



Village of Industry
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
April 3, 2025 at 6:30pm
Kiwanis Building

The Board of Trustees, Village of Industry, McDonough County, State of Illinois met on April 3, 2025. President Staci Danner called the meeting to order. Those answering roll call were Trustees Jones, Rittenhouse, Thompson and Stuckwisch. Also present were Attorney Laegeler, Treasurer Black, Interim Clerk Larson and Superintendent Gorsuch. Trustees Wheeler and Murray were absent.

I. Public Comments

- a. Penny Williams discussed her water billing issue. The usage has been corrected but the additional amount charged has not been removed. Superintendent Gorsuch stated that all usage has been estimated this month. Next month, the whole village's system will be manually read. Penny also asked if there were any updates on Trinity Academy's potential need to change location. The board members believe the Academy is still in the process of looking at options. It is possible there has been a donation to keep them in the area.

II. Benton & Associates

- a. Troy Rhoads from Benton & Associates was present and presented the Engineering Services Agreement for the water meter replacement project. He also discussed and provided a purchase order for Badger meters. The purchase agreement will include a few spare meters and lids. It will also cover the Beacon software, 5 pressure reading meters and 1 spare pressure reading meter. The pre-bid meeting is scheduled for 4/24 at 10am and bid opening is scheduled for 5/1 at 2pm. Troy estimates the project should be finished by early summer. Trustee Jones made a MOTION to approve the Engineering Services Agreement. Trustee Thompson SECONDED the motion. A roll call VOTE was held and the MOTION CARRIED unanimously.
- b. Troy also presented Caldwell Tank's payment application request in the amount of \$53,516.29 submitted. A payment to Benton & Associates of \$3,160.75 was also requested. Erection of the tank is scheduled to begin 4/23.
- c. All funding has been submitted for the water main replacement project. The cost is estimated to be \$1.6million for the full project. The village was eligible for 70% forgiveness last year. We should know in June or July if funding is approved.

III. Minutes and Bills

- a. Trustee Thompson made a MOTION to approve the Minutes from the March meetings and pay the bills for April. 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. Clerk Larson reminded the Board to expect their Statements of Economic Interest in the mail and to complete and submit those by the deadline.
 - ii. The MFT documentation review has been completed by IDOT and no issues were found.
 - iii. Liquor license will need to be renewed this month.
 - c. Treasurer
 - i. Treasurer Black has reopened the windmill checking account. \$1020 was received from Joe Lawyer memorial contributions. Superintendent Gorsuch has volunteered to send thank-you notes for those contributions. There was also \$580 received for the park from Herb Bozard memorials. The village will wait until after the park project is completed to determine how to utilize those funds.
 - ii. The General Fund balance is low. The potential of an inter-fund transfer was discussed.
 - d. Village Superintendent
 - i. Superintendent Gorsuch discussed the need for a new air compressor for the shop. A 60-gallon oil-based compressor is \$1000-\$1400. Trustee Jones made MOTION to authorized Superintendent Gorsuch to purchase an air compressor for no more than \$1500. Trustee Thompson SECONDED the motion. MOTION CARRIED.
 - 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.
 - ii. The park is ready for upgrades other than the sandbox still needs to be removed. Superintendent Gorsuch will ask if Trinity Academy wants the baby swings.
 - iii. A manual reading of water meters will commence on the 18th or 19th and will likely take 3 days depending on weather.

V. Old Business

- a. Interim financing for Pinhook Park improvements was discussed. The bank will need the amount, purpose, and specific amount of time the money will be needed for. Treasurer Black recommends a 1-year term. Trustee Thompson made a MOTION to request a loan from the State Bank of Industry for \$300,000 for park improvements for 1 year payable with grant money. Trustee Stuckwisch SECONDED. A roll call VOTE was held and the MOTION CARRIED. A special meeting will be held to approve this meetings minutes on 4/7 at 6:30pm depending on Trustee Murray's availability.

VI. New Business

- a. The need for summer help for Superintendent Gorsuch was discussed. Trustee Thompson made a MOTION to authorized the hiring of 2 part time individuals to be paid minimum wage up to \$5000. Trustee Stuckwisch SECONDED the motion. The MOTION CARRIED.

- b. The water billing process and the hiring of an individual to handle the process was discussed. Treasurer Black had prepared a handout showing the current process and needs of the new process. President Danner stated she had spoken with Trustee Wheeler and she is willing to handle learning this process and the billing. Discussion was held on an appropriate salary. Trustee Stuckwish made a MOTION to hire Tressa Wheeler at a \$750 monthly salary as the water billing employee. Trustee Thompson SECONDED. A VOTE was held and the MOTION CARRIED.

VII. Executive Session

- a. None

VIII. Other

- a. Trustee Stuckwish raised a question on money from gambling machines. Treasurer Black stated the village receives \$800 per month on average. Trustee Stuckwish also stated this would be the last meeting for her and that she wants to volunteer for the windmill committee. The Board agreed with this.
- b. President Danner received a message from Cassidy Lundgreen regarding her neighbor's yard and the accumulation of trash and a bike in tree. Superintendent Gorsuch will investigate.
- c. A notice to abate the accumulation of refuse and stop burning to be issued to Mary Welch for Betsy Welch property.
- d. Side by side stickers were purchased by Misty Thompson for \$20.25. Treasurer Black will issue a check to Misty.

IX. Adjourn

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

Respectfully submitted,
Shelley Larson, Interim Village Clerk