

Village of Industry Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes March 6, 2025 at 6:30pm Kiwanis Building

The Board of Trustees, Village of Industry, McDonough County, State of Illinois met on March 6, 2025. President Staci Danner called the meeting to order. Those answering roll call were Trustees Jones, Rittenhouse, Wheeler, Thompson, Murray and Stuckwisch. Also present were Attorney Laegeler, Treasurer Black, Interim Clerk Larson. Superintendent Gorsuch was absent.

- I. Public Comments
 - a. Penny Williams discussed her on-going concerns with water billing and her household's reported amount of usage. It was decided that Penny should pay the minimum amount due this month and President Danner would review the bills to determine the correct amount due. Superintendent Gorsuch will let Penny know the results of this analysis before the next regular meeting.
- II. Benton & Associates
 - a. Doug presented a proposal for engineering and technical services for the water replacement project. Approval will be on the agenda for the next meeting.
 - b. Two out of the three companies are ready for a meeting to present on their meters and proposals. The Village is not bound to select the lowest cost bid because other factors are being considered. Presentations from the meter companies will be 3/11 from 2-5pm. There will be a special meeting 3/18 at 6:30pm to select a bid.
 - c. Caldwell has submitted a pay application request for \$76,790.50 for the water tank replacement project. Doug did not have an invoice available. This request covers the typical monthly 7 % amount and submission of reports for concrete and excavation.
- III. Minutes and Bills
 - a. Trustee Thompson made a MOTION to approve the Minutes from the February meeting and pay the bills for March. The motion was SECONDED by Trustee Stuckwisch. The VOTE was unanimous and MOTION CARRIED.

IV. Village Officials' Reports

- a. President/Mayor Ad Hoc-nothing to report
- b. Clerk
 - i. The request to delay onboarding with Gworks has been approved
- c. Treasurer
 - i. Treasurer Black reported cashing in a CD and depositing into the General Fund.
- d. Village Superintendent
 - i. Superintendent Gorsuch was absent
- e. Village Attorney

i. Superintendent Gorsuch has lost contact with Tom and Scott Miller. Loyal will be signing a waiver and consent. Notice was sent to Tom and Scott's last known address and it is anticipated that service upon them will be difficult. There have been no suggestions provided for changes to appropriations but this doesn't need to be passed until July.

V. Old Business

- a. President Danner presented renewal agreements with TEST for \$234 per month for serving as certified operator for the Village. Trustee Jones made a MOTION to approve the agreements. Trustee Thompson SECONDED the motion. MOTION CARRIED.
- b. Discussion was held on TEST handling water billing for the Village. President Danner has not been able to get a hold of Eliane at TEST. President Danner feels the cost is too high. The Village will need someone to do the billing including posting payments and changing addresses. Would come out of water fund. Attorney Laegeler will provide President Danner with contact information for other clerks to see how they handle their billing. Trustee Wheeler stated that she would be willing to handle billing for the Village.

New Business

- a. A representative from the Fire Department was present and requested authorization to place a repeater on the new water tower. The repeater would help with department communication on location and with 911 communicators. The Fire Department will work with Doug to choose appropriate antenna.
- New quotes for street signs were discussed. The quote replaces all street signs and is for \$4200. Trustee Jones made a MOTION to approve the purchase. Trustee Stuckwisch SECONDED. The MOTION CARRIED.
- VII. Executive Session
 - a. None
- VIII. Other
 - a. Attorney Laegeler has sent a letter regarding the nuisance property on Main Street but has not received a response.
- IX. Adjourn
 - a. Trustee Stuckwisch made a MOTION to adjourn and it was SECONDED by Trustee Thompson. Meeting was ADJOURNED.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley Larson, Interim Village Clerk