

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 20, 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, arrived at 6:37pm

Also Present:

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: President Lopez asked whether the Board had reviewed the October 6, 2022, Minutes and if they found need for any changes, corrections, or amendments. President Lopez asked the October 6, 2022, minutes would stand approved as presented.

Motion to approve the October 6, 2022, Meeting Minutes as presented by:
Trustee Leigh Irons and 2nd by Trustee Smith
Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE;

MOTION PASSES.

APPROVAL TO PAY BILLS: President Lopez asked whether the board had reviewed Warrant List 23-12 dated October 20, 2022, totaling \$60,473.13. Treasurer Roth added that of this amount \$23,693.67 will be paid from the General Revenue Fund, \$30,448.81 from the Water Account and \$6,330.65 will be paid from the Road and Bridge.

President Lopez asked for a motion to approve Warrant List 23-12 as presented.
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 6:34 pm.

Clerk Cave had no comments to read.

This portion of the meeting closed at 6:35 pm.

REPORTS:

Trustee Smith reported the Flu Clinic is on Monday from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm and that Trustee DeHart will be present. Notices went out regarding the line-of-sight issues and the letters were very confusing so Trustee Smith will be drafting up new letters and sending them out, a total of 150 letters. Letters will be out addressing the limb piles that are currently out and will not be picked up.

Trustee Raftis stated Dave and Matt has picked up the Street Sweeper and it works. Public Works is winterizing, and the truck will be going to Pleasant Plains next week for annual maintenance. Salt contracts are being cut loose from the State so we will be able to purchase our salt for the streets this winter.

Trustee DeHart reported one fire pit permit. Trustee DeHart was asked by resident Margaret Herr on the possibility to have chickens in the Village. Attorney Brokaw stated that the Village zoning prohibits chickens. Trustee Lael stated that bees are prohibited also. Trustee DeHart asked for extra hands on Saturday, October 29, to pass out candy.

Trustee Lael stated that the Wing Stop is not open.

Trustee Leigh Irons reported the speed buggy is awaiting proper stickers. Kyle is back from vacation, and everything is going well in the Police Department. Cody will start in January of 2023. Trustee Leigh Irons also stated that one of the police trucks lease is ending either in January or February of 2023 and she would like to purchase an SUV instead of a pickup truck.

Trustee Ralph Irons stated Dave completed 1 of his training and that there is a grant that allows for the lead pipe survey to be done by others. More information will be forthcoming on the availability. Dave will attend another training in February 2023, Dave met several contacts there that he will be able to reach out to in any event.

Clerk Cave reported she the Candidate Packet for the next election from Sangamon County is ready to be distributed. Postcards went out to all residents on the large item drop off, Halloween event, line of sight issues and the limb pickup.

Attorney Brokaw stated that in order to change the zoning code, someone would have to pay for and apply for a formal amendment to the zoning code and the Village would hold a public hearing. Attorney Brokaw stated that he is unaware of any town that allows the keeping of livestock.

President Lopez stated that the bulletin is awaiting the date for the Toys for Tots before it can be finalized, once we have that date the bulletin will go out, hopefully by the middle of November. Halloween event on October 29, 2022, from 10:30 am to Noon and the Village will accept donations of candy. President

Lopez asked the trustees to bring in one or two bags each for the event. President Lopez stated he has had lots of comments about the Police Department.

TREASURER REPORTS: Treasurer Roth presented to the Board of Trustees the Financial Status as of October 20, 2022, via email: *Revenues: We are seeing slight declines in the Sales Tax and 1% Tax Revenue some of which can be tied to the suspension of the 1% Grocery Tax through June 2023. However, the Use Tax, Income Tax and Gaming Revenue continues to exceed expectations at this point. Funds: There are approximately \$995,333.82 in the Illinois Funds GRF account after I transferred the revenues for October into the 1% and Cannabis accounts. There is \$151,855.79 in the MFT funds. There is approximately \$21,548.90 in the INB GRF account and \$151,038.00 in the INB Water account, following payment of this week's warrants. The other bank account balances are as follows: Law Enforcement - DUI – \$125.36; Law Enforcement – Vehicle - \$702.43; 1% NHR - \$540,093.64 (with the October revenue included); Road & Bridge - \$12,661.29; Police Equipment Fund - \$2,893.88, Cannabis Fund - \$5,149.18 (with the October revenue included); MFT-Rebuild Illinois fund – \$109,136.94; American Rescue Funds - \$150,139.01. The Audit has been filed with GATA, Sangamon County Clerk and the Comptroller's office. The Treasurer's report is completed and has been sent for pricing on placing the report in the newspaper.*

OLD BUSINESS DISCUSSION: Trustee DeHart asked to table the Leasing of the Jerome Civic Center until the next meeting.

