

**Village of Flanagan  
December 19th 2023  
Meeting Minutes**

Called to order by Dave Iverson

Pledge of Allegiance

Absent clerk Abbi Tower - Simpkins, all others present.

**Approval of November Meeting Minutes**

Edit needed: Cedar Post instead of Cider Post under persons present.

Steve Humke Motion, Kristy 2nd

**Treasurer's Report**

Reviewed

Motion Reid Bressner, Taylor 2nd

**Persons Present**

- Don Reints running for Illinois State Representative. Lived in Flanagan for a few years. Now lives between Benson and Minonk. Married for 35 years. 6 children. Youngest still in school. Has been employed by state police, prison, CAT, and more. Now currently works for State Farm. President of Benson Fire Protection District. Serves on other boards as well. He is conservative. He believes people should run the government and small government should run the show. Believes the people should run the state not state run the people. Right to 2nd amendment and pro life. If he is elected he will be there to support small towns, villages, townships, etc. Asked if anyone has any questions or concerns. Next election is March 19th - primary. Feb 9th is the start of the mail in ballots and early voting. Tip sword and Rients running for Illinois Representative. Roseanna stated she is particularly concerned about the grants specifically for Flanagan. Shared about the block grant and the state decides how it's divided. Don shared more about how it's actually going to be allocated. No other comments from person's present.

**Police Report**

October police report presented.

No questions

**Employees Report**

Finished up leaf vacuum. Installed Christmas tree and decorations. Setup and Tear down of Santa Sunday Funday. One day of snow plowing. New truck worked great. Working on the sewer man holes that are set too low. Our in Jensen subdivision on the hill there. 1 was 12 in below ground and another further. They raised them back up after digging them out. Started doing some off season work. Metro is still currently working on 116. All in town main conduit is completed. All existing customers are getting their fiber installed to their home. Cyber Dog Communications is the third party plowing it in 6-8 inches deep.

**President's Comments**

**A. Sheriff's Roundtable**

- a. Detective gave a presentation over their job.
  - b. Full staff for patrol currently. Everyone has been trained and on duty.
  - c. 3 correction officer jobs open for application
  - d. Latest update on flock cameras. 14 cams in the county as of last month that are active and working. Many plates, searches, 1170 hot list hits, 416 other depts utilized the info off of Livingston Counties. Pontiac is currently working on installing one right off the interstate. In January we will have actual numbers off of income they generate.
  - e. Dave asked what his personal view was on Don Reints. He believes in “freedom not being tracked all the time”. Thinks its consolidation of smaller government. “Believes we need to have our freedom in this country.”
- B. Graymont Co-Op wants to install fiber off of the water tower to speed up internet in town for those who utilize Graymont Coop internet.
- C. Dave asks for permission to sign off a lot (#5) because it isn't needed for the retention pond anymore and has a buyer interested. We have to sign the release if we want to move forward. Bigger tile was installed and so no water has tried to escape the existing pond since then. Motion to sign the release for the lot by Reid, seconded by Steve. All in favor.

### **Streets & Alleys**

Cleaned a few bushes out of some alleys. All alleys will need a good amount of rock next year. No big capital projects at this point.

### **Personnel Committee**

No comments

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

None.

### **Flanagan Fest**

First meeting of the new year will be January 6th.

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

Kim thanked everyone for their help. Changing a few things up for next year and adding a few new things as well. Had their meeting last week to recap. Vendors were busy and did very well. A lot more vendors wanting to come next year. We need to look for a place to put them next year. Food needs to be organized a bit better next year. Both bars participated which helped bring people together. Looking at a 20x40 tent with sides. Have everyone keep their eyes out for a tent. Wanting to draw in Minonk and other surrounding towns. Taylor doing the marketing/advertising. Dave thanked Kim.

