



# Village of Industry

## Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

### July 11, 2024

### Pinhook Park

The Board of Trustees, Village of Industry, McDonough County, State of Illinois met on July 11, 2024. President Staci Danner called the meeting to order. Those answering roll call were Trustees Thompson, Rittenhouse, Stuckwisch and Wheeler. Also present were Treasurer Black, Clerk Larson, Attorney Laegeler and Superintendent Gorsuch. Trustee Jones was absent.

#### I. Public Comments

- a. A representative of the Sheriff's office was present to answer any questions. There were none asked.

#### II. Benton & Associates

- a. Doug was present and gave updates on pending projects. He presented on the Park Project which is expected to be completed by end of April 2025. Requests for bids will be advertised in next week's Community News Brief. Doug is proposing to open bids on 8/20. There may need to be a special meeting to approve bids before the September meeting. Interim financing will need to be discussed at the next meeting.

#### III. Minutes and Bills

- a. Trustee Thompson made a MOTION to approve the Minutes from the June Meeting and pay the bills for July. The MOTION was SECONDED by Trustee Wheeler. The vote was unanimous, and MOTION CARRIED.

#### IV. Village Officials' Reports

- a. President/Mayor Ad Hoc-Nothing to report.
  - i. Discussion was held regarding repairs to the Kiwanis Building steps. Superintendent Gorsuch reports he has contacted a couple of contractors and none are interested in doing the work because they are booked too far out. Painting of the back ramp should start next week. The paint will have sand mixed in to keep it from being so slippery.
- b. Clerk-Nothing to report.
- c. Treasurer
  - i. Treasurer Black has received an updated engagement letter for the audit. The fee has increased by \$800 to \$10,800.
- d. Superintendent
  - i. Superintendent Gorsuch reports that there are seven water leaks in town. The copper line is getting ate away. Water use is down by approximately 50%.
  - ii. The Village will need to order more sand from the county and CA6 from rock from the quarry in Plymouth.
  - iii. Debbie McCoy is wanting city water to her home but it is not located within the Village limits. She will need to come to a meeting to discuss if she is interested in pursuing.

- e. Attorney-Nothing to report.

V. Old Business.

- a. Discuss, consider, and take action on abandoned/nuisance properties.
  - i. The deed for the Hickory Street property needs to be recorded. The Village was awarded attorney's fees and costs totaling \$2282. Demolition activities can commence. Clerk Larson will need to add the property to the Village's insurance. There had been talk of using ARPA money to demolish.
  - ii. The Miller property has had abandoned cars removed. The parties have been sent copies of the ordinance. Condemnation proceedings can begin. The county is willing to partner with the Village to remedy.
  - iii. Nettie Paisley will need to be noticed into court.
  - iv. Trustee Stuckwisch presented several new potential ordinance issues
    - A. 303 E Main-pictures have been sent to Attorney Laegeler
    - B. 201 E Bailey-pictures have been sent to Attorney Laegeler the burnt-out house
    - C. 105 N Ave-overgrown vegetation and refuse
    - D. 110 N Ave-stairs in disrepair
    - E. 112 E Main-has been cleaned up
    - F. 405 S Price-2-3 vehicles and mower that look abandoned
    - G. 205 S First-dilapidated sheds and abandoned vehicles
    - H. 113 W Main St-the windows are falling out and abandoned car
    - I. 201 N Downen-abandoned truck
    - J. 310 N Ave-overgrown vegetation.
- b. Use of remaining RBI funds was discussed. The \$31,500 must be spent by next June. Good weather projects should begin ASAP including sidewalks and culverts. Superintendent Gorsuch will provide a list of items to be repaired or replaced. Possibly could use for sidewalk portion of park project. The MFT budget needs to be reviewed to see how allocated. Doug can get estimate on sidewalk at park.
- c. The purchase of skid steer equipment was discussed. Superintendent Gorsuch provided \$3290 estimate. Trustee Thompson made a MOTION to purchase the skid steer equipment. Trustee Stuckwisch SECONDED. Roll call VOTE held and the MOTION CARRIED. To be paid out of the equipment fund.

VI. New Business

- a. David Murray was sworn-in as new Village Trustee
- b. Discussion was held on adopting an ordinance approving a Loan Agreement with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency and authorizing and providing for the issue of Waterworks Revenue Bonds of the Village of Industry, McDonough County, Illinois for the purpose of defraying the cost of extending and improving the Waterworks system of said Village \$1.808

1.36% 50% principal forgiveness. MOTION to adopt Ordinance 2024-3 made by Trustee Thompson. The motion was SECONDED by Trustee Wheeler. Roll call VOTE held and MOTION CARRIED.

- c. Discussion on the purchase of a safety trench box for water and sewer repairs held. Superintendent Gorsuch provided two estimates in one for a connector and plate 6 x5 for \$6560. Trustee Thompson made MOTION to purchase the trench box for \$6560. Trustee Stuckwisch SECONDED. Roll call VOTE held and the MOTION CARRIED. The Sewer Fund is to purchase with reimbursement from the Water Fund.
- d. It was clarified that fireworks are a noise ordinance violation after 10pm and discussion was tabled until next month.
- e. The engagement letter from Eck, Schafer & Punke was discussed. Trustee Thompson made a MOTION to accept the engagement letter. Trustee Wheeler SECONDED. A roll call VOTE was held and the MOTION CARRIED.

VII. Executive session

- a. None

VIII. Other

- a. The Consumer Confidence Report came back good.
- b. Issue with people using electricity in the park for personal use. The electricity can't be shut off at the breaker.
- c. Dogs off leash are an ordinance offense and should be ticketed. Attorney Laegeler explained that offenses are a one and done issue and cannot be remedied. As such, they should be ticketed. Nuisances should be sent a notice to abate thereby giving them an opportunity to remedy.

MOTION to adjourn was made by Trustee Thompson and SECONDED by Trustee Stuckwisch. MOTION CARRIED and meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Shelley Larson, Interim Village Clerk