

Village of Flanagan
February 29th 2024
Meeting Minutes

Called to order by Dave Iverson

Pledge of Allegiance

Absent Clerk Abbi Towers. Kristy Dodge, Reid Bressner, and Steve Humke are absent. Taylor Harris filling in for clerk. No one present from Nebraska Township

Persons Present

- Roseanna Davis proposed a rough draft economic development plan. This plan shows the description of population trends, cost of living index, workforce information, etc. Roseanna presented the economic activity chart. The public will see our strategies to achieve the objectives of Economic Activity, Safe and prepared community, Broadband infrastructure, and Recreational/health and wellness. The economic activity grid will provide us a grid of progress as we move through the next 5 years to better the Village of Flanagan. Nancy recommended a WOW statement to Roseanna. Roseanna created a wow statement for each goal/objective. There are external funding sources for all four objectives. Roseanna would like to see us utilize these resources if available. They can assist with education, training, and funds for other types of startups/individual business owners. The state has many resources they would love to see us use. Roseanna stated certainly many options in regards to grants for broadband in rural places. She doesn't know as much about money to pave walking paths but does know about funds for education for health and wellness. There is some FEMA money as well such as mitigation for natural disasters. Roseanna asks if the board has any questions. Roseanna shared our current vision statement: To provide a thriving and safe community reflective of a flourishing quality of life and sound economic growth. Roseanna is asking for us to approve this verbiage.
- Dave asked once we have this filed with the state, how does this affect our grant writing down the road? Roseanna said yes, the reason we got the RISE grant was because we didn't have an economic development plan and the state really wanted those who didn't have one to be able to create one and submit it to the state. If you have an economic development plan, businesses are more likely to want to expand into your community.
- Roseanna asked for a motion to approve our 5 year economic development plan. Kim makes the motion to approve the 5 year economic development plan. Jason seconds the motion.
- Dave thanked Roseanna on behalf of the board for all of her hard work and dedication to this development plan.
- Roseanna has a current batting average of 800 for her grants here in Flanagan IL. ¾ were approved. She stated "we have done well and it's not just grant writing but

cooperation". Grant writing makes you act. If you don't want to act, you don't write grants. Roseanne would like to talk to someone about a festival zone. Just bringing people downtown is revitalizing the downtown footprint. She is very excited and thanks the board for the approval. She is going to get the economic development plan submitted on behalf of the Village of Flanagan.

New Business

Renewal of Liquor Licenses Approvals

- GK Boomers
 - Class A Liquor License
- Flantucky Bourbon Bar and Smokehouse
 - Class A Liquor License
- Kahal Inc #1 DBA Bart's Supermarket
 - Class A Liquor License
- Flanagan American Legion Post #456
 - Class A Liquor License
- The Falcons Nest
 - Class A Liquor License

Motion to approve Liquor license for all 5 businesses above Jason, 2nd Kim.

Motion to adjourn Kim, Second Jason.

Meeting Adjourned.

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Absent Clerk Abbi Towers. Meeting notes taken by Trustee Taylor Harris.

Approval of November Meeting Minutes

Correction: Year from 2023 to 2024.

Motion: Kristy Dodge, Taylor Harris 2nd

Treasurer's Report

Reviewed

Motion: Reid Bressner, Kristy Dodge 2nd

Persons Present

- N.A.

Police Report

- All closed cases. 1 officer present to provide the report

Employees Report

- Cleaning up snow piles, Installing new float in the lift station. It's a call float for high water levels. Low level and high level call. Jason asked if there is a strobe for people to call in just in case phone system fails. Phone gets fried about every two years or so. The generator runs every Wednesday and calls them. They have a good idea of when the phones are down. Mark stated it is something we could add. Preparing for some upcoming projects. Getting ready to do the culvert at Thorson Trucking. There is currently no culvert under the drive. This will assist in the water transfer and allow for a lot less standing water within town. Water line frozen at Legion Lake. Parts have been purchased and security cameras have also. Culvert crossing is being taken care of by the village guys. Will need the Vac truck to come in.

President's Comments

- Sheriff's Roundtable - Jason shared that some of the income from the county comes from transferring prisoners to the airport to a certain point and then swats take over from there. Almost at full staff. 5 per shift, up from 4. Sheriff highlighted the no bail and now the same person is trying to pass another bill, 4603. This bill amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Sheriff discussed busses dropping off immigrants and how the county will be handling this as we don't have capacity here in Livingston County. Chief Turner received notification that 4603 will not be passed this year.
- Community Building - Probability continues to become greater each day. We are at the 5 yard line. Dave is looking for the board's thoughts. Reid shared he would like to see the location by the fire station. Jason asked for it to be at a distance from residential buildings for weddings, parking, other events, etc. Kristy asked if the village owns farm ground and if we could use that. Taylor mentioned if we don't use the current location, what happens to the current building? Jason discussed meeting/conference rooms, bathrooms, election building, kitchen aid. Waldo has a shared building and Jason shared how theirs is set up. Taylor shared the need for disaster shelter, showers, first aid, etc. Reid asked how scheduling would take place/organizing the calendar of events. Jason mentioned who's paying for lights, a stained wall if something happens during an event, etc. Next question is our thoughts in unit 74 being a part of this. Jason mentioned in larger areas they have daycare on site for teachers and teenage pregnancy. Steve mentioned what size of building do we want and how much parking do we want within the land that could/may be purchased. Initial proposed was \$342 dollars per square foot. We are now in the running for 1.5 million - 44 square foot by 100 foot. Do we as a village

