

Village of Flanagan
January 16, 2024
Meeting Minutes

Called to order by Dave Iverson

Pledge of Allegiance

Absent clerk Abbi Towers and Jason Montello, tardy Kristy Dodge

Approval of December Meeting Minutes

Reid Bressner Motion, Kim Wargo 2nd

Treasurer's Report

Reviewed

Motion Kristy Dodge, Taylor 2nd

Persons Present

- Danny Brown present. Lions club may possibly be doing a community sale. Wanted to know if Flanagan Fest Committee members could assist. Laura Longville is looking for volunteers to assist. Trying to have it in the spring around spring break. Audry Harlan is in favor of it. Talked about holding a meeting. Roseanna Davis added to Danny's point, from an economic development standpoint this can be an annual event that brings people into the village. She is trying to document all the things we do as a community that draws in people from outside of Flanagan into our community.

Police Report

- Kristy brought up no signage for no U Turn on Main St. That is currently in our ordinance. Dave asked Marty and Mark to do a traffic study for next meeting. No other comments.

Employees Report

- Christmas decorations and tree are cleaned up with the help of Frank Tooley. Organized and cleaned up in the depot. Talked about what is needed for cabinets in the depot. Misc shop work and snow removal. Looking to plow a few more sidewalks. Lots of ice under them currently makes it hard to plow. Steve asked if we are salting any of them. Mark stated not at this time. Steve asked for them to clean up around the school area. Reid discussed a student in a wheel chair needing assistance to get over the snow hump. Mark stated that was cleaned today 1/16.

President's Comments

- If migrant workers were to be dropped off by a bus in Flanagan, we don't have any ordinance. Dave and Jason have been working on gathering the information for what the county's ordinance is. Dave presented that ordinance and asked for us to share with community members.

Streets & Alleys

- None

Personnel Committee

- None

Zoning/Building/Ordinance Committee

- House on Jefferson is going well - habitat house.
- Morton shed
- Storage building

Flanagan Fest

- Funding request letter going out tomorrow to all donors. Next meeting February 9th at 4pm at the depot. Welcoming new members. Working on 2024 line up of events.

F.I.T. Team

- Meeting was canceled, Will be held January 31st.

Open Business

1. *Research in Illinois to Spur Economic Recovery Program (RISE)* - Roseanna presented an agenda prepared for today's meeting. Reviewed all details of the agenda. We are at the 5 yard line of the Ag budget. We are waiting for congress to act. She presented to township last Monday. Lahood stated we're at the 5 yard line. She has high expectations that we will be in the budget when we hear in the news that they approved the first 6 budgets in a package. Once it's passed, the state and Ag dept will be contacting us late of March 2024. We will then have to negotiate with Illinois on how to get a budget from them on how to obtain the line items we still need/want but will still give us the \$1.5 million, rather than the original \$2.4 million. Need to think about relocation and redesign of the new building structure. Estimated of building completion would be late spring of 2026. Would like thank the proposal writing team; Roseanna Davisson, Marty Kudla, Lia Davidson, Mike Friend - Farnsworth, and Matt Davidson - Farnsworth. Our proposal was rate as an A+ by Peoria and that is why it was taken further. Dave stated a lot of the credit goes to Roseanna. She is thankful for the expert help, the board, township board and community's help. She is very proud of it for the Village of Flanagan. This has changed her outlook on our 5 year Economic Development Plan. The School and Dr. Hansen have ideas on how to assist within the community building project. He has aspiration and collaboration for this building. Possibly in terms of early childhood development. Roseanna discussed envisioning something to really benefit senior citizens could be a possible funding source. If we focused on devastating/disaster events could also open up another type of funding source. Fire Dept. and St. John's is set up for power outages, disasters, etc. When we get to the funding part of the project, Roseanna would like for us to specifically pay attention to the numbered items. On the 29th we are meeting with the township to approve the 5 year plan. Then we have a few more weeks before we submit to the state. We are close to finalizing it.

2. *Community Building Grant Proposal* - See notes above.
3. *Solar Panel Regulation* - Marty has a brief start. More to come at the next meeting.
4. *Court Street Easement* - Purchase and sale agreement presented. Mike is our attorney and is checking on some information listed and the title work. Looking to be finalized by the next meeting. No questions by board or changes to be made by those present.
5. *Liquor Control Regulations Amendment* - Dave asked under 4a if the board is okay with the going cost of \$150 for the license. The class A license is \$250 and this would be in addition to that. Reid stated leave it as is. \$150 stays. Page 2 under conditions for operating a beer garden, under D Dave asked about the minimum being raised from 3 ft to a height that is harder to climb/hurtle. There is also a mention of pricey vs open fencing. What do we want to see there as well? Discussed 6ft as a standard height. Privacy and/or open is to the owner's discretion. Under J where it states where you can't have alcohol outside of the establishment. Dave mentioned adding to the ordinance for special events. Dave asked for a motion for these changes as listed above for ordinance 202401. Kristy motion, Steve 2nd.
6. *Vacant Building Ordinance Revision* - Discussed last meeting raising initial fee. After doing more research we can't raise it higher than \$750 at one time. Instead of doing annual, doing a semiannual registration and raising the cost to \$750. Marty suggested making the minimum requirements more strict. Board discussed some ideas and will bring more information back to the next meeting along with Marty doing additional research as well.

New Business

1. *Street Lights - Main St.* - employees asked for an additional light pole to be purchased and not to exceed 5k. Kristy motioned and Steve 2nd.
2. *Employee Handbook Review* - Dave asked for a motion to approve and update the handbook with the paid leave act, discussed in the paid leave for all workers act in our Village employee Handbook per state requirement. Motion Reid and Steve 2nd.
3. *Water and Sewer Account* - Check was compromised and cashed for 18k. Flanagan State bank covered the loss and is going after the bank it was drawn off of. Taylor discussed fraud protection mitigation, Kristy wasn't sure what options Flanagan State Bank has in terms of payables directly through them and not sourced by a 3rd party such as quickbooks. Dave asked for a motion for the board of the Village of Flanagan to open a new interest checking account for the Village of Flanagan Operating & maintenance fund due to a fraudulent check written on their current account and keep signers for the new account as follows: David Iverson, Kimberly Wargo, Julie Bettts, and Kristy Dodge and close the current operating and maintenance account once everything has been transferred to the new account. Motioned, Taylor 2nd.

Motion Steve, Kristy 2nd.

Meeting Adjourned.