

**Village of Flanagan
October 15, 2024
Meeting Minutes**

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

Approval of September 17, 2024, Meeting Minutes

The incorrect name of Trustee Dodge was noted on a number of pages.
Motion to Approve Minute Changes by Kristy Dodge, 2nd by Jason Montello.

Treasurer's Report and Approval of Bills

August 2024 Sales Tax \$6324.14
September 2024 Motor Fuel Tax \$3936.69

Bills Reviewed

New Ameren Lights have not been installed to date.
Motion to Approve Bills by Kristy Dodge, 2nd by Steve Humke – Roll Call – Yes.

Police Report

Deputy Givens was present. The police report provided was reviewed. One issue brought up was farmer traffic going to elevator. VOF will get travel route signage and put something at the elevator. Deputy Givens advised he will pass the information on.

Employee Report

Marty stated a temporary aerator at the primary lagoon to dissolve the oxygen was installed, which is good, putting in the extra aerator helped. Still waiting for sonar scan results, we will hopefully report next month. Greenland Tree Services took out 3 trees this month. There were more sidewalks replaced, there was damage to sidewalk at a construction site, VOF replaced a total of 105 feet of sidewalk. Leaf vac season is coming, the leaf vac is in the shop for minor repair. Getting supplies for Santa Housse, hydrant flushing 1st week of November, which will be during evening hours, text messages will be sent out. Checking with Greenland Tree Service to put pine trees out by our lagoon, possible for future Christmas trees and will check to see if VOF has any credit trees coming from them.

President's Comments – None.

Sheriff Roundtable – None, however stats were provided.

Community Building – Nebraska Township came back with a counteroffer from our counteroffer. Nebraska Township Supervisor Erickson was present to answer questions. Since there is no history prior to the community building being developed, Mike Friend suggested we put something in the contract regarding environmental liabilities as he has had this come up in past experiences with removal of the older building. We do not suspect any fuel tanks, but an environmental study will have to be done, not sure if it will require soil testing or just boring.

Sewer Treatment Project – Voted previously to proceed with grant application for sewer project. No update currently.

Streets and Alley – None.

Personnel Committee

The Committee reviewed information that was provided by the Village's attorney and recommended approval of the updated version of the **Appendix Drug and Alcohol-Free Workplace Policy**. Motion to Adopt into Handbook by Jason Montello, 2nd by Terry Sullivan.

Zoning Committee

303 S. Cinnamon – Solar Project – Motion to Approve by Steve Humke, 2nd by Jason Montello.

219 N. Jackson – Temporary Car Port – A temporary permit was presented with 1 year allowance for permit – Motion to Approve for 1 year by Terry Sullivan, 2nd by Jason Montello.

Ririe Street – New Construction – Most of building on one lot, Schwerin handbook did not previously allow a bardominium, however this will be frame with metal roof and applicant states she has received permission from Schwerin's. Motion to Approve by Reid Bressner, 2nd by Steve Humke.

Flanagan Fest – None.

FIT Team – None.

Open Business

Court Street – Still waiting on lawyer.

Park Equipment – None.

Noon Whistle – Received a request to not signal the siren at noon daily as siren is in front of individual's house. The siren cannot be moved, there is no requirement that it must go off at noon. Village President Iverson called for Yeas and Nays with 2 Yeas for keeping noon whistle, 3 Nays for not keeping noon whistle. The siren will still go off on the first Tuesday of the month, for national emergencies and weather, this will be effective January 1, 2025.

New Business

Telescoping Forklift – Received information from Gerdes Outdoor Power, will go look at equipment, this brand of Genie is highly recommended. Suggestion was made to purchase a standard skid loader attachment bracket so we can use attachments, which could be used as a snow pusher. Also need to get actual certified basket and harnesses. Motion to purchase 2107 Genie for \$47,500 and purchase basket and bracket not to exceed \$6000 was made Reid Bressner, 2nd by Kristy Dodge. Roll Call – Yes.

Property Development – No lots available that are desirable to build residential property. Discussion on how to incentivize people to develop property inside the enterprise zone. Sewer capacity is designed for growth and there is enough water for growth. Possible develop more out on Route 116, possible entice a developer, possible multifamily residential;

there is a nationwide push to do away with single family zoning. Local areas are looking into multifamily housing. Incentives could be sewer hookup fees, water hookup fees, tax incentives. Representative Jason Barickman could be a contact. Suggestion to contact the school board to see if they have a plan for additional students. Keeping up with the enterprise zone on Route 116 for commercial purposes, as we are a village surrounded by farmland.

RMA Insurance Bid – This is VOF insurance for vehicles and liabilities. VOF will go with Option 1. Motion to Approve annual invoice for \$17,314.62 by Jason Montello, 2nd by Kristy Dodge. It was noted that the new forklift will need to be added for a slight increase.

AIG Event Insurance – This covers volunteers for medical expenses if injured. The premium is based on the number of volunteers and the number of days needed. This insurance would have covered the injury at Flanagan Fest that the Village had to pay.

VOF will go with this insurance, Base PLAN 2. No vote is needed as it will be below the approval amount needed.

Insurance Compensation – RMA insurance will pay for the volunteer's medical bills even though was not employed by VOF. RMA will pay \$3000, VOF will pay the remainder \$2735. Motion to pay balance by Steve Humke, 2nd by Reid Bressner – Roll call Yes.

Tax Levy Ordinance 24-15 – This is due at the end of December. We request the maximum percentage we are allowed to increase, which is 3.65%. Livingston County usually awards us 2.5%. Motion to Approve Ordinance 24-15 by Terry Sullivan, 2nd by Kristy Dodge.

Motion to Close Session by Reid Bressner, 2nd by Kristy Dodge.

Motion to Open Session by Jason Montello 2nd by Kristy Dodge.

Community Building

Motion to accept Nebraska Township's October 15, 2024, proposal to VOF for purchase of the existing community building for \$47,205, with stipulations for timely payments after 60 days with 2% interest penalty every 30 days after 60 days, possession will be at closing and Nebraska Township will be responsible for giving notice to Food Pantry which is in their portion of the building. Motion by Jason Montello, 2nd by Kristy Dodge. Roll call – Yes.

Motion to Adjourn by Steve Humke, 2nd by Kristy Dodge.

Meeting Adjourned.