



Village of Industry
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
April 4, 2024
Kiwanis Building

The Board of Trustees, Village of Industry, McDonough County, State of Illinois met on April 4, 2024. President Staci Danner called the meeting to order. Those answering roll call were Trustees Jones, Thompson, Rittenhouse, Stuckwisch, and Black. Also present were Treasurer Black, Clerk Larson and Attorney Erin Laegeler. Absent were Trustee Wheeler and Superintendent Gorsuch.

I. Public Comments

- a. Penny Williams was present and raised concerns with a neighboring property at 105 N Ave and the accumulation of items in the yard and on the front porch.
- b. Angela Hance voiced concerns with the Miller property. She has also been in contact with Animal Control as she believes animals were left unattended in the house for three days. She also has concerns about the intersection at Brush Alley having standing water.
- c. Candice Drummond also raised concerns about the Miller property. Ms. Drummond stated that Animal Control had visited the property but did not gain access to the home or animals. She also stated that Animal Control will be filing a complaint with the Health Department. Ordinance violation court was discussed. Attorney Laegeler hopes to get the Millers noticed for May court date as it is only held once per month.

II. Benton & Associates – Doug

- a. There was one bid received for the elevated tank project. The bid was well over the estimated \$1.9 million. Four out of the five tank contractors are interested in the tank portion of the project but don't want to participate in building construction. General contractors were likely not interested because tank contractors would be handling most work. Doug doesn't feel that the bid received is reflective of actual costs and recommended rejecting the bid and re-bidding in 2 contracts. Trustee Jones made a motion to reject bid. Trustee Stuckwisch seconded. MOTION CARRIED. Trustee Thompson made a motion to re-bid. Trustee Black seconded. MOTION CARRIED. Bids will open May 16th at the Kiwanis Building. Trustee Jones voiced his opinion that the building is a want and not a need. There will be a pre-bid meeting on April 18.
- b. There will likely need to be interim financing of \$300,000 for the park project for 6-8 months as the second 50% of grant will not be paid until construction is completed.

III. Minutes and Bills

- a. Trustee Thompson made a MOTION to approve the Minutes from the March Meeting and pay the bills for April. The MOTION was seconded by Trustee Black. The vote was unanimous, and MOTION CARRIED.

IV. Village Officials' Reports

- a. President/Mayor Ad Hoc
 - i. none
- b. Clerk
 - i. Windmill has been added to insurance
 - ii. Statements of Economic Interest are due to the County Clerk by 5/1/24
 - iii. MFT Documentation Review results were presented.
 - iv. Renewal of liquor licenses was discussed.
- c. Treasurer
 - i. none
- d. Superintendent
 - i. none
- e. Village Attorney
 - i. none

V. Old Business.

- a. Discuss, consider, and take action on abandoned/nuisance properties.
 - i. Trustee Stuckwisch has received complaints about cats at large. Discussion was held. The ordinance committee can issue a ticket for food out after dark. The ordinance committee is to issue tickets to offenders and if someone wants to write up notice, it can be published to Facebook.
 - ii. The default deadline for the W Hickory/Fountain Investments property is approaching and there has been no appearance yet. Attorney Laegeler will confirm with Superintendent Gorsuch that the deadline has passed.
 - iii. Discussion was held on Moffitt's building at 105 E Main St. Attorney Laegeler to start the process.
 - iv. Additional discussion was held on the Miller property. The possibility of demolition rather than continuing with ordinance violation was discussed. President Danner to contact WIRC about possible grants. Attorney Laegeler to provide recommendation at next meeting.

VI. New Business

- a. Discussion was held about summer help for the Superintendent. A posting for a part-time position at minimum wage will be made with applications discussed at the next meeting. The number of hours will be approved at the time of selection.
- b. Discussion was held on burning in the Village. Treasurer Black has received complaints that the Hites start fires and leave unattended. After hours burning prohibited by nuisance ordinance. Attorney Laegeler recommends issue notice and then discuss with Joe Hite.

VII. Executive session

- a. None was held.

VIII. Other

- a. There is a whole in a screen. Trustee Jones will discuss with Superintendent Gorsuch.
- b. Attorney Laegeler will be absent from the May meeting but will be working on the appropriations ordinance for the June meeting.

c. Clerk Larson will also be absent from the May meeting.

Motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Jones and Seconded by Trustee Black. MOTION CARRIED and meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Shelley Larson, Interim Village Clerk