

Village of Goodfield

BOARD MINUTES

Regular Board Meeting – October 19, 2023

Clerk Sheri Martin called the regular board meeting to order at 7:00p.m. Roll call showed the following board members present: Terry Nohl, Roger Mullins, Hank Melton and Terri Kuebler. Also present: Attorney Mike Gifford, Engineer Duane Yockey, Public Works Administrator Nohl, Clerk Sheri Martin, Treasurer Teresa DeGrave, Emily Zobrist and 3 visitors. Absent were President Jim Edwards, Trustees Matt Ginder and Todd Perry.

Motion was made by Melton, seconded by Nohl to appoint Trustee Mullins as President Pro Tem. Motion passed with the following roll call vote: Nohl – yes, Mullins – yes, Melton – yes and Kuebler – yes.

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Citizens Request and Input -

Melinda Zehr, 705 Deer Lakes Drive, asked about ordinance changes for Chapter 10 & 8 on the agenda. Melinda encouraged the Board to look at codes from other towns. She asked the Board for Chapter 8 – zoning for industrial and commercial Sec. 8.801 Use Regulations to add specifics on these regulations and consider putting some teeth into “obnoxious, offensive & unsightly” PWA Nohl informed Melinda that the committee plans to further go through Chapter 8.

Meeting Minutes

9-21-23 Regular Board Meeting
9-20-23 Police Committee Meeting
10-09-23 Village Code Review Meeting

Motion made by Melton, seconded by Nohl to approve the Regular Board, Police and Village Code Review minutes. Motion passed with the following roll call vote: Nohl – yes, Mullins – yes, Melton – yes and Kuebler – yes.

Treasurer’s Report

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

Warrants/Accounts Payable

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

10-17-23	\$109,612.33
10-02-23	\$ 41,350.72

Motion passed with the following roll call vote: Nohl – yes, Mullins – yes, Melton – yes and Kuebler – yes. Treasurer reported the 2013 Bond has been paid in full.

Transfers

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

- \$ 41,991.67 from O&M Checking to General Fund Checking
- \$ 30,000.00 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)
- \$ 46,093.75 0.00 from TIF Fund to General Fund Checking
- \$ 0.00 from Bond Repayment Fund to General Fund Checking
- \$ 25,000.00 from O&M Checking to O&M Depreciation
- \$ 7,300.00 from General Fund Checking to Police Fund
- \$ 5,000.00 from General Fund Checking to Equipment Fund

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

Payment of outstanding invoices upon request of Village Engineer

There were no outstanding invoices.

PUBLIC WORKS ADMINISTRATOR/VILLAGE ENGINEER REPORT

WATER TREATMENT PLANT/DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

Nothing discussed.

SEWER TREATMENT PLANT/COLLECTION SYSTEM

Nothing discussed.

SANITARY SEWER COLLECTION SYSTEM ISSUES

Nothing discussed.

ATTORNEY REPORT

Clark Lawsuit – Attorney Bill Porter went to hearing in Eureka on Summary Judgment. The Judge entered a Judgment against Mr. Clark and in favor of the Village of Goodfield. At this time Mr. Clark has 3 options:

- File a Motion to Reconsider
- File a Motion to Amend the Complaint
- File an Appeal

Any of these options have to be exercised within the next 30 days from October 5, 2023. Thirty days from October 5th falls on Saturday, November 4, 2023. That means Mr. Clark will have until the end of business on November 6, 2023, to exercise one of this options.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT’S REPORT

No report from Village President.

OLD BUSINESS

Ingress/Egress Easement for Sanitary Sewer Trunk Main

PWA Nohl spoke with the railroad track supervisor. He gave him information on new track supervisor. PWA will make a call and try to meet with him.

As far as the possibility of the other land owner access when PWA Nohl talks to him he will ask if we can walk the property. PWA would like James from Lewis, Yockey and Brown to walk it with him.

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

Motion was made by Melton, seconded by Nohl to approve **Ordinance 23-06**, an ordinance of the Village of Goodfield amending Chapter 10, Article I, Section 10.103 concerning fees and Article VII, Section 10.702 & 10.705 concerning Passive Energy. Motion passed with the following roll call vote: Nohl – yes, Mullins – yes, Melton – yes and Kuebler – yes.

Motion was made by Kuebler, seconded by Melton to approve **Ordinance 23-07**, an ordinance of the Village of Goodfield amending Chapter 8, Sections 8.203, 8.901(a)#^ and 8.1004 of the Village Code. Motion passed with the following roll call vote: Nohl – yes, Mullins – yes, Melton – yes and Kuebler – yes.

Comprehensive Plan

Comprehensive Plan surveys have been mailed. Clerk & PWA Nohl will try to get addresses in the 1 ½ mile radius.

Sewer Treatment Plant response letter to IEPA

Nothing discussed.

Design of Phase I of Trunk Sewer

This project is on hold for funding and access.

Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Development of a Goodfield Police Dept.

Bill Lally, President Edwards and Mike Gifford looked at Village Ordinance for creating a Village Police Department and positions that may need to be filled and the IL Training and Standards Board for hiring standards for part time officers. Proposed ordinance goes beyond the minimum. Attorney is leaning on IML ordinance example. Part time officers will be providing their own weapons, vest. The Ordinance establishing a Police Department authorizes President with Board approval to hire a consultant. Only money spent is on consultant.

Motion made by Melton, seconded by Mullins to approve **Ordinance 23-08**, an ordinance of the Village of Goodfield to establish a Village Police Department. Motion passed with the following roll call vote: Nohl – yes, Mullins – yes, Melton – yes and Kuebler – yes

Trustees Hank Melton, Terry Nohl and President Jim Edwards asked Randy Selvey about renting the old Busy Corner. Rent for this building would be approximately \$35,000/year. The Village has money set aside for expanding the Village Hall.

PWA Nohl and Treasurer DeGrave suggested that the Finance and Police Committees meet to discuss financial aspects of a Police Department.

Treasurer DeGrave explained that in this fiscal year there are no expenditures to expend on the Police Department. There is an account setting aside money to create a Police Department. If there are any incidentals there is no way to pay this. Attorney suggested any consulting fees could be paid under legal fees. Treasurer would like to talk to auditor. Attorney Mike Gifford has 2 issues. He heard Treasurer's budget concerns yesterday. Line item for transfer for Goodfield Police Department. Attorney has not researched this. If Board so votes, can you amend the prior appropriations? Attorney needs to clarify if it was a savings account only. A second issue is that Bill Lally has said other than the consulting fees there will be no fees until after the beginning of the new budget. Standard Operating Procedures will be followed. Bill Lally said there will be 4 stages to establishing a Police Department and everything does not have to be brand new. Police Department will grow as time goes on.

Timberline Road Improvements & Right of Way

The Village has Build IL Funds in MFT account to be appropriated in July 2024 and spent by July 2025. It has to be a bondable transportation project, Timberline Rd upgrade to repair culvert would be a good project for these funds. At the last meeting it was decided that the Village needs 30' ROW from Dr. Merheb and Josh Kuntz. The Village should have a second project as a backup.

Executive Session Pending Immanent Litigation Executive Session 2(c-10) of the Open Meetings Act

There was no Executive Session.

Wind Energy Systems

This was discussed in Chapter 10 Ordinance. This will be taken off the agenda.

Vehicle Replacement/Purchase

PWA Nohl said with Brad Bode going full time we need another vehicle. Typically we trade every 10 years. Oldest truck is 10 years but is in pretty good shape. Trading this vehicle can be pushed off for a few more years. Nohl would like to look for a used SUV IN the \$20,000 - \$25,000 range. Trustee Mullins suggested he talk to Scott Leman Autos. PWA Nohl will do that.

NEW BUSINESS

DOXO – EFT payments for Water Bills

Treasurer DeGrave received a call from DOXO, they have a hand full of people who use this service to pay their utility bills. DOXO wants to be able to do electronic direct deposit to do this, but they need Village banking info to do this. Consensus of the Board is not to allow this.

Annual Treasurer's Report

Auditor, Aaron Phillips, will file an extension for the Annual Treasurer's Report.

Audit Report

Auditor, Aaron Phillips, will also file an extension for the Audit. Audit will begin on Monday.

Renewal of IL Municipal League Risk Management Insurance for 2024

Motion was made by Melton, seconded by Mullins to renew the IL Municipal League Risk Management Insurance for 2024. Motion passed with the following roll call vote: Nohl – yes, Mullins – yes, Melton – yes and Kuebler – yes.

Goodfield Community Club Donations/Pickleball Court at Park

The Village was contacted by Goodfield Community Club. They want to know what we would use this year's donation from the Community Club for. Last year the Board decided to wait another year to do the pickleball court. Lone Wolf Concrete said they would donate the labor if the Village covers the materials. Estimated cost is \$12,400 of which \$6,000-\$7,000 has been donated by the Community Club. Motion was made by Nohl, seconded by Melton to proceed with the pickleball court. Motion passed with the following roll call vote: Nohl – yes, Mullins – yes, Melton – yes and Kuebler – yes.

This year's donation will be put toward playground equipment at the park.

Schedule Committee Meetings

A combined Finance and Police Committee will be scheduled as soon as possible.

Municipal Calendar

Completed.

Other Business

Engineer – None.

Public Works Administrator – None.

Trustees

Nohl – None.

Ginder – Absent.

Perry – Absent.

Mullins – None.

Melton – None.

Kuebler – None.

Clerk – None.

Treasurer – None.

Next Board Meeting November 16, 2023.

Adjournment

Motion for adjournment was made by Nohl, seconded by Melton. Meeting adjourned at 8:52p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sheri Martin
Village Clerk

Approved by the Village Board on _____.