

**Village of Flanagan
August 20, 2024
Meeting Minutes**

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

Approval of July Meeting Minutes

No correction needed.

Motion to Approve by Taylor Harris, 2nd by Kristy Dodge.

Treasurer’s Report/Approval of Bills

June 2024 Sale Tax was \$6950.10.

July 2024 Motor Fuel Tax was \$3833.42.

Bills Reviewed

Motion to Approve by Reid Bressner, 2nd by Steve Humke – Roll Call – Yes.

Persons Present

Mr. Donnie Simmons, Livingston County Health Department was present. Mr. Simmons advised there will be a tire collection next month, opened to all residents and municipalities in Livingston County. Anyone wishing to recycle tires is advised to call the Health Department to schedule a time for drop off. All tires except agricultural or heavy equipment tires are acceptable. This year they are putting a restriction to 20 tires per resident. The tire collection will run until the end of September, or until they reach the limit of tires they can take – this is the 3rd year. Marty will post information on the VOF website. Mr. Simmons also wanted to know if the VOF had received any complaints about a house on Lilac Street, the Health Department is currently investigating several complaints. *Further information regarding this will be discussed under Streets and Alley Portion of the VOF meeting.*

Police Report

Deputy Ruiz was present. Deputy Ruiz is a K-9 officer with the Sheriff’s Department, been with the department for 3 years, came from Fairbury Police Department. Deputy Ruiz advised since school is back in session they are sitting at intersections and looking for violations. The night shift’s concentration is doing walk around business and checking for open doors at night.

Employees Report

Marc advised they still had several days of storm clean up after our last meeting, then continued getting ready for Flanagan Fest. Spray patching has been completed; it took 2 days. Seal coating for Court Street will start next week. The lift station had one pump go down, and with the help of Ben Schneider, he helped put the backup pump in, but still having problems with it. Ben suggested that VOF get someone who works on lift stations, as he believes it is something mechanical and not electrical. The old pump needed new bearings and is ready to be picked up. It was suggested to put the fixed pump back in to

make sure there are not bad windings in the backup pump. Marc stated there is currently one pump that is dependable and just set it to run on that one if necessary.

President's Comments

Sheriff Roundtable – the question regarding our contract and 911 calls, previously asked at last month's meeting was answered, Jason advised this will not go towards our contract. Jason will verify when our contract ends at his next meeting. Jason also stated that VOF will not be charged towards our contract because the officer was present, them showing up was more of a public service.

Community Building – had special meeting and presented our thoughts and/or options to Nebraska Township Board. Nebraska is to be meeting this week to determine what they want to do, gave them a 2-week deadline. M & O was here to give us an estimate on asbestos removal and Nebraska Township was going to get an estimate as well. Mike Friend was introduced, he retired recently from Farnsworth after 45 years in civil engineering, the last 8 years he managed the civil section at Farnsworth group in their Champaign office. He has worked with grant management processes and would like to offer VOF his experiences and help the VOF with the management of our grant. He would like to assist Marty on grant management and training because the administration of the grant must be in accordance with the grant management agency that the legislative body has chosen, which is USDA Rural Development. Mike stated you must submit paperwork in certain ways in which the agency that manages the grant likes. He stated he had a call with Julie Beer, the manager for this grant, and her superior is Julie Hatfield. The legislators have asked the USDA to streamline some of the paperwork. Mike stated the PAR has now been scaled way back and the environmental compliance section is now at the state level instead of national level. We still must submit an application to USDA to get money, even though we have been awarded the grant. The draft of the professional services agreement submitted by Farnsworth has the full guidance document, which has now been reduced. Various items needed will have to include schematic design, floor plan and real costs of construction and demolition and various other items. They want to see if the VOF has the financial ability to operate and maintain the building (OAM budget). Mike will work with Roseanna and Scott, from Farnsworth, to get the corrected/new information that is now required and submitted to Julie Hatfield. Dave advised there was a meeting on August 13th, with Congressman Darin LaHood, he was shown the community building. At this meeting we voiced to him our concerns with just our name on the grant. Within 5 days his office produced guidelines in producing an intergovernmental agreement with Nebraska Township and in that agreement, the tax money they receive for the community building will go into maintaining the building, not into a different line item. We will still be working with Julie Beers from Rural Development in Champaign now and everything will flow a lot quicker.

Main Street – no update.

Streets & Alley

Lilac Property (continued) – there is an issue regarding the pool water becoming stagnant and foul odor. The Health Department is looking at the swimming pool as well, according to Mr. Simmons. Marty is checking on the VOF ordinances regarding pool maintenance and will start looking at nuisance ordinances as well. Mr. Simmons stated the Health Department can go through the State Statute regarding the pool. VOF will send information to Livingston County Health Department regarding our concerns regarding public health. It was decided to go through VOF ordinances as well as contact the Livingston County Health Department.

Personnel Committee – Nothing to report.

Zoning Committee

210 N. Harrison has submitted a permit for an addition. The information submitted reviewed; however, lot pins cannot be located recommended having a survey required since they are wanting to go right to the five-foot setback. Marc will advise applicant to have lot pins located and will discuss at next meeting.

204 N. Harrison, solar energy system permit submitted.

Motion by Jason Montello, 2nd by Steve Humke.

Flanagan Fest

Currently, no numbers reported. The committee believed they had a better turnout on this Friday than last year. Rain put a damper on crowds on Saturday. Thank you to all Village volunteers and volunteers from the residents.

F.I.T. Team – Nothing to Report

OPEN BUSINESS

Court Street – nothing to report. It was noted, the property owner's attorney is working to get paperwork straightened out.

Park Equipment – Rosanne looked at catalog that had grant resources in the back, unfortunately the VOF is not eligible for those types of grants. She has contact information for a person that can do grants for small villages for playground equipment. Rosanna is asking local individuals for input on types of equipment.

New Business

Telescoping Forklift Purchase – Marc reached out to two companies, Stoller's and H&E Rentals, about lease agreements. H&E did not get back to Marc, however Stollers provided information on a JCV525, 36 mo. lease for \$1452 a month (\$17,424 a year), and at the end of lease the buyout is fair market value or return to them. Stoller has a used 2012 with 7300 hours on it for almost \$40,000. Marc advised to keep looking.

IWORQ Texting Services – Marty was approached by a salesperson regarding TextMyGov, a handout was presented. This company does work with IWORQ, the difference is pricing, we get 12,000 credits a year with Simple Texting, for approximately \$600 and TextMygov would be 25,000 credits for \$1500 for a year. This is something we can look at in the future as we currently do not have the volume for TextMyGov at this time. This company does have better features, but currently we only have approximately 180 users and cannot justify the price increase. Marty will start advertising to our residents regarding the texting services provided by the VOF. Marty advised that VOF is currently under no contract with Simple Texting.

Regulation for Storage Units Ordinance 2024-13 – shipping containers used for storage in VOF. The ones that are in place are retroactive. Marty stated he had not heard from the lawyer and stated not to pass anything tonight as there were questions regarding this new Ordinance. Various changes to the Ordinance were noted – tabled for another meeting.

Motion to Adjourn by Taylor Harris, 2nd by Kristy Dodge.

Meeting Adjourned.