Village of Illiopolis Board Meeting Minutes

January 17, 2022

Mayor Rogers called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A roll call was taken, all members were present except B. Honea.

**Agenda**

Agenda was adopted as presented.

**Minutes**

J. Swick made a motion to approve the amended January 3rd minutes with J. Devore seconding. Motion carried 5-0-0.

**Visitors**

 **Open Forum**

Tony Caccomo asked about E.J. Water’s tap on fee. It was explained that the lines are there, but you have to pay to connect to the lines. He also reported that the Old Formosa Property‘s approximately 80 acres can be used for a Solar Farm. 8-10 acres of the industrial site would be revenue. He believe we can generate a significant amount of revenue for the rest of the Industrial Park.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Treasurer presented the Unpaid Bills and December check detail. A balance sheet of available money with notations of restricted and unrestricted funds was given to Board members and explained. E J Water bill for doing the utility billing ran $1 more than last month. All the insurance claims have been turned in. D. Koonce motioned to accept the Treasurers report with R. Reed seconding.

**Economic Development Report**

Jason and Holly Gettings attended the board meeting as Diane discussed potential Business District assistance for Java Jax.  Java Jax is losing dine-in business due to an undersized and faulty exhaust system, small, outdated grill, etc.  Customers are reluctant to eat inside because of the grease and smoke in the building and on their clothes.  A bid was received from E. L. Pruitt to address these concerns at a cost of approximately $25,000.  Diane is finalizing review of the financials

and will discuss with the Economic Development Committee for recommendation to the Board.

Diane is also working w/Jason on an application for Ameren's Energy Efficiency Grant Program to purchase and install the kitchen ventilation equipment and grill. This application is nearly complete and will be submitted requesting approval.

Further discussion was held concerning the industrial park and the three (3) solar proposals under consideration by the Village Board.

**Engineering Report**

J. Swick mentioned that she is using her school work for the Parks Grant. She will need someone to sign off on proof that she has been doing the work. Sam asked what percentage is the grant (i.e. 50/50, 30/20 etc.) D. Koonce made a motion to renew the Professional Service Agreement with Kuhn & Trello. R. Reed seconded Roll call- all ayes Motion carried 5-0-0.

**Old Business**

**New Business**

R. Reed made a motion to adopt Resolution 22-1 for the Ameren Land Lease Agreement. D. Koonce seconded. Roll call- all ayes Motion carried 5-0-0.

It was mentioned that there is a need for a No Outlet sign in Kelsan Heights. Emergency vehicles were blocking the road and residents could not exit. D. Koonce made a motion for the purchase and installation of an Entrance Only/ No Outlet sign. J. Swick seconded Roll call-all ayes

Motion carried 5-0-0.

Discussed changing meeting times to 6:30 p.m. beginning February 7th. D. Koonce made a motion and M. Pevler seconded. Roll call – all ayes Motion carried 5-0-0.

Discussion was held concerning changing the hall hours. Mayor would like to reduce the hours due to a reduction in job duties. Recommended 9 to 12 hours per week. Job duties of Village employees was also discussed at this time. D. Koonce made a motion to change the hall hours to Monday, Wednesday, Friday keeping the same hours of 9 am-1 pm beginning February 7th. R. Reed seconded. Roll call 4-1-0 with M. Pevler voting no.

**Dilapidated Property**

**Comments**

D. Koonce mentioned that the valve work at F.S. should have been done by E.J. Waters contractors. He asked if we were going to send the bill from Burdick to them for payment. Mayor Rogers said it was an oversight. The Mayor asked If he had checked on the sign on Miles Street. D. Koonce said there is a 25 mph sign at the end of the entrance.

J. Devore asked about what was the issue causing the water emergency over the weekend. The Mayor explained it was due to clogged lines at the Softener Plant. He also asked about the Rail Road crossing status and was told we have not heard back yet.

J. Swick asked if anyone wanted to assist her in working on grants for the park. D. Reinhart asked about ground covering around the equipment. Mayor Rogers also asked about checking with IML about correct placement of equipment. J. Swick said she will work with the Engineer’s. A discussion was held on Social Media postings.

C. Mitchell mentioned there will be sheets in everyone’s boxes for budget item wants and needs.

Mayor Rogers asked that Board members to review the Employee Handbook before the next meeting. He also thanked Public Works for their hard work on the water emergency, Joe Etter and Rod Mitchell for their help with getting drinking water and Cathy Mitchell for emergency notifications.

J. Devore made a motion to adjourn at 7:17 pm with R. Reed seconding.

Respectfully Submitted,