

Village of Bloomington
Regular Board Meeting
April 3, 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 of Allegiance to the Flag was said.

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

Motion was made by Moris and seconded by Drew to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting for March 2023 as read in e-mail. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The motion was made by McLimans and seconded by Daentl to approve the accounts payable reports for March 2023. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Officer Small was present to give his report, and he went through his report for the council. He was asked about the speed trailer and if it could be put out on Mill Street. Mumm stated that it could. Officer Small explained that he worked with Mary Culligan on setting up a Facebook page for the village and it was up and going. McLimans thanked him for coming and if anything comes up, he will call him.

There were concerned Citizens present to voice their opinion about the Dollar General Store that is looking into building a store within the village. These individuals felt the opening of a Dollar General Store would hurt their businesses.

Jared Devousney was present to represent Dollar General and explained the plans for where they plan to put the building. He said the building would be about 10,000 square feet, and there were to be twenty-nine parking spaces. The cost would be about 1.2 million dollars. He tried to address the questions from the concerned Citizens. On a motion by Daentl and seconded by Moris, the council moved to table the approval of the land use permit so they could gather more information and check the footage of the village right-of-ways. The motion carried unanimously.

The motion was made by Senn and seconded by Moris to give Dawn Drew a land use permit to put a new front window and door in the building at 483 Canal Street. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Ronnie Mumm was present to give the maintenance report. Mumm reported that the non-Compliance issues are taken care of. Mumm stated the walk-over bridge at the community park would be getting gravel. Mumm stated he would be getting porta potty for the Easter Egg Hunt, because the restrooms would not be open by that date. Mumm explained that the village will have to do two more wet tests in April and June. McLimans explained to the board that Delta Engineering was helping get the village back into compliance with the DNR.

The board reviewed the changes made in the Employee Handbook. Moris made the motion to table the approval until May's meeting so all could get a better chance to go over the changes, seconded by McLimans. Motion carried.

McLimans updated the board on the new truck coming, and it would be here before the snow falls!

McLimans stated he did Mumm's evaluation for the year, but that the new employee evaluation(s) would need to be done yet.

The Clerk presented the board with what interest the village could get from a CD Monies earmark for the Street Construction of \$300,000.00. The motion was made by McLimans and seconded by Senn to approve the best rate from Peoples State Bank.

The board discussed the monies the Sewer Department owes the Village. See attached:
The motion was made by McLimans and seconded by Senn to approve a 10% increase in the sewer rates to start October 1, 2023, and a 10% October 1, 2024.

The motion was made by Moris and seconded by Copsey to order a new computer and printer for the sewer plant.

Moris explained the need for a new fire siren in the near future. The motion was made by McLimans and seconded by Fox to add money to the budget from now on.

The clerk explained the bid for the lighting and the ceiling tiles for the library room ceiling. The board asked her to get a solid bid for May's meeting to approve.

McLimans made a motion and Moris seconded the motion for the council to go into closed session to discuss who the hiring committee thinks should be hired to replace Mary Culligan. The audience was asked to please leave. The motion to come out of closed session was made by McLimans and seconded by Moris. The motion to hire Andrea Crubel as replacement for Mary Culligan was made by Fox and seconded by Daentl. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Senn asked about the WQT program building at the sewer plant. McLimans stated that the cost came in from Top Notch at \$65,000.00.

McLimans thanked Nate Copsey for being on the Village Board for the last two years and wished him well.

The board set a public meeting for Dollar General's land use permit to be approved or not approved for April 10, 2023, at 6:00 P.M.

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

Clerk/Treasurer
Mary Culligan