

**Village of Flanagan  
November 19, 2024  
Meeting Minutes**

Called to Order by Dave Iverson  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Absent – Trustee Kim Wargo

**Approval of October 15, 2024, Meeting Minutes and Special Meeting Minutes on October 5, 2024.**

Spelling error noted on page 1 under Employee Report, “House” was incorrectly spelled in the October 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes.

Motion to Approve Minute Changes by Kristy Dodge, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jason Montello.

**Treasurer’s Report and Approval of Bills**

September 2024 Sales Tax \$6155.66

October 2024 Motor Fuel Tax \$3877.45

Also, to include with the bills to be paid is Nord Appraisal (Community Building appraisal) for \$2000 and receipt from Dollar Tree for Kim Cox for supplies for the FIT Team for \$304.01. Question regarding who Flat Out Equipment Company was – advised they are concrete.

Motion to Approve by Reid Bressner, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Terry Sullivan – Roll Call Yes.

**Comments from Persons Present**

Mr. Denny Roeschley, along with 2 other individuals, were representing Ma’s Food Pantry. The Food Pantry is currently inside the Community Building, and they were looking for a timeline from the VOF. The Food Pantry currently serves approximately 30 families and therefore they would like to get as much notice as possible. Mr. Scott Anderson advised he received a call today from Nebraska Township Supervisor, Doug Erickson, that VOF will take over possession of the building by the end of the year, it appears. VOF advised the Food Pantry they can stay in the Community Building when VOF takes possession of the building. VOF will not get started until early Spring (March). Ma’s Food Pantry was advised that the original plans do not include the Food Pantry. The Food Pantry was advised to contact Eastern Illinois Food Bank, and they could help with their situation. Roseanna also advised the Food Bank will work with you; she has picked items up for individuals that cannot make it when the Food Bank is in town. Mr. Roeschley invited the Board members to come to the Food Pantry to see the items that they have, the Pantry gets their items from the Food Bank in Bloomington, as well as local resident donates meat. Food Pantry were advised there will be asbestos removal at the end of December but that should not affect them.

**Police Report**

No officer present, activity log was reviewed.

**Employees Report**

Marc advised, the Telehandler is in, the only equipment purchased so far is the man basket, it was used today by putting up new banners, worked great, used it with the new Santa House. Fall hydrant flushing completed, leaf vacuuming and working on Santa House was reported.

**President’s Comments**

Sheriff’s Roundtable – Jason advised Representative Dennis Tipsword attended the meeting to introduce himself. He advised there were infrastructure funds available for Flanagan for which we can apply. There were Deputies that were recognized for a call in Streator involving a gun. The highlight was that the Sheriff has funding and asked every representative from the towns to do a one-to-one for Flock cameras and asked Flanagan to do two (2), they would pay for one and we

would pay for the other, however we have no price information. Dave advised he had a conversation with the Sheriff at a later date and the Sheriff's Department has received a grant, and on approval from the County Board, the Sheriff's Department would pay for the Flock cameras and installation, and if VOF would get two (2) VOF would be liable for subscription fees on an annual basis. The Sheriffs' Department wants to put Flock cameras in every community, these cameras have deterred crime in other local communities. The cameras read license plates, do not identify individuals inside the vehicle but if the vehicle's plates come back to someone that is wanted on a warrant, the camera notifies the local police department that the vehicle is in their area.

**Community Building** – Will be discussed under New Business.

**Streets and Alley Committee** - Nothing

**Personnel Committee** – Nothing

**Zoning Committee** – Nothing

### **Flanagan Fest**

The dates for 2025 Flanagan Fest will be August 22-24. Next meeting is December 2, at 5:30 p.m., at the Village Office.

### **FIT Team**

December 1<sup>st</sup> is coming soon, vendors on South Street, several food trucks, Mr. and Mrs. Claus, Santa's house will be located by the library. The Community Building will be open for a warming center. The Legion will have bingo again and Falcon's Nest will have an ugly sweater contest. The decorations have been put out and look great.

### **Open Business**

**Court Street** – paperwork signed by President of Habitat; paperwork has been filed at courthouse.

**Park Equipment** – Roseanna states she has a potential donor for equipment and was wanting to know if there was a proposal. The park will be accessible for all children but will have equipment for children with disabilities. The VOF advised Roseanna to use a \$50,000 budget.

**Rebuild Illinois Grant** – Representative Dennis Tipsword contact VOF and advised we are the recipient of a \$30,000 grant used for a new purchase or apply it for projects that have been completed in the past. It would be easier to apply it to a project that has already been completed in the past, i.e., downtown lights, water tower. There is a quick turnaround to using it that way, it was decided to use grant money that way.

### **New Business**

**Community Building** - The purchase agreement is in the hands of Nebraska Township attorney for review. The Nebraska Township has approved the agreement based on no findings from their attorney, therefore if their attorney approves it, they will not have to meet again.

**HVAC replacement** – the furnace is not working properly at Village Office, it has been repaired numerous times, it will eventually need to be replaced. The furnace was installed in 2004, advised to get 2 bids for the new furnace and AC.

**Tree Removal – 208 N. Jackson Street** - This tree is on VOF property. The resident at this location had a branch fall on his property and caused damage and is concerned another branch is going to fall. VOF had Greenland Tree Service check out the tree and was advised to be in good shape. The resident wants the VOF to help pay for the removal of the tree. The previous policy is if it is a good tree on our property, we do not cut it down. Resident has bid to take it down. VOF will not pay for removal of a healthy tree, however, nothing in writing at this time, only verbal. It was determined that residents will assume all costs for healthy tree removal if tree is on their property. A letter will be mailed to resident at 208 N. Jackson advising VOF decision.

**Ordinance Approving Purchase of Community Building - Ordinance 24-16** - Approving the purchase of community center property. This must be in place prior to signing the purchase agreement. The PAR will be started once the agreement has been signed.

Motion to Approve by Kristy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jason - Roll Call – All yes with Kim marked as absent.

**Motion to Adjourn by Terry Sullivan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kristy Dodge.**

**Meeting Adjourned.**