



Village of Industry  
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes  
December 5, 2024  
Kiwanis Building

The Board of Trustees, Village of Industry, McDonough County, State of Illinois met on December 5, 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. Penny Williams commented that it was nice to see some progress on the Pinhook Park improvements.

II. Benton & Associates

- a. Doug was present and gave updates on the park and water tank projects. The storage tank project was moved up from March/April to November/December. There are issues with cold weather and concrete. Caldwell sent pay application number 2 the day before Thanksgiving. Doug will send but not processing the pay application for Caldwell or for Laverdiere until after a pay application meeting on 12/19. Payment will then be made in January. Caldwell will finish pouring concrete next week and then there will be no action for 2-3 months. Next month, the pay application for phase II will need to be prepared. August is earliest Phase II improvements could start.

III. Minutes and Bills

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

IV. Village Officials' Reports

- a. President/Mayor Ad Hoc
  - i. Discussion was held regarding the aging and failing water meters. There will be a full replacement of the meters with phase II. The billing software is a separate from the meter reading system. Doug will find out what billing software the reading system prefers. Astoria's clerk does their billing and they use munibilling. There is currently a 1.5-year timeline for replacements to be complete. The issues stem from the encoder batteries dying and causing the signal to not be sent out. The batteries cannot be replaced. There are currently 132 meters that need repaired or replaced.
- b. Clerk
  - i. Nothing to report
- c. Treasurer
  - i. Nothing to report
- d. Village Superintendent

- i. Superintendent Gorsuch provided an estimate from TEST for water billing. The billing fee would be \$500 per month. There would be an additional \$2000 set up fee.
      - e. Village Attorney
        - i. The Millers have more kids than Tom and Scott. A skip trace has been ran on all of the children and forwarded to Terrill title. A judicial deed is an option if unable to locate all of the children.
- V. Old Business
  - a. Discussion was held on abandoned/nuisance properties
    - i. The taxes have not been paid on the Wickert building so the property is considered abandoned. Since it is a commercial building, it will require an asbestos inspection. A letter is to be sent notifying the owner of the issues.
    - ii. Scott Parker bought Netty Paisley's place and is making remediations.
  - b. Discussion was held on the use of any remaining AARPA funds. The report needs to be submitted by the end of December. The previously purchased boat, safety equipment (shoring), and skid steer can come out of. Treasurer Black and President Danner will meet and make a list.
  - c. Discussion was held on the use of RBI money. Scott Hance presented a proposed Resolution for Maintenance. A Load of oil for summer, 30 tons of salt and salt mix, signs, sign posts, hardware and contract labor were included. Also included in the proposal were packing streets, culverts, sidewalk replacement, \$15,000 of labor and equipment. Trustee Thompson made a Motion to approve the proposed resolution. Trustee Murray SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.
- VI. New Business
  - a. Discussion was held on proposed Tax Levy 2024-4. Attorney Laegeler sent a copy to the Board via email this afternoon. The Levy is below the 5% threshold so no Public Hearing is required. Levied amount is \$18,275.02. All line items were increased proportionally. Trustee Thompson made a MOTION to approve the proposed tax levy and pass ordinance 2024-4. Trustee Jones SECONDED. A roll VOTE was held and the MOTION CARRIED.
- VII. Executive Session
  - a. None
- VIII. Other
  - a. Trustee Jones gave a kudos to the Methodist Church for property improvements.
  - b. Daryl Forman will remove the Kiwanis steps for \$380. It would be \$350 for equipment rental alone.
- 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