

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the
Village of Jerome Board

CALL TO ORDER: The President and the Board of Trustees held a regular meeting on Thursday, September 15, 2022, at the Jerome Civic Center, 2901 Leonard Street, Jerome, Illinois. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by President Lopez, followed by Roll call and the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: The following were present:

Mike Lopez, Village President
Kathy DeHart, Trustee of Public Property & Co Trustee Public Health
Leigh Irons, Trustee of Public Safety
Ralph Irons, Trustee of Water Department
Christina Smith, Co-Trustee of Public Health, via telephone
Dale Lael, Trustee of Building & Zoning
Phil Raftis, Trustee of Public Works, via telephone until 6:50 pm then present

Also Present:

Jason Brokaw, Attorney, Giffin, Winning, Cohen & Bodewes, P.C.,
Steve Roth, Village Treasurer
Lisa Cave, Village Clerk

President Lopez asked for a moment of silence for the death of Sam Draper a resident of Jerome who passed away earlier today.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: President Lopez asked whether the Board had reviewed the September 1, 2022, Minutes and if they found need for any changes, corrections, or amendments. President Lopez asked the September 1, 2022, minutes would stand approved as presented.

Motion to approve the September 1, 2022, Meeting Minutes as presented by:
Trustee Leigh Irons and 2nd by Trustee Ralph Irons
Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE;

MOTION PASSES.

President Lopez asked whether the Board had reviewed the June 16, 2022, Executive Meeting Minutes and if they found need for any changes, corrections, or amendments. President Lopez asked the June 16, 2022, executive minutes would stand approved as presented.

Motion to approve the June 16, 2022, Executive Meeting Minutes as presented
by: Trustee Ralph Irons and 2nd by Trustee Leigh Irons
Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE;

MOTION PASSES

President Lopez asked whether the Board had reviewed the July 21, 2022, Executive Meeting Minutes and if they found need for any changes, corrections, or amendments. President Lopez asked the July 21, 2022, minutes would stand approved as presented.

Motion to approve the July 21, 2022, Executive Meeting Minutes as presented
by: Trustee Leigh Irons and 2nd by Trustee Ralph Irons
Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE;
MOTION PASSES

President Lopez asked whether the Board had reviewed the July 25, 2022, Executive Meeting Minutes and if they found need for any changes, corrections, or amendments. President Lopez asked the July 25, 2022, minutes would stand approved as presented.

Motion to approve the July 25, 2022, Executive Meeting Minutes as presented
by: Trustee DeHart and 2nd by Trustee Lael
Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE;
MOTION PASSES

Robin Malloy with Pehlman & Dold P.C. addressed the board regarding the FY 2022 Audit. Robin explained that the audit was completed and there were no issues nor were there any findings. Robin expressed that the employees, Village Treasurer and the Village Clerk worked well together in obtaining the information necessary to complete the audit in a timely manner and that helped speed up the process.

APPROVAL TO PAY BILLS: President Lopez asked whether the board had reviewed Warrant List 23-10 dated September 15, 2022, totaling \$62,311.19. Treasurer Roth added that of this amount \$15,109.08 will be paid from the General Revenue Fund, \$23,371.75 will be paid from the Water Fund, \$362.74 will be paid from the 1% Fund, \$21,518.94 will be paid from the ARPA funds, \$1,483.04 will be paid from the Motor Fuel Account and \$459.64 will be paid from the Police DUI.

President Lopez asked for a motion to approve Warrant List 23-10 as presented.
Motion to Approve the Bills to be Paid as presented by Trustee Lael and
2nd by Trustee DeHart.
Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE;
MOTION PASSES.

Treasurer Roth asked for the Amendment to Prior Warrants be tabled until the next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

President Lopez opened the Visitors Acknowledgement portion of the meeting at 6:39 pm.

Clerk Cave had no comments to read and there were no residents who addressed the board.

This portion of the meeting closed at 6:40 pm.

REPORTS:

Trustee Smith had nothing to report.

