

**Village of Flanagan  
October 17th 2023  
Meeting Minutes**

Called to order by Dave Iverson

Pledge

Absent trustee Reid Bressner and clerk Abbi Tower Simpkins, all others present.

**Approval of September Meeting Minutes**

Minutes not present, will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Review of fit team meeting minutes shared during this time by Kim.

- Vendor fair is booked for the community building
- Santa is going to be in the library
- Looking for donations for the bingo game
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**Treasurer's Report**

Reviewed

Motion Kristy Dodge seconded by Taylor Harris

**Persons Present**

- Questions about the internet, streets being marked, Mr. Read will be available to answer those questions during that specific time tonight.
- Robert Craib 200 West Lincoln - appreciates the grant for the internet. His hope that once its provided that it will be open to other services to allow a competitive market.

**Police Report**

Officer Fitzsimmons stated it was a pretty good month. Discussed having presence east of Washington street by Harrison St.

**Employees Report**

Mark shared report. Main St. Banners are installed and so are the speaker systems. All is working well. Need to come up with what we want for a music source and what kind/type of music we want to play. Server is housed in the Village Depot. It is portable and can be used to speak over for events. Worked on storm drain, tore it out and replaced it. Corner of lumber and Jefferson. New dump truck was purchased from Metamora township. Hydrant flushing taking place currently. Main valve cleaning is going to need to take place.

**President's Comments**

- A. What kind of music, what times, provide feedback
  - a. Holiday music for holidays during the day. Pandora shuffle.
    - i. Start with 10am - 7pm
    - ii. Banners and music change after thanksgiving for Christmas
- B. **Sheriff's Roundtable**
  - a. General information about the increase
  - b. Not supposed to be flushing your meds down the toilet. Can turn into CVS and Hospital.

- c. Tour of Vcom Dispatch - pretty impressive, real cool thing is that they have live cameras in the school of Flanagan
- d. There are specific gangs going to tractors pulling the GPS out selling them back to China who then turns around and sells them again. Another gang taking out all funds from gaming machines. State sent notice and should be taken care of.
- e. Need a lot of help in the dispatch area. They are low on employees.
- f. Next meeting is next Tuesday. - discussed having presence on Harrison st around the 4:30 hour.
- g. 75 total calls from August 1st to Sept. 1st for Flanagan

### **Streets & Alleys**

Trimming hard on bushes, trees, shrubs

### **Personnel Committee**

No comments

### **Zoning/Building/Ordinance Committee**

Two zoning permits presented. Questions on the Jefferson/South St address. No pins to be found on that lot or the two lots to the north or south. Mark can get pretty close and guess where the property lines is but not the exact measurements. Need more detail or a survey to be completed by the homeowner. Question for business owner is will it be 4 sided? We as a board don't approve to have a open ended building. Need lot pins and setback resolved before voted upon.

Motion by Jason and second by Steve to approve the application for 401 E Lincoln st.

### **Flanagan Fest**

Josie is the contact person for conexus marketing 217 521 8828

### **F.I.T. Team**

Having vendors, food trucks, parade (\$5 if you want to be judged) Dec. 3rd, We will have Bingo. Vendors are all booked. Santa is booked and will be held in library.

### **Open Business**

*Metro Communications* - Broadband

Brock present from metro communications to discuss and answer questions. Brock stated, no law that others can't come in and compete against. Fiber is already established and the cost for the fiber is already paid back to them. Every home and business will be able to get the internet. Everything they do is directional bore. They get measurements from county. Usually ends on street side of sidewalk. Work Monday - Friday. All ground that is tore up gets leveled by end of week, seeded, and strayed. He is available 24 hours by phone for sewer hits, water hits, etc. Jeremy will be the guy that's here or within a 20 mile radius of here everyday. Some installations is in front and some are within alley. When they design all they have to go off of is a google earth image. Drills are too large to only be within the alley. They will be on private property when installing. Everything is board except for the drop to the house. Owner has to call and ask for service and then they do the drop to the house. How is the route determined? Homeowner can

decide. Irrigation controller box will sit/split each lot line and then it can be split from there. Connexus has a inside home install team that will come out once the route is completed to the residence home. Wanting to start Nov. 1st How long do you anticipate it will take? Entire town of Flanagan will be a month to a month and a half for the conduit. Roseanne discussed the grant that was submitted for 2020 and 2021. Dept halted the process and reopened the process, Marty and Roseanna tried communicating with Brittany but no response. We thought the lines were going down the alleys. Proposal for the layout for the grant was to go down the alleys. Major benefit to us was going to be grant covering the cost for the line to the home and the box. He stated they don't charge anything for the drop to the house. They charge for the modem within the cost of the internet service.

All self funded. We don't get charged for them to come in and do this. Josie will be in contact with someone from the village for the ground breaking ceremony. Roseanna is asking for the ceremony to assist in our economic development plan. They will provide free Wi-Fi for our events. Will be present at the Christmas Event with marketing. G3 verifier to assist with trying to find water lines. Dave mentioned concern on water lines when they are accessing from the front yard rather than alley. Brock Read can be reached at 217 853 9365. Marty will be Josie's contact for

*RISE Grant* - Roseanna discussed she is paying for the Carles Realty Office until December. Would like for us to drop by and read the grant. Approx. 10 am - 5pm. She is actively working on the plan. Nancy stated we really need to highlight that we are from the soybean capital of the US. (Livingston County). Mr. Danny Brown confirmed. Need to highlight our farm related businesses, who is our largest employer in our area? She is collecting a lot of other data as well. How to position ourselves for companies to choose to come here. Companies look at villages/towns with published plans.

- Community building grant is within the agricultural budget, no update as they don't have a resolution within their dept. yet. Current waiting game.

*Dump Truck* - Dump truck is the process of getting license and insurance.

*Solar Panel Regulation* - No update on Solar Panel Regulation

*Court St Easement* - Mike Johnson is now living there and is all for making it a road easement.

## **New Business**

*Liquor License* - 127 S Main. County stated no regulation on their end. Village president or mayor would need to make that decision. Would prefer to hear from the state. Current question, is it an issue to have two adjacent businesses/bar sharing one beer garden?

*Reviewal of Ordinance 23-04 Section M* - Presented neighbor agreement to board. Form/agreement is approved and Marty will send to the residence to utilize when obtaining neighbors approval of Hawk.

*Dump Truck Sale* - 1997 Dodge Dump Truck to go up for auction. Jason motioned, Steve Second. \$500 opening bid price. Snow plow to go with it. Made specifically for that truck.

*Halloween Hours* - Halloween Oct. 31st. 4 - 7 p.m.  
Lions Club hotdog roast 5pm. - 8pm. Legion Lake

Motion Steve, Kristy Second.

Meeting Adjourned.