



# Village of Industry Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes November 7, 2024 Kiwanis Building

The Board of Trustees, Village of Industry, McDonough County, State of Illinois met on November 7, 2024. President Staci Danner called the meeting to order. Those answering roll call were Trustees Jones, Rittenhouse, Wheeler, Thompson, Stuckwisch and Murray. Also present were Attorney Laegeler, Treasurer Black, Interim Clerk Larson and Superintendent Gorsuch.

## I. Public Comments

- a. Bobbi Gorsuch and John Rutledge were present and stated that they have purchased the bar in town. They submitted the forms to request the liquor license be transferred to them. They have been working with Attorney Laegeler and the license will need to be renewed in April. Trustee Thompson made a MOTION to approve the transfer of the liquor license. Trustee Stuckwisch second. A roll call VOTE was held and the MOTION CARRIED.
- b. Georgia Jones was present with several questions for the Board.
  - i. When is the park renovation going to start? Doug states that it is under contract. The work will be starting in about a week and finished by April.
  - ii. Will the fence at the park stay up all winter? Yes.
  - iii. What happens to the playground equipment that is removed? The playhouse was disposed of. The climbing dome went to the Assembly of God Church.
  - iv. Will there be work on the shelter house? Yes, but it will be done separately.
  - v. Has the water tower project started? Yes, it is expected to be completed one year from now.
  - vi. Are there any rate increases expected? Yes.
  - vii. Is future work going to be done on water system? Yes, future improvements are expected and the lagoon work is completed
  - viii. What is being done about dilapidated houses? Work has been on-going. There is an ordinance and several owners have been contacted to make remediations.
  - ix. Who should be called if there is a water emergency and Keith is unavailable? There is a part-time employee or another board member.
  - x. Where are the minutes available? They can be posted to the website from now on.
- c. Trustee Murray spoke as a community member to inform the Village that Trinity Academy is considering other buildings outside of the Village for its future location. The current building is degrading and the issues need to be remediated or they will have to leave or face steep fines. A decision will need to be made very soon. Mr. Murray stated that Trinity Academy has been happy with the Village as its community and that it is a central location for its families. The abatement and repairs are expected to be cost prohibitive.

II. Benton & Associates

- a. Doug was present and gave updates on the park and water tank projects.
  - i. The storage tank foundation was to start in March but will be moved up to next Monday. The location may need to be moved 8-10 feet. The 1<sup>st</sup> disbursement request was received. \$127,765 is to be deposited to water fund with a portion to Calwell tank, Benton & Associates, and Hart, Southworth and Wistman for legal work. The water committee states that a boil order should be issued every time there is a water main break and breaks need to be mapped on Diamond maps GIS. Documenting the issues may help in applying for grants. Diamond maps is same concept as Macomb's GIS system but specialized for use in smaller communities. The cost would be \$14 per month. Benton & Associates already uses Diamond GIS. Trustee Jones made a MOTION to purchase Diamond GIS. Trustee Thompson SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED. The subscription can be cancelled at any time.
- b. The park project is not yet started but should begin within 1-2 week. Targeting to allocate an additional \$90,000. The additional fitness equipment is expected to be \$35,000. Additional painting and refinishing of the tennis court would be \$130,000. It would be \$13,000 for a circle swing. Additional piece(s) of equipment to be selected costing between \$30,000 and \$35,000 for the next meeting.

III. Minutes and Bills

- a. Trustee Thompson made a MOTION to approve the Minutes from the October Meeting and pay the bills for November. The motion was SECONDED by Trustee Jones. The VOTE was unanimous and MOTION CARRIED.

IV. Village Officials' Reports

- a. President/Mayor Ad Hoc
  - i. None
- b. Clerk
  - i. Clerk Larson reminded the Board that Trustees Jones, Rittenhouse, Stuckwisch and Murray and President Danner are up for re-election. She stated she had limited copies of the paperwork available and that it is due to the County Clerk by November 18.
- c. Treasurer
  - i. Treasurer Black reported that a CD rolled over to a 19 month at 3.5%.
  - ii. The bank will not be able to do water billing and collection bank with the new cloud-based software. She has heard that the new software is not user friendly. TEST may be preparing a bid package where Superintendent Gorsuch does meter reads and TEST does billing. Superintendent Gorsuch will talk with TEST to have a representative come to present on the topic.
- d. Village Superintendent
  - i. The water tower project is starting. A new culvert was installed on 300. The water meters are not being correctly read by the computer and it is artificially inflating the reads. In Phase II, all meters will be replaced. Discussion held on paying someone to read the meters manually. It would take approximately 12 hours to read the meters

manually. Meters typically need to be read on approximately the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month. Keith will be putting flags out in pits. The Village will contact prior employees to offer them the hours first before posting. The water committee can authorize at a special meeting. Smiley construction submitted a bid to repair the Kiwanis Building steps with wood for \$19,455. The bid was \$16,000 for concrete. Superintendent Gorsuch will remove the steps by renting a jackhammer to attach equipment. The siding and roof repairs are estimated at \$22,250. No action taken.

- e. Village Attorney
  - i. There will need to be a public hearing prior to the next meeting for the tax levy. Last year it was \$17,438.54. The Village is able to increase 4.8% without additional measures.
  - ii. The Miller property is with Terrill title.

V. Old Business.

- a. Discussion was held on the travel trailer on Central Ave. This will be handled by the ordinance committee.

VI. New Business

- a. Discussion was held on the electrical work at the park shelter house. A bid was received for \$7,907. Trustee Thompson made a MOTION to accept the bid. Trustee Jones SECONDED and the MOTION CARRIED. Trustee Stuckwisch will call and find out when the work can start and if that bid amount still stands.
- b. Trustee Thompson made a MOTION to enter Executive Session. Trustee Murray SECONDED and the MOTION CARRIED. Upon return to open session, Trustee Thompson made a MOTION to approve a 7% salary increase for Superintendent Gorsuch effective 1/1/25. Trustee Jones SECONDED. A roll call VOTE was held and the MOTION CARRIED.

VII. Executive Session

- a. Executive Session was held. Trustee Wheeler made a MOTION to return to open session. Thompson SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

VIII. Other

- a. Trustee Stuckwisch brought up the property that had been getting a kennel license. Attorney Laegeler stated that all the paperwork was in order and had been filed.

IX. Adjourn

- a. Trustee Thompson made a MOTION to adjourn and it was SECONDED by Trustee Rittenhouse. Meeting was ADJOURNED.

Respectfully submitted,  
Shelley Larson, Interim Village Clerk