want to provide funds as well? Township hasn't shared if they would or not like to provide extra funds. Dave mentioned North East or North end of Artesian park for location of building. Mark measured it off for the park to 286 ft by 100 ft. Possible location of Harrison St next to the township shed looking South, facing Harrison. Set off the road for resident who lives within the brick building on the corner. Current community building has no cost for utilization. Taylor shared cost of Graymont building for rental is \$45 for the day. Jason shared figuring out cost of what it takes to utilize building utilities and establishing different costs for different uses of the building. Jason asked for verification of no storage being needed. Dave confirmed.

- Post prom is asked for a donation from the village. Village declined contribution.

Streets & Alleys

- None

Village of Flanagan Committees

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

- Water, Sewer, and Garbage
 - Removal of Al Hulse, Add Steve Humke
- Personnel
 - Removal of Bev Friese and adding Jason Montello
- Building and Zoning
 - Removal of Al Hulse and adding Taylor Harris

Personnel Committee

- None

Zoning/Building/Ordinance Committee

- Application for Tyler Rossman's home located on 202 N Jefferson St to build a garage of 24x30. Motion to approve Steve Humke and 2nd Jason Montello. Permit fee of \$132.

Flanagan Fest

- Review of current lineup of events, volunteers needed, donations being collected, next meeting March 8th at 4 p.m. Board asked for the meetings to be held later for them to be able to attend.

F.I.T. Team

- Discussed building a Santa house. Next Wednesday, a meeting will be held at the depot at 7 p.m.

Open Business

- Rise grant. Feb 29th at 6pm will be our 5 year economic development plan meeting to come and approve or tentatively approve. Roseanna provided handouts with different goals/strategies to ask for any edits/additional feedback, etc. Expectation is Marty will

make an annual report to the board and a written report to the township. Will be revised every 2 years.

- Community Building Grant Proposal: Roseanna would like to see state of the art broad band and technology for community building. She is also dedicated to encouraging a generator for community building. Completed plan will be roughly 50 pages. Mentioned the anniversary of the community. Women's club is open to conducting interviews to compile information about the community from years past. Roundtable event happening March 1st from 9-12pm at Flanagan State Bank to discuss location of community building, who pays for electricity, etc. This will make a legacy. Most grants are to do something, not build something. This is unusual but exciting!
- Solar Panel Regulation still in the works
- Court Street Easement is still in the works

New Business

- IWORQ presentation by Marty - way to organize violations, permits, etc. we receive. Marty provided a video to explain what this system is and how it can be of value to the Village of Flanagan. It is a cloud based system. Current process is all paper and filed into a filing cabinet and excel spreadsheet. Annual cost \$1500-\$2k Marty currently works on this all week and other weeks not a whole lot of time on it. This would work alongside our attorney and allow for him to view/have access if allowed. One provides violations, the other provides violations and permits. Table for next month and see if attorney will be utilizing/save him time and save the village on attorney cost and more information. Steve asked for Marty to discuss with Iworq rep in regards to what info is documented from a personal standpoint, drivers license, etc.
- Liquor License Issuance - 121 S Main St. George wants to open a bourbon bar and restaurant. He would like to have it open by mid summer. He would like for us to approve because it takes time for the license to be approved by the state. He mentioned the beer garden being separated from the establishment. Ordinance was addressed and asked for him to work with Marty to have it up to standards. Motion to accept Flantucky Bourbon Bar and Smokehouse Class A liquor license at 121 S Main St. Flanagan IL 61740 Kim Motioned for approval, Kristy 2nd.
- Main St. Restoration - Jim Durre's rental property (tattoo/sun n fun and pharmacy) Jim got a quote from Alvaro Cadena to preserve the bricks and is requesting assistance for the Village. Roseanna shared that Adam's office does pay 50% of an approved proposal for external repairs of business properties. Business pays for it up front and then the business owner gets reimbursed to the agreed amount. Project can't be greater than 12k for each individual property. Need 2 bids.
- Spring clean up - need to set a date. Garage sales are 25th - 27th of April. Following weekend May 3rd - 5th for Dumpster Days @ Ball Diamonds. Livingston County has their electronic clean up around the same time.
- Code book adoption - ordinance 24-02. A few small changes needed. Motion to adopt ordinance no. 2024 - 02 Jason Montello, 2nd Reid Bressner. Motion approved.
- Nuisance Ordinance No.2024 - 03 Change of enforcement process Motion Kristy Dodge, 2nd Steve Humke.

- Ordinance No 2024-02 Motion Taylor Harris, Jason Montello 2nd.
- Street Sounds (AirNetix) is selling out and has a limited stock, Bid for \$4060 for additional speakers. Reid motion, Jason 2nd.

Motion to adjourn Taylor Harris, Kristy Dodge 2nd.

Meeting Adjourned.

