

Village of Bloomington
Regular Board Meeting
October 3, 2022

The regular monthly meeting of the Village Board was called to order by Village President Robert McLimans at 7:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was said.

Roll call was taken, present: Robert McLimans, Dennis Moris, Tim Senn, Dawn Drew, Nate Copsey, Bob Fox, and Scott Daentl.

Motion was made by Fox and seconded by Drew to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting for September 5, 2022, as read in e-mail. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Daentl and seconded by Drew to approve the accounts payable reports for September 2022. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Officer Small was present to give his report. Officer Small went through his written report with the board. McLimans thanked Officer Small, and, if anything comes up, he will call him.

Kuenster and Valdovinos from the Bloomington Public Library were present. They presented the board with their budget for 2023 and explained various aspects. Kuenster explained and handed out information on the cost of different flooring to the board and that the library board would like to replace the carpet in the library, and the library would put \$2,500.00 towards the cost if the Village would pick up the other \$2,500.00. The board explained they have not done the budget yet for 2023 and would let them know.

Drew was present and asked the board when the Ice Cream Shop opens up, could they place small tables and chairs on the sidewalk and put lattice along the rail to keep children safe from falling over the edge. Fox made the motion and seconded by Senn to allow the Ice Cream Shop to put small tables and chairs on the sidewalk outside the shop and put lattice up in front of the railing.

Udelhofen was present to explain the law on bats. They are a protected species and cannot be killed. The board asked him about the dead tree on the property, and he stated he would contact the owner, and it will be taken care of.

Motion was made by McLimans and seconded by Moris to grant a land use permit to Oliver Reistroffer to enclose the car port and place a tool shed on the property at 521 Canal St. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Ronnie Mumm was not present to give the maintenance report. McLimans stated that Mumm expressed his opinion on who he would like to see hired to replace Bierman. The board decided that Drew, Daentl and McLimans would interview the applicants for the maintenance position along with Mumm. The committee would then decide who would best fit in the job with Mumm's recommendation.

Mark Digman was present from Delta 3 Engineering and Dale Klemme from Community Development Alternatives. Digman handed out plans for street projects to start on. Klemme explained about how and what would need to be done to apply for the CBDG grant, and the cost would be around \$5,000.00 to start to see if the Village would be eligible to apply for the grant.

The board discussed the plans, and the chances of getting a grant, and motion was made by Moris and seconded by Fox to start with the streets marked red and yellow on the plans as construction project for 2024. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Senn and seconded by Moris to have Delta 3 start by surveying with a cost around \$20,000.00. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Mark Digman present the board with Application #3 for Keuster Equipment Company for doing the 2022 water system improvements. Motion was made by Senn and seconded by Copsey to go ahead and pay Application #3. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Digman also presented the board with written plans for the treatment plant small building and updated the board on how it was going with the cost factor.

Klemme was asked by a board member if there were grants available for going to solar power. He stated not really any good ones. But he could check again,

McLimans asked the Sidewalk committee if they had a list of sidewalks that need replacing and they gave him the list and McLimans and Moris would meet with Top Notch. Motion was made by McLimans and seconded by Moris to replace sidewalks as they can up to \$10,000.00. All were in favor. Motion carried.

McLimans explained that the Budget was part way done and everyone had a copy of what was done so far. Until the rest of the totals come from the state, and the Ins. Co. it cannot be finished.

McLimans explained the response from US Cellular on the water tower being used for their equipment. Because of modern technology, the equipment was outdated, and they had no use for it. McLimans explained that all complaints should be directed to the Prairie du Chien office.

McLimans brought to the board the idea of a business incentive for the car wash Langmeier is building in the Village. The board discussed at length what the village could do and decided to give him a business development incentive of \$2,000.00 a year starting in 2023 for the next five years. Motion was made by Daentl and seconded by Drew to give Langmeier \$2,000.00 a year business incentive for the next five years starting in 2023. All were in favor. Motion carried.

McLimans updated the board on the progress of the Parking lot Bloomington Meats is constructing and that the light pole needs to be replaced. Motion was made by Copsey and seconded by Daentl to replace the light pole by the parking lot. All were in favor. Motion carried. McLimans stated he would explain to Mumm of the board's decision.

The board went into closed session. The board discussed a starting wage for the new employee and raise increase for employees. Motion was made by McLimans and seconded by Moris to increase all employees' wages by 2% for 2023. Motion was made to come out of closed session.

The clerk asked the board what kind of hours for Halloween would they like to see, and that the friends of Bloomington would not be having their party this year at the American Legion Hall. The board discussed the times and decided 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. would be long enough. The clerk informed the board she had not heard from Top Notch about the library ceiling.

There being no additional business to come before the board, Senn moved to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Drew. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Clerk/Treasurer
Mary Culligan