

**Village of Flanagan
December 17, 2024
Meeting Minutes**

Called to Order by Dave Iverson
Pledge of Allegiance
Absent – Trustee Reid Bressner

Approval of December November 19, 2024, Meeting Minutes

Motion to Approve Minutes by Terry Sullivan, 2nd by Kristy Dodge.

Treasurer’s Report and Approval of Bills

October 2024 Sales Tax \$8369.37

November 2024 Motor Fuel Tax \$4079.46

Motion to Approve by Kristy Dodge, 2nd by Jason Montello – Roll Call Yes.

Comments from Persons Present

Mrs. Kim Cox presented VOF Board with 380 signatures to save the noon whistle. She stated the whistle has been sounding since 1949, she has numerous comments supporting the noon whistle. Currently over 100 residents have signed the petition, the rest are individuals that work in the area and past residents. The Board was asked what the issue was, and persons present were advised over several years have received complaints that the whistle is disruptive to children’s sleep pattern or too old fashioned for the community. The Board was asked to reconsider as there are a lot of people who want/like the siren. The people present were advised that the sirens were placed where they are at per FEMA and must reach a certain decibel so everyone can hear it that is why sirens cannot be moved. Comments stated the siren is a staple of the community even our new light poles have an antique look to them. Mrs. Cox stated a farmer that lives 4 miles out of town appreciates the siren, it reminds him it is time to eat. The people present were advised that the siren will still be a functioning siren for emergency incidents. VOF is currently exploring cutting down the siren from 10 seconds to 5 second run time. A question was raised about other irritable noises in town, that if we start with one will the VOF be talking about other noises. Mayor Iverson asked if there was something the Board needed to address and was advised nothing at this time. Mrs. Cox read several comments that she had received. The people present were advised that no vote was possible tonight because the item was not on the agenda, this topic will be placed on the January Agenda.

Mr. Mike Tallent, Goldenrod Drive, advised cars are driving through the ditch near the school’s bus barn and wanted VOF to be advised and asked if something could be done. Mr. Tallent feels this is happening before and after school. VOF will contact the school to come up with a plan.

Mr. Frank Tooley wanted to know if the light next to the Christmas tree could be put on a switch, so it can be shut off. Mr. Tooley believes the light takes away from the lights on the tree. Advised this is something possible, VOF will look into it.

Comments from Persons Present - continued

Mr. Tallent also advised the garbage trucks driving on Goldenrod are taking the curve too sharp and are driving into people's yard and making a mess, making a big mud hole. It was noted the trucks are diving up and down the roads fast as well. Mr. Tallent advised he does like the new lights that shine in the back of his yard.

Police Report

No officer present, activity log was reviewed.

Employees Report

Marc advised the Santa House was finished and assisted in the cleanup of Sunday Fun Day. The lights on Route 116 are going up, not sure if completed. Furnace at Village Hall and at shop went down, new control boards were installed in each. Completed leaf vacuuming and miscellaneous shop work to get caught up. Thanked Marc and his crew for a great job on the Santa House. It was also noted that the school's art teacher along with Marc and Marty did the painting on the Santa House.

President's Comments

Sheriff Roundtable – Jason advised FLOCK cameras were brought up. Jason stated the Sheriff will attend each town/village monthly meeting to talk about the \$200,000 grant they received for FLOCK cameras and officially ask the town/villages to help with his five-year program. The Sheriff's goal is to attend all meetings within the first six months of 2025. The Sheriff wants to set up a five-year program for statistics on the use of the FLOCK camera. The Sheriff wants an additional 22 cameras in Livingston County, he currently has ideas on where the cameras should be placed in all towns and villages in Livingston County. The Sheriff's five-year program would have Livingston County pay for the first three years and the towns/villages pay for the remaining two years at \$3000 a camera. Jason advised the Sheriff wants to put two FLOCK cameras in Flanagan which would cost VOF \$12,000 for the two cameras at the end of the two year program. This will not include the cameras in the squad cars, just the pole camera. Jason stated that FLOCK cameras only read license plates; they do not monitor the speed of vehicles.

Community Building – VOF still does not have a signed purchase agreement, waiting on Nebraska Township's attorney, Mary Ludwig. She has not returned anyone's calls to date. Reviewed individuals interested in being on the new community building board. Kristy advised she spoke previously about being on the board. Jason advised he can do it, as well as Dave. Suggested getting an outside person on the board and bringing names to next board meeting. Mr. Frank Tooley advised he would be interested; he was advised his name would be put down tentatively. Asbestos is possibly going to be removed by the end of the month.

Streets and Alley's – Nothing

Personnel Committee

There were approximately 40 resumes regarding the posting for Public Works Laborer for VOF. The Committee will meet and pick the top 10 candidates. Deadline is January 1.

Zoning Board – Nothing

Flanagan Fest

Met on December 2nd, new dates for Flanagan Fest will be August 22-24. Pre-planning has begun. The festival turned out well with a positive balance of \$5600.

FIT Team

Kim advised the team did very well, everything went great. They want to change their name, as they are not an improvement team, only do the Santa event. However, was advised that changing the name might hurt grants per Roseanna previously. Advised we can leave it as it is for now will look into it later. There were over 50 children that came to see Santa. Kim feels more items can be added for next year, will talk about them at their next meeting. Suggestions were to have Santa there more than once. Names were submitted for helping with Santa next year. Kim Cox and Frank Tooley were thanked for their help this year.

Open Business

Court Street Easement - The Title has been filed, waiting on a closing date and it is possible to do a remote closing where no one has to go into the title company, that signatures can be done and get is notarized.

Park Equipment – no updates

New Business

HVAC replacement – 2 bids have been submitted, currently waiting on another bid. Since putting in a control board this should buy us time hopefully. Tabled for the next meeting to see if another bid is submitted.

Yard of the Month - Several inquiries from residents stating they want to bring it back. The more we can promote beautification of Flangan the better off we are. We could do holiday decorations, i.e., Xmas, Halloween, and Thanksgiving, with winners receiving a gift certificate from local businesses. Between March and October, have “Best Kept Yard,” with nominations coming from community, not the VOF. It was discussed using the SMS app or Facebook, Marty will look into how the voting can be done.

Yea and Nay vote for bringing back Yard of the Month - All Yeas, no Nays.

Development Property

Looking into ideas on how to approach individuals who have real estate connected to the VOF. Suggestion was to look at plat book and actually talk to the individuals. GLCEDC (Adam Dontz) can help, Terry advised he will see him tomorrow and talk to him about ideas. A developer needs to be used as well as incentives, i.e., tax incentives, hook-up fees,

ask the school to help possible waive their share of the taxes, similar to a TIF. Adam would be particularly good with this, as he has done this in the past for other areas.

Motion to Adjourn by Kristy Dodge, 2nd by Terry Sullivan.

Meeting adjourned.