



# Village of Industry

## Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

### August 1, 2024

### Kiwanis Building

The Board of Trustees, Village of Industry, McDonough County, State of Illinois met on August 1, 2024. President Staci Danner called the meeting to order. Those answering roll call were Trustees Jones, Rittenhouse, Wheeler, Stuckwisch, and Murray. Also present were Treasurer Black, Clerk Larson, Attorney Laegeler and Superintendent Gorsuch. Trustee Thompson was absent.

#### I. Public Comments

- a. A representative of the Sheriff's office was present. He stated that July contract time has been met and then some. The issues with people being in the park late and using electricity were discussed. The deputy recommends a sign with the opening and closing times for the park to keep people out overnight. Utilities are available so there is nothing they can do to stop the use. Setting the park hours as sun up to sun down was discussed. Signs would be necessary for three sides of park.

#### II. Benton & Associates

- a. No updates provided

#### III. Minutes and Bills

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

#### IV. Village Officials' Reports

- a. President/Mayor Ad Hoc-
  - i. President Danner will be attending the Illinois Municipal League Conference in September. There is no cost to register but she is requesting the Village pay the cost for the hotel room. The total cost for four nights is \$1239.64. Trustee Jones made a MOTION to pay for the hotel costs associated with attending the conference. Trustee Stuckwisch SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.
  - ii. President Danner has been in contact with residents who have issues with their water bills. George Hite and Brandy Worley have called her. Their last two months' bills have been really high. Superintendent Gorsuch has put on them a watch list. He will be changing Brandy's meter and then will watch for another 30 days. George's may have been a misprint on the bill due to a keying error. His bill has returned to normal except the late fee and amount from last time have not yet been removed. Those amounts will be adjusted if the usage stays down. There are 119 meters that do not read automatically.
- b. Clerk
  - i. The Hickory Street property has been added to the Village's insurance policy.
- c. Treasurer

- i. Treasurer Black reports that ARPA has a remaining balance of \$39,420 and RBI a balance of \$31,502.
  - d. Village Superintendent
    - i. There will need to be nine 30-foot culverts purchased costing \$4185 out of RBI funds. 54 street signs have not been replaced. Scott Hance will get prices.
    - ii. Water consumption has gone down significantly.
    - iii. A new sign has been ordered for North Downen Street to replace the one that had been mowed. The cost was \$61.86.
    - iv. There are no updates on a contractor to repair the Kiwanis building front steps. Superintendent Gorsuch has not tried contacting Trotter. The paint for the back steps has been purchased.
  - e. Village Attorney
    - i. Attorney Laegeler has been discussing a partnership with the State's Attorney on the Miller property. Superintendent Gorsuch states that the Millers are wanting property condemned so they can move into housing in Bushnell. If they would deed property over it would save Village money on litigation. They could use report from the Health Department to do so.

V. Old Business.

- a. Discuss, consider, and take action on abandoned/nuisance properties.
  - i. The Hickory Street property will have to be appraised, listed, or auctioned. Superintendent Gorsuch will talk to Clay Mitchell and check if the owners of the neighboring property are interested in purchasing as is.
  - ii. Trustee Stuckwisch provided a list of potential nuisance properties which was considered. These issues should be handled by the nuisance committee. Those in violation will receive a postcard as a warning and follow-up will occur with a notice to abate if issues are not corrected.
  - iii. The County holds a tire collection drive twice per year where tires can be collected and disposed of. Superintendent Gorsuch hopes to have the Village included for the Spring collection.
- b. Discuss, consider, and take action on interim financing of projects.
  - i. This issue was tabled until Doug is here
- c. Clarification of fireworks policy.
  - i. This is covered by the nuisance and offense ordinance.
- d. Discuss, consider, and take action on use of remaining RBI funds.
  - i. The purchase of culverts and signs was discussed earlier in the meeting. Cold patch and CA6 for culvert installation are other potential uses. On agenda for next month

VI. New Business

- a. None.

VII. Executive session

- a. None.

VIII. Other

- a. Superintendent Gorsuch has purchased and installed the new flags.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Shelley Larson, Interim Village Clerk