roll call vote: Nohl – yes, Ginder – yes, Perry – yes, Sauder – yes, Mullins – yes and Melton – yes.

An ad hoc committee has been set up to oversee hiring a new treasurer once Teresa DeGrave retires. Matt Ginder will be chairman with Todd Perry and Jim Edwards on the committee.

Sewer Treatment Plant Sludge Removal

Motion by Melton, seconded by Mullins to accept the proposal from Rhino Industries, Inc. from December 9, 2022 for sludge removal. Motion passed with the following roll call vote: Nohl – yes, Ginder yes, Perry – yes, Sauder – yes, Mullins – yes and Melton – yes.

NEW BUSINESS

Disc Golf Event @ Park

A Gentleman requested to use the Park for a disc golf tournament in April. At the last tournament there were complaints from other people trying to use the park. PWA Nohl recommended that the Village has a policy and possibly close off portions of the park.

Attorney Gifford stated if they are having a tournament they should have to provide a Certificate of Insurance. Trustee Mullins does not feel we should allow this. Motion was made by Mullins, seconded by Ginder to not allow outside venues. Motion passed with the following roll call vote: Nohl – yes, Ginder – yes, Perry – yes, Sauder – yes, Mullins – yes and Melton – yes.

Polling Place

Woodford County Clerk, Dawn Kupfer, called and asked if the Village would be willing to have the polling place at Village Hall. Currently it is at the Fire House but they no longer want to have it there. After discussion it was the consensus that the Village would be willing to have the polling place at the Village Hall, but that we would not be willing to store the equipment here. We do not have room. Trustee Nohl said it is the Township’s responsibility to store the equipment and to set it up and tear it down. PWA Nohl or Clerk Sheri Martin will call Dawn Kupfer back to discuss.

Executive Session 2(c-1) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss the employment of a specific employee of the public body

Both Executive Sessions were done together earlier in the meeting.

Schedule Committee Meetings

None.

Municipal Calendar

Completed.

Other Business

Engineer – None.

Public Works Administrator – None.

Trustees

Nohl – None.

Ginder – None.

Perry – None.

Sauder – None.

Mullins – None.

Melton – None.

Clerk – None.

Treasurer – None.

Next Regular Board Meeting is February 16, 2023.

Adjournment

Motion for adjournment was made by Ginder, seconded by Perry. Meeting adjourned at 9:45p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sheri Martin
Village Clerk

Approved by the Village Board on _____.