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Public Property Committee Meeting
Streets/Municipal Center/Pool/Parks & Recreation
(Matchett/Albers/Heap/Kaiser)
Wednesday, May 10, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting of the Public Property Committee was called to order at 6:22 p.m., on Wednesday, May 10, 2023, by Chairman Ray Matchett. Members present were Chairman Ray Matchett, Trustee Denise Albers, Trustee Mike Heap, Trustee Bob Kaiser (absent), Mayor Seth Speiser, Village Clerk Jerry Menard (absent), Trustee Mike Blaies, Trustee Lisa Meehling, Village Attorney Fred Keck (left at 6:26 p.m.), Public Works Director John Tolan, Police Chief Mike Schutzenhofer, Zoning Administrator Matt Trout, Village Administrator Tony Funderburg and Office Manager Julie Polson. Guest present: Janet Baechle. There were no guests present via Zoom.

POOL: A. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Pool Employee Hires: Julie reported we have a lifeguard from Mascoutah that would like to work at the pool. We also have a new aquatics instructor that we would like to hire.

Trustee Denise Albers motioned to recommend to the full Board Madalyn McMurray be hired as a lifeguard at \$13 per hour for the 2023 pool season, and Tammy Hotchkiss be hired as an aquatic fitness instructor, and Trustee Mike Heap seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Maddison Rodriguez Memorial Foundation 2nd Annual Trivia Night Fundraiser Donation Request: The committee agreed to donate a 10-visit pass to the pool.

Village Administrator Tony Funderburg does not think we are going to raise admission rates. Public Works Director John Tolan advised the pool is full, shocked and treated. One of the concession stand coolers needs repair. Zoning Administrator Matt Trout has reached out to Mascoutah since they had an overabundance of lifeguard applicants.

STREETS: A. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Approval of April 12, 2023 Minutes: Trustee Mike Heap motioned to recommend to the full Board approval of the April 12, 2023 Minutes, and Trustee Denise Albers seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.
2. E. Drainage Problem Areas/Stormwater Run-Off: John stated they are working on a culvert and Cherry/High, and the customer paying for culvert. There is a lot of drainage coming off the parking lot on Southgate Drive. The culvert was clogged, and there was a lot of debris on road. Matt sent an email to Bel-Clair Electric to get it taken care of.
3. Customer Issues: Nothing to report.
4. Wolf Road Project: East/West Gateway said IDOT has to review the request.

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5. MFT – Oates Associates Invoice #36993 in the amount of \$1,050.00: *Trustee Denise Albers motioned to recommend to the full Board Oates Associates Invoice in the amount of \$1,050.00 for approval, and Trustee Mike Heap seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Project #23-03: Purchase of 4 Police Interceptors at a cost of \$211,540: Village Administrator Tony Funderburg said the cars are available right now, are gas, rates are somewhat low, and would like to pay the loan over 3 years since he has budgeted \$50,000 in this year's budget. Tony said electric cars are going to be the future and that worries him. This would complete our entire force being SUVs. Chief Schutzenhofer said they are currently in stock and are first come, first serve. Tony said we may have to look at the K-9 vehicle at some point. We did not have any vehicles budgeted last year. Chief Schutzenhofer commented we are the first line of defense for everything.

Trustee Denise Albers motioned to recommend to the full Board the purchase of four 2023 Ford Police Interceptor Utility AWD Vehicles at a cost of \$52,885 each for a total of \$211,540.00, and Trustee Mike Heap seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.

Tony provided copies of his Strategic Plan and would like everyone to review it. He met with Trustee Meehling and Attorney Keck and discussed his proposal. After everyone has had a chance to review it, he will move forward with meeting with our employees. This plan talks about our strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, how to fix problems through the budget and how to conduct a SWOT analysis. Trustee Meehling advised part of the conversation involved Tony meeting with the department heads and employees to figure out what their goals and needs are. She believes that will foster improved communication, and allow those groups to be able to come to us on where things stand, what is important to them, and what we need to focus on. Everyone will be aware of what our goals are and what we need to do to get there. Tony also said he would like to have the salary study, comprehensive plan and pool addressed in this process.

- C. GENERAL CONCERNS:** Mayor Speiser stated he is tired of our staff being criticized at every meeting we have. Has anyone thanked Mike for the 80 hours of shift coverage he worked while we were shorthanded and Tony completing the budget in a timely manner? You criticize Tony for not getting something done in a two-week timeframe and he was on vacation one of those weeks. If you think you can find a better administrator and chief, you bring them to me. Mayor Speiser stated he is done consulting with the board on appointments, and he will appoint the positions on his own. He will run this village with the best person possible. Both Tony and Mike are the best people for their positions that he has found in 10 years. They are the core of this village and don't receive the proper respect from the board. Trustee Albers said there are times they compliment them, and Mayor Speiser said they do not hear it enough.

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

- E. ADJOURN:** *Trustee Mike Heap motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 p.m., and Trustee Denise Albers seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*



Julie Polson
Office Manager