### **Open Business**

*Rise Grant* - Roseanna needs to expand it quite a bit about the agriculture around here and other topics shown within the packet she presented. Asks for someone to review it and give her good honest feedback on it. When we have events like Santa Sunday Funday, it's an economic

development for us. When we host we should see a increase in our motor and sales tax. She was excited to see an increase in sales tax in August when we hosted Flanagan Fest. We should see positive increase in foot traffic as we continue to host these events. She would like to get commitment from someone to come talk to her in her office in the Doug Carls building. Dave and Taylor gave their commitment for January. Another joint meeting with the township needed in February. February 29th at 6 pm is our goal date for the meeting to be held. Roseanna will bring that to the township to confirm date.

*Community Building Grant update* - Lahood's office hasn't provided any further of an update. No new information. Real push will take place in January. Either a shut down or compaction.

*Solar Pannel Regulation* - still in the work

*Court Street Easement* - Dave Marty and Mark met with one of the aires. They provided okay to purchase for 5k. Attorneys are currently drafting that up.

### **New Business**

*Liquor Control Regulations Amendment* - Jason found a regulation document to utilize/base our regulations off of. Attorneys reviewed our ordinances. Steve asked for "business owner to isolate any and all business utilities be separated/protected by a robust barrier or fence enclosure and suitable for approval." Also would like attorneys to add a "privacy fence restriction for beer gardens" (Class E). Dave will ask for a rough draft to be viewed for next meeting.

*Tax Levy 23-07* - Needs to be turned in by December to make our fiscal year. Should read 2024 - 2025. Currently reads May 1, 2023 - April 30, 2024. No other questions. Motion for approval with dates being changed Reid, 2nd Jason. Motion approved. All in favor.

*Nuisance Reviewal* - Last year we sent them a vacant building nuisance. 2 people complied and paid the 1st year fine of \$300. Dave would like to revisit the fine fees and alter them to make them more aggressive. He stated "open for ideas". Currently sits at \$300 first year and increases by \$100 each year. Village is wanting to encourage owners to finish their projects. Steve presented "first year \$500 and then each month following be \$500 there after." How are we going to define progress once exterior is complete? Taylor asked for the exceed statement to be removed from current building. Another trustee stated \$1000 first year and \$500 each month after. This dings us on our occupancy, Roseanna shared. One on Jefferson has no electricity and no water. Both are deemed uninhabitable. Final board decision of 5k for the first 12 months, \$500 a month there after. Removing exceed statement all together.

*Street Lights - Main St.* - Community member asked for 4 more to be installed across intersection by Legion, Community Building etc. It's currently setup to expand. 4,000ish per light post last time we purchased. Identical to what we have now. Motion Jason, Kristy 2nd. All in favor.

*Office Storage* - We are running out of fire proof storage, in need of cabinets that provide security measures. Marty is looking for additional storage for records that have to be kept for 7 years. Motion to approve Marty to purchase the 36 x 20 x 72 fire resistant storage cabinet not to exceed \$5500. Jason motion, Reid 2nd. All in favor.

*Sale of Village Equipment* - Mark talked with a rep wanting to know what we are doing with our old aerators. We would keep 1 and sell the other 3 that we don't use. They are pretty dated and taking up space. Attorney stated we need to come up with a minimum price to sell them at and have board approval. Our biggest and newest one is roughly \$7k. Our older ones we don't know much about. The demand is not high for them. Start at \$3500 for the 3 total as a package. See if there is any interest and lower cost from there. They are a thing of the past for the most part. We will vote on the ordinance once it's drafted. Office Chair presented for purchase for the board and for Marty's desk.

*Paid leave for all workers act* - this is for all part time and full time employees. Our full time employees won't have any adjustments. The part time needs to be added to the handbook for voting. Starting Jan 1 2024 every 40 hours worked you accrue 1 hour paid time off and carry over 40 hours per the bill paid leave for all workers act by Governor.

Motion Kim, Kristy 2nd.

Meeting Adjourned.