

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, October 6, 2022, at the Jerome Civic Center, 2901 Leonard Street, Jerome, Illinois. The meeting was called to order at 6:33 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
Dale Lael, Trustee of Building & Zoning
Phil Raftis, Trustee of Public Works

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 Mike Zimmers who passed away earlier this week.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: President Lopez asked whether the Board had reviewed the September 15, 2022, Minutes and if they found need for any changes, corrections, or amendments. President Lopez asked the September 15, 2022, minutes would stand approved as presented.

Motion to approve the September 15, 2022, Meeting Minutes as presented by:
Trustee Leigh Irons and 2nd by Trustee DeHart

Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE;

MOTION PASSES.

President Lopez asked whether the Board had reviewed the September 1, 2022, Executive Meeting Minutes and if they found need for any changes, corrections, or amendments. President Lopez asked the September 1, 2022, executive minutes would stand approved as presented.

Motion to approve the September 1, 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

APPROVAL TO PAY BILLS: President Lopez asked whether the board had reviewed Warrant List 23-11 dated October 6, 2022, totaling \$74,559.34. Treasurer Roth added that of this amount \$24,889.00 will be paid from the General Revenue Fund, \$23,059.36 will be paid from the Water Fund, \$19,577.02 will be paid from the 1% Fund, \$703.31 will be paid from the Motor Fuel Account and \$6,330.65 will be paid from the Road and Bridge.

President Lopez asked for a motion to approve Warrant List 23-11 as presented. Motion to Approve the Bills to be Paid as presented by Trustee Leigh Irons and 2nd by Trustee Lael.

Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE;

MOTION PASSES.

Treasurer Roth presented amendments to prior warrants. Warrants 23-05 and 23-07 listed WEX Bank and the line items were 4521 and that was incorrect, the correct line item is 4591.

President Lopez asked for a motion to approve Warrant List 23-05 and 23-07 as amended. Motion to Approve the Bills to be Paid as presented by Trustee Leigh Irons and 2nd by Trustee Ralph Irons.

Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE;

MOTION PASSES.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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

Clerk Cave had no comments to read.

Dave Duvall addressed the Board on a moat that is at the corner of Fillmore and West Grand Court. His grandson lives there and it is a moat, the ditch is way too deep. Trustee Raftis stated that it is dug that deep so it ties to the existing storm sewer drains, at the time the engineers had investigated the area notice had went out to the residents on that block explaining the cost for tying into the storm drain and that it would be on the resident if they wanted to tie into it and only 1 resident opted to connect directly to the drain at their costs, the ones that did not have a deeper ditch.

Alan Dietrich addressed the Board that the Village did a great job on the roads.

Cameron Jones, Benton & Associates, addressed the Board on the DCEO monthly reporting and the phased approach for Iles. Cameron stated that the phases are planning for the future.

This portion of the meeting closed at 6:44 pm.

President Lopez addressed the Board thanking everyone on the road work that was done. President Lopez stated as the President, he received compliments and complaints about the road work and the speed bumps. President Lopez introduced Officer James Winters to the Board. October 29, 2022 will be the Halloween Gathering with candy, hot dogs, chips and drinks. President Lopez would like the Trustees to man the stands and pass out the goodies to the children. President Lopez has reached out to the Marine Corp with Toys for Tots for the 1st 2 weeks of December. November 8, 2022 is the Voters Polling located in the Civic Center. October 24, 2022 from 2pm to 3pm is the Flu Clinic in the Civic

Center. The large items drop off and the Limb Pickup will be determined later in the meeting but there will be a post card mailed with the dates along with it being on the website and water bills.

REPORTS:

Trustee Smith reported there are a lot of line-of-sight violations, letters will go out, notice will be put on the website. Reminder of the Flu Clinic on October 24, 2022 from 2 pm to 3 pm.

Trustee Raftis stated he has received complaints on the street lights. Trustee Raftis reminded that if lights are out anyone can call up to CWLP and give them the address of which street light is out and they will replace the bulb. There are a number of trees around the lights that do make it much darker. Public Works will begin the final limb pickup for the year starting the first week of November. November 7, 2022 the Public Works will pick up the limbs. Any limbs out currently will not qualify for pickup. 30% of the streets have been repaired, new surface as as many streets as the Village could afford. These streets will hopefully provide 7-10 years of life before they will need redone again. Trustee Raftis stated that Dave had found a street sweeper on a Federal Surplus Site and we were granted the equipment, all that is needed is for the Village to go retrieve it. Trustee Raftis also wanted to thank the Public Works Department, Dave, Brandon and Matt that the work they did prior to the street repairs ensured the Village got a good product. The Village appreciates the work you do. Congratulations to Matt Turner on obtaining his CDL license.

Trustee DeHart reported several yard complaints, residents are not mowing the sides and back of their property. Trustee DeHart stated the Halloween decorations will be outside this weekend and she is looking for a Santa for Christmas. Trustee DeHart stated that ThirdWave is done with the wiring upgrade and that the equipment is on order waiting for arrival. garage sales were limited but hopefully the spring garage sales will offer more sales.

Trustee Lael stated that fences are going in and the homes that had fire damage on Glenn and Jerome still are in limbo.

Trustee Leigh Irons reported the speed buggy is in and the signage has been ordered. The Police Department is patrolling all the time. Officer Winters asked to address the Board stated that Cody is a huge asset to the Village.

