**VILLAGE OF CENTERTOWN**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING**

**APRIL 26, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Centertown, Missouri, was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 26, 2022, by Chairman Brown, in the Village Hall at 1227 Broadway. On roll call, the following members were present:

Adam Brown

Heather Hunger

Paula Hinshaw

Travis LePage

Trustee LePage made a motion to accept the tentative agenda. Trustee Hunger seconded. Following a brief discussion, Trustee Lepage amended his motion to add Railroad Crossing after Election of Officers. Trustee Hunger seconded. Passed on voice vote with change**.**

Comments from Residents: Joe Greene, local resident, owns property that backs up to the wooded area of Centertown Park. Is considering putting in a lake and would like to purchase the woods to ensure his lake does not encroach on the park. Chairman Brown will check but believes with the Conservation Grant that was used at the park, the Village cannot sell the land.

Susan Gilliam, Centertown resident, expressed her concern that since the street in front of Tammy’s was changed to one way, traffic has increased significantly on East Railroad. She noted that the road is not wide enough for two-way traffic. Motorists are speeding. There are also children playing on the road. Parked cars limit visibility. The school bus also uses the road and there are frequently issues with vehicles meeting. She is also having an issue with traffic driving on her new grass to get around vehicles waiting at the train crossing. Have had to reseed multiple times. Chairman Brown will research speed limits and a caution sign. Will also research curbing on north side of E Railroad.

Gayle Garvin, Centertown resident, expressed her concern with the appearance of Main Street at Route NN/Monroe Street. The one-way street change has impacted walking. Also questioned the large yellow concrete barriers. Very unappealing. Impacts the impression of visitors to Centertown businesses. Discussed past attempts to remove barriers. Will research current barrier removal options. Chairman Brown shared that the Village is pursuing sidewalk upgrades on Main Street. Mrs. Garvin thanked the board for the greatly improved water pressure from the new water tower.

Jim Plaster, Centertown resident, stated new seed was laid at the new water tower site today.

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Minutes – March 29, 2022 Regular Meeting – Minutes were provided to board members prior to meeting. Trustee LePage made a motion to accept minutes as published, Trustee Hunger seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

Minutes – April 19, 2022 Special Meeting – Minutes were provided to board members prior to meeting. Trustee LePage made a motion to accept minutes as published, Trustee Hunger seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

FINANCIAL REPORT

March 2022 bank reconciliations for accounts were provided to Board Members by Village Clerk prior to board meeting. Hard copy was provided to public in attendance. Bank statements are set to electronic version and current clerk is waiting for authorization to access the statements.

Balance for all accounts is: $591,788.16

WATERWORKS REPORT:

Chief Water Operator Wirts was unable to attend the meeting. Chairman Brown stated the monthly BAC-T testing has been completed and 13 testing stations have been installed in the Village. There was a water leak on Rt U. An old 4” line that was capped off started leaking and has been repaired.

VILLAGE CLERK REPORT:

Debit card/online transactions for the month was $650.70. This includes utilities and gasoline for the mower.

There were no shut offs in April. Aged receivables were provided to board members. There are 11 past due accounts. 10 Letters have been mailed. Discussed account 0407. Will mail letter tomorrow. Shut offs are scheduled May 3rd after 9 a.m.

Letters have been sent to the two businesses experiencing water billing issues.

Recently a Centertown homeowner passed. A family member took possession and the $50 deposit on file was transferred. The current deposit is $100, however, an additional $50 was not collected. Following discussion, homeowner will be contacted for remaining $50.

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Discussed penalty charge for account 00115. The charge will not be refunded.

The new Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) has been received. Will post to Village Bulletin Board and Post Office.

During the budget meeting, it was discussed that the water rates posted to the water software program has been underbilling customers. Will send letter notifying customers of updated rate schedule prior to water bill next month.

We have received one resume for Village Clerk. Will wait one more week and then will set up interviews.

Received Workmen’s Comp Insurance audit. Due May 31, 2022.

Cancelled Public Official Bond for Village Clerk. Will set up new bond when clerk is hired.

Streetlight located across from old armory reported out. Has been repaired.

Spring Clean Up is scheduled May 9th. Will post to Community Watch.

Republic Services rates to raise June 1, 2022 from $16.39 to $16.88

American Rescue Plan Act Report has been submitted.

Contacted Central Bank about interest rate. Waiting to hear back.

Quarterly taxes are due and will be completed prior to April 30, 2022.

OLD BUSINESS:

WATER TOWER UPDATE: Chairman Brown reviewed Bartlett & West’s Monthly report. Site restorations are almost complete. Fence and gravel around wellhouse have been approved. Changes to wellhouse to allow a generator hookup should be completed in the very near future.