Trustee Raftis stated that Public Works are gearing up for street sweeping and Matt will be taking his CDL test next week.

Trustee DeHart reported several yard complaints have come in. Trustee DeHart stated the garage sales were limited but hopefully the spring garage sales will offer more sales. Trustee DeHart showed the board white chairs that she would like to replace the existing folding chairs in the Civic Center with. The white plastic chairs offer a lifetime warranty. Trustee DeHart will send out more information on the chairs. Two of the signs for the garage sales went missing over the weekend. Trustee DeHart stated that on September 20th ThirdWave will begin installation of upgrades to the wiring.

Trustee Lael had nothing to report.

Trustee Leigh Irons reported the Village is still awaiting delivery of the speed buggy. Cody will be starting full time academy in January. Cody has been riding along with Chief Forsythe learning the ropes. Chief Forsythe stated that Alison and James are doing great, and they will be doing radar in a few other areas of the Village. President Lopez stated that he has provided 11 x 17 maps of the Village to help the officers and he has heard positive talk regarding Officer Winters. President Lopez thanked Chief Forsythe for all he does for the Village.

Trustee Ralph Irons had nothing to report.

Clerk Cave reported she has received the Candidate Packet for the next election from Sangamon County.

Attorney Brokaw reported he had sent an email to all Trustees regarding the Governor's announcement that the State is releasing the balance of the ARPA funds.

President Lopez asked the Board to send any information they would like in the Bulletin to the Clerk.

TREASURER REPORTS: Treasurer Roth presented to the Board of Trustees the Financial Status as of September 15, 2022, via email: *Revenues: Revenues seemed to follow the same trends we have seen this fiscal year, stability in most funds, with some slight increases in a few. Funds: There are approximately \$968,459.00 in the Illinois Funds GRF account after I transferred the funds into the 1%, Cannabis, and General funds. There is \$152,235.81 in the MFT funds. There is approximately \$30,931.35 in the INB GRF account and \$184,344.35 in the INB Water account. The other bank account balances are as follows: Law Enforcement - DUI – \$590.00; Law Enforcement – Vehicle - \$707.43; 1% NHR - \$547,654.80 (with September revenue included); Road & Bridge - \$18,991.94; Police Equipment Fund - \$2,893.88, Cannabis Fund - \$4,953.48 (with the September revenue included); MFT-Rebuild Illinois fund – \$90,947.45; American Rescue Funds - \$63,592.64.*

OLD BUSINESS DISCUSSION: Trustee DeHart asked to table the Leasing of the Jerome Civic Center until the next meeting. Trustee DeHart is still waiting on the information by USPS.

Trustee Leigh Irons reported the company she had spoken with charges \$133.00 for each dumpster and Trustee Raftis stated that Lake Area would not pick up on Saturdays and they are \$465.00 for each dumpster. President Lopez asked both trustees to obtain the quote in writing and send it to the Clerk. Trustee Raftis asked to table the Large Item Pick Up.

Trustee Raftis asked to table the Purchase and Installation of Snowplow for 2022 Ram Pickup.

NEW BUSINESS DISCUSSION: President Lopez opened discussion and approval of the Annual Audit Report.

Motion to approve the Annual Audit Report for FY 2022 by Trustee Ralph Irons and 2nd by Trustee Raftis
Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE;
MOTION PASSES.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Trustee Leigh Irons to go into Executive Session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of a specific employee or legal counsel of the public body (5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1)); minutes of meetings lawfully closed under the Open Meetings Act for purposes of approval by the Body (5ILCS 120/2(c)(21); Trustee Raftis seconded the motion.

The Board went into Executive Session at 7:02 pm.
The Board returned from Executive Session at 7:36 pm.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business, President Lopez asked for a motion to close the meeting at 7:38pm. Motion was made by Trustee Leigh Irons and 2nd by Trustee Raftis.

PREPARED BY: Lisa Cave, Clerk

DATE APPROVED: September 15, 2022

Village Clerk

Date