

Village of Bloomington
Regular Board Meeting
November 6, 2023

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

The Pledge Allegiance to the Flag was said.

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

Motion was made by McLimans and seconded by Moris to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting for October 2, 2023, and Board of Review meeting for October 12, 2023, as read in e-mail. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Senn and seconded by Drew to approve the accounts payable reports for October 2023. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Officer Small was not present to give his report. McLimans read the police report and discussed advice from Atty. Wood in regard to barking dogs' complaint. Two citizens were present to voice their concerns regarding the barking dogs. The clerk mentioned feedback received from other municipalities regarding their ordinances limiting the number of pets. Board discussed resolutions and sending notices with property tax bills regarding dog licenses, violations, and fines and posting notice to Facebook and Village website. Referred to Ordinance, License, and Permit Committee to review and revise ordinance regarding dogs and restrictions. The committee will meet Tuesday, November 28th at 5:00 p.m. at 453 Canal Street.

Krissy Custer was present to discuss request for variance. The board advised Custer that she needs to contact Vorwald, the owner of the property adjacent to the property in question. The board asked the clerk to contact Atty. Wood for advice on the proper way to proceed. Board tabled request to board meeting on December 4, 2023.

Joe Walsh was present to give the maintenance report. Walsh gave update on the 2024 Dodge with stainless steel dump bed, plow, and spreader, the Chemical Building addition, and repairs to Mack Sweeper. Walsh is registered for WRWA Wastewater classes in Plover, Wisconsin. Walsh gave an update on two influent pumps that were replaced and advised alarm needs to be replaced. Walsh discussed magnetic signs for the Village Vehicle fleet. Motion was made by Moris and seconded by Allen to purchase signs from Signs to Go. All were in favor. Motion carried. Walsh and McLimans updated the board on a memo from Larry Gates, Interim Operator. Walsh reported all dead water meters have been replaced, 2.5-gallon bucket of water meters was sold to West End Salvage, bathrooms have been winterized, steps to History Room have been painted with non-slip paint and light was replaced, box on red truck needs to be replaced, and Moris will be on vacation week of Thanksgiving. McLimans will contact Mumm regarding skid loader in salt shed. The board gave Walsh approval for the purchase of toolboxes for trucks.

Discussion was had on "Bloomington's Lights of Remembrance" to be held on November 24, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. Mary Adrian will be purchasing a tree for the ceremony.

Moris presented two different options on chainsaws and discussion was had. Motion was made by Moris and seconded by McLimans to purchase the Oregon brand chainsaw. All were in favor. Motion carried.

McLimans read minutes from Finance and Purchase Committee meeting held on October 16, 2023. Motion was made by Fox and seconded by Senn to approve minutes as read. All were in favor. Motion carried.

McLimans gave update on Five Year Plan for Village Operations and email from Jordan Fure, from Delta 3 Engineering, recommending the Village to obtain a County Flood Plain permit and DNR Wetland permit before moving forward. Fure also recommends the board approve Delta 3 Engineering to complete an evaluation on the viability of the proposed site

with the County and Department of Natural Resources. Motion was made by Daentl and seconded by Drew to have Delta 3 Engineering complete the evaluation before moving forward with purchasing land. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Board discussed the 2024 Proposed Budget. McLimans gave an update on health insurance options for employees and proposed moving money from Contingency Fund to Health Insurance Fund to cover insurance costs. Motion made by Daentl and seconded by Drew to approve the 2024 Proposed Budget. All were in favor. Motion carried.

McLimans gave update on the Wall Street, Court Street, and West Court Street Project and email from Delta 3 Engineering. McLimans explained that Village was awarded the WDNR SDWLP Loan funds but did not score high enough for the award of SDWLP Grant funds.

Tom Bennett and Joe Gates from the West Grant Lion's Club were present to discuss the construction of a sign at the new parking lot built by Steve Adrian. Bennett presented a scale model and explained materials, dimensions, and location. Bennett asked for approval from the board to move forward with the construction. The board recommended putting up a temporary sign to ensure it would not obstruct views from any direction. McLimans thanked Bennett and Gates for the work they do with the West Grant Lion's Club.

The clerk explained that she had been researching accounting and payroll software to replace current software and mentioned feedback received from other clerks. Workhorse, a vendor located in Wisconsin, seems to be the best option for our needs. Clerk and McLimans have a demo scheduled with vendor on November 7, 2023. McLimans discussed cost and using the American Rescue Plan Act funds to purchase the software. The clerk reached out to Attorney Wood, and he confirmed we could use the funds for this purpose. McLimans requested approval to move forward with purchasing the software if the demo goes well. Motion made by Moris and seconded by Allen to purchase the software. All were in favor. Motion carried.

McLimans explained health insurance renewal plan options, percentage increases, and costs and discussion were had. Motion made by Senn and seconded by Daentl to renew the Quartz plan for employees. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The clerk explained the purchase of a Section 125 plan was needed to be able to deduct employee's health insurance premiums pre-tax. Motion was made by Senn and seconded by McLimans to purchase the Section 125 plan. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The clerk will be virtually attending the 2024 Presidential Election Academy Training on November 8th through November 10th. McLimans explained election training requirements for clerks. The clerk discussed the schedule of the training and comments from other clerks. The clerk received an email from Demographic Services Center stating the final estimate of the January 1, 2023, population is 736. Clerk discussed feedback received from other clerks and Village attorney regarding agendas and minutes for committee meetings. The clerk reminded the board that RSVPs for Delta 3 Engineering Customer Appreciation on December 8th are due Friday, November 17th. McLimans and the clerk gave updates on accounting firms and auditors and annual form filing requirements. Discussion was hard. Motion was made by Moris and seconded by Fox to use Johnson Block for accounting and form filing purposes. All were in favor. Motion carried.

McLimans mentioned that Fox may not renew his term as trustee next year and there may be an opening on the board. McLimans asked the board to give thought to candidates to fill the position.

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

Clerk/Treasurer
Shawna Atterbury