ROAD REPAIRS: The Village receives their $100,000 from the ½ cent sales tax this year. This money is for road repairs over the next five year. Cole County Public Works is preparing plans for this year’s projects. Chairman Brown provided board members

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with a road inventory, including pictures, for the Village. Following a review of the road inventory, board members decided to submit the following for this year’s project:

a. Patches at E Railroad Rd close to the Cemetery, and at Main St/Oak St.

b. Road pavement at Main Street (Lookout to Rt U)

c. Chip seal Pine Street (East)

Dependent on total cost:

d. Road pavement on E. Railroad Rd

e. Road pavement at Main Street (Rt NN to Oak)

COLE COUNTY SMALL COMMUNITY GRANT: Board discussed what to make priority on grant application. Priority is sidewalks on both sides of Main Street. Second priority is drainage ditches on Lookout, possibly curbs on E. Railroad St. Must submit by July. Bartlett & West will prepare application. Cost limit for preparation of application is $5,000.

REGIONAL FIRE DEPARTMENT/WATER HOOKUP: The Regional Fire Department has added to the fire house. They are also putting in a concrete driveway. Possibly looking at connecting to our water system to use as a back up water supply during the winter. Chief Water Operator will oversee installation if they go thru with the hookup.

NEW BUSINESS:

ENGINEERING REPORT/LOOKOUT & OAK: Work needs to be accessed. Bartlett & West will prepare a new report to determine what has been completed and what has not.

BILL NO. 0022-03, CERTIFYING ELECTION RESULTS: Trustee Lepage made a motion for the first reading of Bill No. 0022-03, An Ordinance Accepting Election Results for April 5, 2022, by title only. Trustee Hunger seconded. Village Clerk read Bill No. 0022-03 by title only. Trustee Hunger made a motion for the second reading and final passage of Bill No. 0022-03, An Ordinance Accepting Election Results for April 5, 2022. Trustee LePage seconded. There being no further discussion, Village Clerk read Bill No. 0022-03, by title only. Village Clerk

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calls the roll.

AYES – 4: Brown, Hunger, Hinshaw, Hunger

Motion passes. Bill No. 0022-03 becomes Ordinance 234.

BILL NO. 0022-04, AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A CENTERTOWN WATERWORKS ANNUAL BUDGET. Trustee LePage made a motion for the first reading of Bill No. 0022-04, An Ordinance Adopting a Centertown Waterworks Annual Budget, by title only. Trustee Hunger seconded. Village Clerk read Bill No. 0022-04 by title only. Trustee Hunger made a motion for the second reading and final passage of Bill No. 0022-04, An Ordinance Adopting a Centertown Waterworks Annual Budget. Trustee LePage seconded. There being no further discussion, Village Clerk read Bill No. 0022-04, by title only. Village Clerk calls the roll.

AYES – 4: Brown, Hunger, Hinshaw, Hunger

Motion passes. Bill No. 0022-04 becomes Ordinance 235.

BILL NO. 0022-05, AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A VILLAGE OF CENTERTOWN ANNUAL BUDGET.

Trustee LePage made a motion for the first reading of Bill No. 0022-05, An Ordinance Adopting a Village of Centertown Annual Budget, by title only. Trustee Hunger seconded. Village Clerk read Bill No. 0022-05 by title only. Trustee LePage made a motion for the second reading and final passage of Bill No. 0022-05, An Ordinance Adopting a Village of Centertown Annual Budget. Trustee Hunger seconded. There being no further discussion, Village Clerk read Bill No. 0022-05, by title only. Village Clerk calls the roll.

AYES – 4: Brown, Hunger, Hinshaw, Hunger

Motion passes. Bill No. 0022-05 becomes Ordinance 236.

BILL NO. 0022-06, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR SELF-READING METERS. Trustee Hunger made a motion for the first reading of Bill No. 0022-06, An Ordinance Authorizing the Chairman to Enter into a Contract for Self-Reading Meters, by title only. Trustee LePage seconded. Village Clerk read Bill No. 0022-06 by title only. Trustee LePage made a motion for the second reading and final passage of Bill No. 0022-06, An Ordinance Authorizing the Chairman to Enter into a Contract for Self-Reading Meters. Trustee Hunger seconded. There being no further discussion, Village Clerk read Bill No. 0022-06, by title only. Village Clerk calls the roll.

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AYES – 4: Brown, Hunger, Hinshaw, Hunger

Motion passes. Bill No. 0022-06 becomes Ordinance 237.

SWEAR IN NEW BOARD MEMBERS: Village Clerk administered the oath of office for newly elected trustees: Paula Hinshaw and Travis LePage.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Chairman Brown stated election of officers will be held at next month’s meeting.

RAILROAD CROSSING: Board Members discussed the recent train wreck at the Oak Street crossing. Also noted was a telephone call received from Charles Ellis, Centertown resident, stating he did not support closing the Oak Street crossing. Routinely, all three crossings are blocked by stopped trains. Residents are encouraged to call in each time. You can call Cole County Sheriff’s non-emergency telephone number. You can also contact Union Pacific Railroad at 1-800-848-8715.

A motion to pay bills was made by Trustee Hunger, seconded by Trustee LePage. Motion passed.

AYES – 4, Brown, Hinshaw, Hunger, LePage

There being no further business, Trustee LePage made a motion to adjourn, Trustee Hunger seconded. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is May 31, 2022.

Signature on file\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Chairman, Board of Trustees

ATTEST:

Signature on file\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Village Clerk