Trustee Ralph Irons stated the parts he has ordered are hard to get, they are 30 weeks out. Denise is doing a great job and is professional and courteous when discussing past due balances with residents.

Clerk Cave reported she the Candidate Packet for the next election from Sangamon County is ready to be distributed. Clerk Cave stated she needed items for the bulletin no later than October 14, 2022.

Attorney Brokaw had nothing to report.

TREASURER REPORTS: Treasurer Roth presented to the Board of Trustees the Financial Status as of September 15, 2022, via email: *Revenues: We have received no revenue for October as of yet, except we have received our next allotment of the MFT -Rebuild Illinois Fund, and the second payment of the ARP Funds. Funds: Currently there is approximately \$963,505.05 in the Illinois Funds GRF account and \$146,512.82 in the MFT funds. There is approximately \$35,321.89 in the INB GRF account and \$179,789.15 in the INB Water account. The other bank account balances are as follows: Law Enforcement - DUI – \$125.36; Law Enforcement – Vehicle - \$702.43; 1% NHR - \$535,960.47; Road &*

Bridge - \$18,991.94; and Police Equipment Fund - \$2,893.88, Cannabis Fund - \$4,948.48, MFT-Rebuild Illinois fund – \$109,136.94, and the American Rescue Plan Fund \$150,139.01.

OLD BUSINESS DISCUSSION: Trustee DeHart asked to table the Leasing of the Jerome Civic Center until the next meeting. Trustee DeHart is still reviewing the information sent by IML.

Trustee Leigh Irons reported Cleeton Sanitation Services stated that the cost for the Large Item Drop off would be \$175.00 per truck and would have 2 trucks here during the event and the Village will supply the Dump Tickets for Sangamon Valley Landfill. Trustee Raftis stated that Lake Area quoted \$400.00 for each dumpster, only during the week and that the Village would supply the dump tickets. The Board discussed a list of rules that will be drafted for this event and that it will be in November. Trustee Leigh Irons will contact Cleeton to verify which Saturday they are available and report back at the next meeting.

Motion to approve the Cleeton Sanitation Services for the Large Item Drop Off not to exceed \$1,500.00 by Trustee Raftis and 2nd by Trustee Leigh Irons

Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE;

MOTION PASSES.

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 Purchase and Installation of Parts for the '95 IH Truck. Dave addressed the Board explaining the Orange dump truck has some maintenance items that is needed to be road ready. From Rush the mirror brackers, exhaust brackets and the circuit board for the gauge clusters total \$855.00 and from Drake & Scruggs the plow control has to be replaced at a total of \$1,250.00.

Motion to approve the Purchase and Installation of Parts for the Orange '95 IH Dump Truck not to exceed \$2,105.00 by Trustee Raftis and 2nd by Trustee Smith

Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE;

MOTION PASSES.

President Lopez opened discussion and approval of the Purchase of Parts for the Monroe Snow Plow. Trustee Raftis and Dave stated the Snow Plow needs a 10 foot cutting edge for \$265.00 and gauge wheels for \$1,000.00 and 4 foot block for \$635.00 for a total of \$1,900.00.

Motion to approve the Purchase of Parts for the Monroe Snow Plow not to exceed \$1,900.00 by Trustee Raftis and 2nd by Trustee Smith

Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE;

MOTION PASSES.

President Lopez opened discussion and approval of the Complete Service of the '95 IH Truck, including Oil, Filters, Brake Adjustments, and Full Chassis Check for the season at CIT Truck in Pleasant Plains for a total of \$450.00.

Motion to approve the Complete Service of the '95 IH Truck, including Oil, Filters, Brake Adjustments, and Full Chassis Check for the season at CIT Truck in Pleasant Plains for a total not to exceed \$450.00 by Trustee Raftis and 2nd by Trustee Smith

Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE;

MOTION PASSES.

President Lopez opened discussion for the ARPA funded project to replace the roof on the Village Library. Trustee DeHart stated that she received a bid from 217 Gutters & Roofing Inc. for \$3,975.00 for a complete tear off and shingled with prevailing wages and insurance. Trustee DeHart would like this on the next agenda for approval.

President Lopez opened discussion for the ARPA funded project to upgrade electrical wiring in the Village Library. Trustee DeHart stated she received a bid last year of \$17,500 and she obtained an updated bid for this year and the price has increased to \$20,550.00. Trustee DeHart would like this on the next agenda for approval.

President Lopez opened discussion and approval of the Acceptance and Pick Up of Donated Street Sweeper from Federal Surplus at Hines VA Hospital, Hines, IL. Trustee Raftis stated that this is the Street Sweeper that Dave found under the Federal Surplus that we were granted the equipment. The listing shows that this equipment is repairable, Trustee Raftis stated we are unsure what the equipment will need when it gets here but the Village will have to keep it for two years due to the agreement with the Federal Surplus.

Motion to approve the Acceptance and Pick Up of Donated Street Sweeper from Federal Surplus at Hines VA Hospital, Hines, IL by Trustee Raftis and 2nd by Trustee Smith

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 7:39 pm.

The Board returned from Executive Session at 8:18 pm.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business, President Lopez asked for a motion to close the meeting at 8:19pm. Motion was made by Trustee Raftis and 2nd by Trustee Ralph Irons.

PREPARED BY: Lisa Cave, Clerk

DATE APPROVED: October 20, 2022

Village Clerk

Date