

**Village of Higginsport
Village Council Meeting
November 11, 2024**

The Council of the Village of Higginsport met in regular session at the Village Municipal Building on Monday, November 11, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. with all members present except Matt Adams, Drew Smith and Fiscal Officer, Sheila Dufau.

Also, present were: Fire Chief Rob Starrett, Scott Wilburn, Sandy Bear, Leslee Hasenstab, Diana Weaver, Eddie Crawford and Dean Miracle.

Mayor Bear called the meeting to order and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. Linda Fester agreed to take the meeting minutes.

Mr. Mark Fester expressed his appreciation to Scott Null and all veterans for their service.

Public Participation

Mrs. Linda Fester reported on the following:

- Brown County Comprehensive Planning Meeting will be November 19, 2024 (6:00-8:00 p.m.)
- Ripley Planning Day will be held November 13, 2024 (10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.)

Mr. Scott Wilburn requested copies of the village ordinances.

Mr. Dean Miracle expressed his appreciation to everyone that helped with the street signs, parking curb painting and park shelter.

Ms. Peggy Wood expressed her appreciation to all those that volunteer for the village. She thanked Kathy Adams for piling all the brush at the park for removal.

Fire Department Report

Chief Starrett reported on the following:

- All hydrants have been tested.
- Hydrant by the post office has been packed with gravel but needs to be fixed.

Chief Starrett expressed the hydrant by the RV storage facility at the west end of town would not provide the water needed should there be a fire at the facility. He stated that this posed a safety issue. He requested the barriers between the Null and Elliott properties be removed as well as the dock by Mr. Elliott's in order for the fire department to have access to the river for an additional water supply. He stated that a disaster plan needed to be in place for the RV storage facility.

Mayor Bear expressed his appreciation to Chief Starrett for moving the recent Trunk-or-Treat into the firehouse due to inclement weather on the evening of the event.

Old/New Business

Historical Society needs to sign off on the demolition of the old school building. Three houses in the village are scheduled to be demolished by the first of year (2025).

Mr. Fester reported on the following:

- Bi-weekly meetings with ILCAO
- ProCore Portal has been set-up
- Monthly program meetings starting in December with GOA ODOD

Mr. Null requested Mrs. Fester contact the Brown County Commissioner's office regarding utilizing the remaining Brown County ARPA grant monies for painting the municipal building.

Council discussed the recent \$12,500.00 invoice received for the generator repairs and rental generator used while the village's was being repaired. Mr. Null suggested filing a claim with the village's insurance company. After discussion, it was general consensus to table the resolution regarding the generator repair invoice with Mayor Bear to obtain an itemized invoice from the company.

Mr. Null requested an executive session. (6:47 p.m. to 6:57 p.m.)

Resolution 24-26

Motion by: Mr. Null Seconded by: Mr. Fester

WHEREAS, the Village of Higginsport received monies through the Brown County Subgrant for village beautification, and

WHEREAS, all previously approved purchases utilizing the grant funding have been completed and the remaining unallocated grant funds available for expenditure is \$4,469.02, and

WHEREAS, Linda Fester has requested approval for the purchase of two trash receptacles for the village park at a cost of \$1,400.00, and

WHEREAS, she is requesting to utilize the Brown County Subgrant funds for said purchase,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Council of the Village of Higginsport approve the purchase of two trash receptacles at a cost of \$1,400.00, and

BE IT FURTHERED RESOLVED, that Brown County Subgrant funds be utilized for the approved purchase.

Vote: Mrs. Adams, Yes; Mr. Adams, Absent, Mr. Fester, Yes; Mr. Null, Yes; Mr. Smith, Absent, Ms. Wills, Yes

Motion by: Ms. Wills, seconded by: Mrs. Adams to approve and pay the bills. Motion passed unanimously

Motion by: Mr. Null, seconded by: Ms. Wills to approve the regular meeting minutes from October 14, 2024. Motion passed unanimously

Additional Business

Ms. Leslee Hasenstab inquired about the village's plans for Thanksgiving and Christmas. It was confirmed that the village would host a Christmas parade.

There being no further business to transact, a motion to adjourn was adopted.

Lester Bear, Mayor

Sheila G. Dufau, Fiscal Officer

Kathy Adams, Council Member

Matt Adams, Council Member

Linda Wills, Council Member

Scott Null, Council Member

Mark Fester, Council Member

Drew Smith, Council Member