Trustee Leigh Irons reported that Cleeton Sanitation Services are available for November 5, 2022, for the large item drop off and would have 2 trucks here during the event and the Village will supply the Dump Tickets for Sangamon Valley Landfill from 8:00 am to Noon. Trustee Raftis asked where the dumpsters would be located? After discussion it was determined that the Park and possibly the back driveway or library.

Motion to approve the November 5, 2022, from 8:00 am to Noon Large Item Drop Off by Cleeton Sanitation Services by Trustee Smith and 2nd by Trustee Ralph Irons

Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE;

MOTION PASSES.

NEW BUSINESS DISCUSSION: President Lopez opened discussion and approval of ARPA funded project to replace the roof on the Village Library not to exceed \$4,000.00 by 217 Gutter and Roofing Inc. Trustee Lael asked is this an all-new roof with a complete tear off and replacement of any boards necessary? Trustee DeHart stated yes and that the company assured her they could get the project done by the end of the year. Trustee Raftis stated that he had one public comment come to him why the Village is spending money on the library. Trustee DeHart stated that the library has been leaking for 3 years.

Motion to approve ARPA funded project to replace the roof on the Village Library not to exceed \$4,000.00 by 217 Gutter and Roofing Inc by Trustee DeHart and 2nd by Trustee Smith

Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE;

MOTION PASSES.

President Lopez opened discussion and approval of ARPA funded project to upgrade the electrical wiring in the Village Library not to exceed \$21,000.00 by Ryan Electrical Solutions. Trustee DeHart asked to table this for discussion and approval as Trustee Lael had some questions.

President Lopez opened discussion and approval of Snowplow Purchase for the 2022 Ram Utility Truck from Arrow Trailer and Equipment not to exceed \$12,000.00. Trustee Lael asked if the resident asked any questions on spending money on the equipment. Trustee Raftis stated no.

Motion to approve the Snowplow Purchase for the 2022 Ram Utility Truck from Arrow Trailer and Equipment not to exceed \$12,000.00 by Trustee Raftis and 2nd by Trustee Ralph Irons

Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE;

MOTION PASSES.

President Lopez opened discussion for Ordinance 23-05 Concerning Compensation of Elected Officials. Attorney Brokaw stated that the Ordinance would change the amount of pay for Elected Officials from a per meeting basis to a monthly basis without any extra pay for additional meetings, this Ordinance does increase the amount per month by \$25.00. This would also allow for the elected officials to still be paid the full amount that they are receiving now if the Village ever went to monthly meetings.

Motion to approve Ordinance 23-05 Concerning Compensation of Elected Officials by Trustee Smith and 2nd by Trustee Raftis

Upon roll call vote, all voted NO; except Trustee Ralph Irons and Trustee Smith voted AYE;

MOTION DIES.

President Lopez opened discussion and approval of Ordinance 23-06 Authorizing the Disposal of Surplus Property. This ordinance deals with the paper shredder that does not work.

Motion to approve Ordinance 23-06 Authorizing the Disposal of Surplus Property by Trustee Smith and 2nd by Trustee Raftis

Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE;

MOTION PASSES.

President Lopez opened discussion and approval the length of time for Meeting Materials to remain on the Village Website. Attorney Brokaw stated Mr. Ben Story reached out to him at the end of the board meeting stating that the website is running out of space. Attorney Brokaw stated that the Village is required to keep the originals of the agenda and minutes in the office and that the Village is required to keep them on the website for 60 days after the meeting minutes have been approved. Attorney Brokaw stated that he would recommend 2 years on the website to allow for space.

Motion to approve placing two years of meeting minutes on the website by Trustee Ralph Irons and 2nd by Trustee Lael

Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE;

MOTION PASSES.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business, President Lopez asked for a motion to close the meeting at 7:39pm. Motion was made by Trustee Leigh Irons and 2nd by Trustee Ralph Irons.

PREPARED BY: Lisa Cave, Clerk

DATE APPROVED: November 3, 2022

Village Clerk

Date