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November 20, 2023

The regular scheduled monthly board meeting was held on Monday, November 20, 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 10:00am.

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

The meeting was moved to New Business to accept the resignation of village president, Joe Burgess as he is stepping down due to taking a new full time day shift position at his outside employment. Kelly Bate made a motion to accept his resignation. Second was given by Scott Dagner. Motion carried. All yeas. The village board thanked Joe for his service and expressed they would need his advice and expertise from time to time.

The village clerk, Gina Shurtz presided over the meeting at this time and explained that after talking with the village attorney and providing a copy of the state statute to the trustees, the board would need to appoint a village trustee to fill the vacancy of the village president until the next election to be held in April 2025. Mike Moyers submitted his letter of resignation as village trustee and stated he would take the acting village president position until the next election. He also stated he would like to appoint Joe Burgess to remain on the board as a village trustee to fill his vacancy. Kelly Bate made a motion to accept Mike's resignation as village trustee and his appointment as acting village president, as well as appointing Joe Burgess as village trustee to fulfill the vacancy. Gale Burzynski seconded the motion. Motion carried. All yeas. At this time the meeting returned back to the regular agenda schedule.

Kelly Bate made a motion to approve the October 30, 2023 regular scheduled board meeting minutes and second was given by Gale Burzynski. Motion carried. All yeas.

Under correspondence, some Valier residents asked about what the village was doing about police presence in the community. Scott Dagner addressed them and the board that he had a strong candidate for a part time police patrolman and he is working with ISP and Franklin County on some police cases in town. With the passing of the new ordinances, he is hoping to see less criminal activity and more enforcement. One village resident asked about more communication from the board and acting village



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president, Mike Moyers proposed having a community meeting on December 11th at 7pm for residents to attend and bring ideas to improve the community.

The village treasurer, Chris Scroggins presented the claims report of bills from October 31st to November 20, 2023. Motion was made by Gale Burzynski to accept the claims report of bills. Second was given by Rob Blondi. Motion carried. All yeas. Due to the length of the meeting and additional items on the agenda, Chris said he would present his list of recommendations on the bank account changes at the next meeting along with the financial reports.

Committee reports were given at this time. Fire chief, Mike Gulley reported that there were 4 calls in the past month: 1 Mabis box alarm, 1 out of town fire, 1 auto aid to Sesser and 1 mutual aid to Sesser.

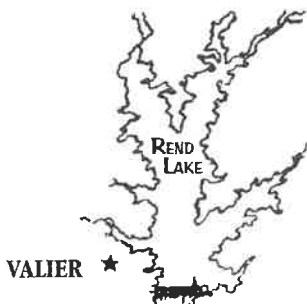
There was no animal control report presented this month.

Mike reported for the water/sewer department. We have a water line on State Highway 148 that is sagging over a creek bed and will need to be fixed. He is in contact with the engineers to take a look at it and see what will have to be done.

There was nothing to report on street and alley at this time.

Police Chief, Jake Waters was present at the meeting and stated he would be turning in his resignation on Tuesday, November 21 2023 and would also be turning in Morgan Water's resignation at the same time. He stated he would turn in the police car and any equipment when he submits his resignation. He is working 12 hours shifts at his present job and does not have the time to continue as police chief. No police report was presented at the 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 "Bicycles" and would repeal the current bicycle code 24-2-8. After some discussion, Kelly Bate made a motion to pass this ordinance pending final draft and Gale Burzynski seconded the motion. The motion carried. All yeas. The second ordinance presented was titled "Parental Responsibility". After discussion, Kelly Bate made a motion to



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pass this ordinance pending final draft and Rob Blondi seconded the motion. Motion carried. All yeas.

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

Under old business, Mike stated the security camera system was in and he was working on installing some of the equipment at the village hall/community building. The total cost was \$2,540.99 which included a 16 camera system for the village hall/community building, a 8 camera system for the police/fire department/public works building, two 55" televisions, 2 television mounts, 5 rolls of 150 feet of Ethernet cable and adapters.

Continuing under new business, the village Christmas party will be held on Tuesday, December 12, 2023 at 6:00pm. All village employees, officials and board members may attend along with the volunteer fireman.

At this time, village ordinance 23-438 "Pedestrians Walking on Roadway" was presented in final draft. Kelly Bate made a motion to pass this ordinance and Dave Kent seconded the motion. Motion carried. All yeas.

Village ordinance 23-439 "Video Surveillance and Enforcement" was presented in final draft. Motion was made by Kelly Bate to pass this ordinance and seconded by Gale Burzynski. Motion carried. All yeas.

At 12:26pm a motion was made by Kelly Bate to go into executive session. Second was made by Scott Dagner. Motion Carried. All yeas.

Motion to return out of executive session was made by Kelly Bate at 1:01pm. Second was given by Gale Burzynski. Motion Carried. All Yeas.

Motion to adjourn was made by Scott Dagner. Kelly Bate seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 1:02pm.



Gina Shurtz, Village Clerk

