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October 30, 2023

The regular scheduled monthly board meeting was held on Monday, October 30, 2023 at 10:00am. The meeting was held in the small conference room at the village hall. Village president, Joe Burgess called the meeting to order at 10:01am.

Roll Call was as follows: Kelly Bate, present; Rob Blondi, absent ; Joe Burgess, present; Gale Burzynski, present; Scott Dagner, present; Dave Kent, present; Mike Moyers, present and village treasurer, Chris Scroggins, present.

Mike Moyers made a motion to approve the September 18, 2023 regular scheduled board meeting minutes and second was given by Kelly Bate. Motion carried. All yeas.

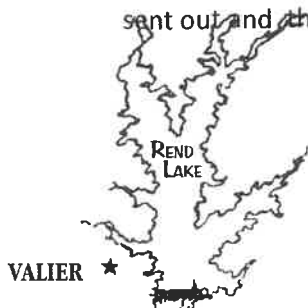
Under correspondence, several Valier residents voiced concerns about their safety in the village in light of criminal activity that had occurred in the community. They had concerns that we do not have much police presence in the community. The board assured them that they were trying to come up with a solution but getting police to come to Valier part time has been an ongoing issue.

The village treasurer, Chris Scroggins presented a balance sheet of the current funds for the village. He discussed paying the street lighting bill out of the motor fuel tax fund. He will bring a list of his recommendations on the bank account changes at the next meeting. He also presented the claims report of bills from September 22nd to October 30, 2023. Motion was made by Gale Burzynski to accept the claims report of bills. Second was given by Kelly Bates. Motion carried. All yeas.

Committee reports were given at this time. Joe reported that there were 9 calls in the past month: 5 medical emergencies – lift assist, 1 landing zone, 1 rural structure fire, 1 illegal burn and 1 mutual aid to Barren Township-scissor lift. Joe also reported that the fire department would be participating in trick or treat night and handing out glow sticks.

The animal control report was presented. He had 2 calls from Central Dispatch and 1 social media outreach.

Joe reported for the water/sewer department. They are working on a water leak on East Johnson Street. He also stated he had a meeting with the engineer on the water tower project. Bids are being sent out and they hope to start it in February or March.



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Under street and alley Joe stated they had replaced the culvert behind the First Baptist Church and had cut down trees and brush along the Overhead Bridge Road. He said they needed to still do some cleanup work along the road.

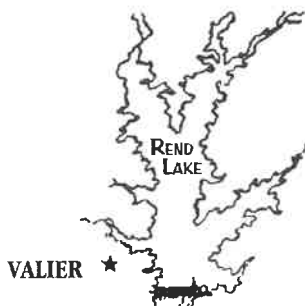
There was no police report presented at this meeting. Scott Dagner presented 2 ordinances from the police committee to the board that would help deal with vandalism and crime in the village. The first ordinance presented was titled "Pedestrians Walking on Roadway" Mike Moyers made a motion to pass this ordinance pending final draft and Kelly Bate seconded the motion. The motion carried. All yeas. The second ordinance presented was titled "Video Surveillance and Enforcement". The village would put signage at all three entrances into the village stating the village use of video surveillance and enforcement. Dave Kent made a motion to pass this ordinance pending final draft and Gale Burzynski seconded the motion. Motion carried. All yeas.

Kelly Bate made a motion to accept the committee reports. Gale Burzynski seconded the motion. Motion carried. All yeas.

Under old business, Joe stated the village attorney had been in contact with the owner of 104 W. Flora St. The owner is not able to bring the property up to code or pay for the liens for mowing and would be willing to deed the property to the village if we drop the legal charges. The attorney is going to get with the owner's attorney and work out an agreement. Mike Moyers made a motion to put the property up for bid once we have title to it. The successful bidder would be required to cover attorney fees, title work and be responsible for tear down of the dwelling within 90 days. Kelly Bate seconded the motion. Motion carried. All yeas.

Under new business, the Valier Women's club would like to have a Christmas Craft/Vendor Fair fundraiser in the community building to raise funds for continued community projects on Saturday, December 2, 2023 from 9:00a to 3:00pm. . Gale Burzynski made a motion for them to do this. Second was given by Scott Dagner. Motion carried. All yeas,

The village clerk salary was discussed and a motion was made by Dave Kent to make the annual salary amount of \$3,000 effective May 2025. Gale Burzynski seconded the motion. Motion carried. All yeas.



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A salary resolution for the village clerk position will be made before 180 days before the April 2025 election to be in compliance.

At 11:29am a motion was made by Kelly Bate to go into executive session. Second was made by Gale Burzynski. Motion Carried. All yeas.

Motion to return out of executive session was made by Mike Moyers at 12:08pm. Second was given by Scott Dagner. Motion Carried. All Yeas.

Motion to adjourn was made by Gale Burzynski. Dave Kent seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 12:09pm.



Gina Shurtz, Village Clerk

