

Village of Bloomington
Regular Board Meeting
July 1, 2024

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, Chasity Allen, Scott Daentl, Dawn Drew, and Alan Mergen. Michelle Atterbury was excused for a work emergency.

Motion was made by Moris and seconded by Daentl to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting for June 3, 2024, as read in email. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Mergen and seconded by Moris to approve the minutes of the Board of Review held on May 30, 2024, as read in email. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Daentl and seconded by Allen to approve the minutes of the Public Information Meeting held on May 29, 2024, as read in email. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Drew and seconded by Daentl to approve the accounts payable reports for June 2024. All were in favor. Motion carried.

McLimans read the police report as was sent in email on behalf of Officer Small, who was unable to attend. The report included several follow-up calls related to the Richter/Neeley fence issue, update on the grass issues with the residence on 4th Street, a welfare check on an intoxicated male, and a potential fraud attempt on a village resident. An update on the junk ordinance and establishing a part-time police presence was mentioned. McLimans explained the Public Welfare & Law Enforcement-Emergency Management Committee will meet with Officer Small for further discussion. Allen mentioned a concern regarding a dog at large and potential attack in the vicinity of Route 35 Pizza & Pub. McLimans directed Allen to contact Officer Small.

Steve Adrian from Bloomington Meats II was present to address the board regarding amusement machine license fees. After discussion was had regarding misunderstood classifications of amusement machines, it was clarified that a pop machine is not classified as an amusement machine per Wisconsin statute. A motion was made by McLimans and seconded by Daentl to charge a \$10 fee for the pop machine for the 2024-2025 period. All were in favor. Motion carried. McLimans moved item "G- Discuss sending a thank you note to West Grant Lions Club" under New Business while Adrian was present and further thanked Adrian for the process of setting up the West Grant Lions sign at the corner of Canal and Mill Streets. McLimans read the thank you letter to the West Grant Lions Club. Motion was made by McLimans and seconded by Allen to approve sending the letter as is. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Sue Kuenster, Library Board President; Kathy Valdovinos, Library Director; and Jim Warczak were present to discuss payment of the library ceiling repair. Kuenster stated she received McLimans' letter which proposed the Village pay half of the total expense for the ceiling repair and lights expenses. Library representatives expressed the need to discuss the proposal with their board as they had initially agreed to pay \$2,510. Further discussion was deferred until the Library board could meet to discuss the proposal. Motion was made by McLimans and seconded by Daentl to officially approve the proposal of the Village covering half the expenses for the library ceiling repair and lights. All were in favor. Motion carried. Moris asked the Library representatives if they posted notices of their meetings per Wisconsin statutes. Valdovinos stated they would make sure to do so going forward.

McLimans read an email from Attorney Wood's Office regarding the revision of Chapter II (Two) "Rules and Procedures of the Village Board". The Board reviewed the suggested revisions, which mainly included updates to the meeting time and minor tweaks to the agenda format. Motion was made by McLimans and seconded by Mergen to approve Ordinance

No. 2024-04, and ordinance to repeal and recreate Chapter II (Two) “Rules and Procedures of the Village Board” of the Village of Bloomington Municipal Code. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the proposed changes to Chapter VII (Seven) “Village Nuisances” prepared by Attorney Wood’s office. The proposed changes dealt with the storage of junk, junk vehicles, trailers, etc., with a focus on enhancing enforcement and clarity. Motion was made by Mergen and seconded by Daentl to approve Ordinance No. 2024-05 revising Chapter VII (Seven) “Village Nuisances. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Moris and seconded by Allen to approve a Temporary Alcohol Beverage License for Blake’s Prairie Fair Association for the dates of July 19-21, 2024. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Daentl and seconded by Drew to approve an Operator’s License to Zachary Oyen. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The board discussed a wage increase for Cathy Brendemuehl due to the oversight in December. Motion was made by Allen and seconded by Mergen to increase her hourly wage. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The board discussed Al Kirschbaum’s offer to sell the quarry for \$47,000. It was decided that purchasing the quarry was not feasible for the Village due to financial and liability considerations.

Daentl outlined the need for a sewer hook-up for a new structure at his property at 4th Street and Prospect Street. Due to the distance and cost of connection, a proposal was made to offset the standard \$600 fee by compensating Daentl for this expense against contractor fees. Motion was made by Moris and seconded by Mergen to offset the \$600 sewer connection fee for Daentl’s property at 4th Street and Prospect Street. A roll call vote unanimously carried the motion. Daentl abstained.

The Board discussed recognizing Ernie and Helen Struntz for tilling the Village’s flower beds. Motion was made by McLimans and seconded by Allen to purchase a \$50 gift card from D’Lish!. All were in favor. Motion carried.

McLimans updated the board on a meeting between Roger Richter, the clerk, and himself. McLimans also explained that he and Josh Copey, the Village’s Building Inspector, inspected Richter’s fence. Copey made recommendations on bringing the fence in compliance with the Village code. Motion was made by McLimans and seconded by Daentl to grant Roger Richter a Land Use Permit to bring the fence to code per Village ordinance and to waive the permit fee. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Joe Walsh was present to give the Maintenance Report. Walsh discussed the fire hydrant replacement at the fairgrounds and the estimated cost. Motion was made by McLimans and seconded by Mergen to replace the existing fire hydrant with a hydrant being that is being extracted on Wall Street due to construction. All were in favor. Motion carried. The quote for purchasing a new locator was \$4500. The board decided to postpone the purchase and rent the equipment as necessary and revisit purchasing in the next budget cycle. Walsh gave an update on the stop sign installation on Mill Street. Discussion was had on feedback from residents. The park’s cooler compressor issues were discussed. Murray’s Dairy Farm & Refrigeration suggested waiting until next Spring. It was decided to leave the compressor as is until next Spring and next budget cycle to avoid wastage of any warranty on a new compressor. Walsh provided an update on certification tests and expected timeline for results. Walsh informed the board of ongoing health issues and treatment plans.

Daentl explained that he and Chasity Allen met with Mr. Diel regarding the leveling and cleaning of headstones in the cemetery. Seven headstones require leveling with costs ranging from \$200 to \$400. Mr. Diel is unable to provide maintenance on large headstones because he doesn’t have the equipment. Discussion was had and it was decided to explore the option of asking a Village resident to perform this work to reduce costs.

Clerk gave an update on AllPaid, an online payment option for utility billing. It is anticipated to have this option functional by August 1, 2024. Clerk informed the Board that some establishments had been previously charged incorrect fees for alcohol retail licenses per Village ordinance. This will be rectified going forward. A free 30-day trial for transcribing meeting minutes was approved given significant workload and desired efficiency improvements. Motion was

made by McLimans and seconded by Drew to approve Clerk's attendance to the 2024 Wisconsin Municipal Clerk's Association (WMCA) Annual Conference, which will be held August 28-30, 2024, in Madison. All were in favor. Motion carried. Clerk informed the Board of some concerns and issues regarding the services provided by Town & Country Sanitation. Clerk will put a list together and McLimans will contact Town & Country Sanitation. Clerk explained that comments on posts made on Facebook will be turned off as was strongly recommended by League of Wisconsin Municipalities.

Future agenda items:

- OSHA will be updating laws and standards for Fire Departments – Dennis Moris
- Inquiry from resident regarding installation of "Slow – Children at Play" signs on Union Street

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

Clerk/Treasurer
Shawna Atterbury