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December 18, 2023

The regular scheduled monthly board meeting was held on Monday, December 18, 2023 at 10:00am. The meeting was held in the small conference room at the village hall. Acting village president, Mike Moyers called the meeting to order at 10:02am. Mike opened the meeting with a moment in prayer.

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

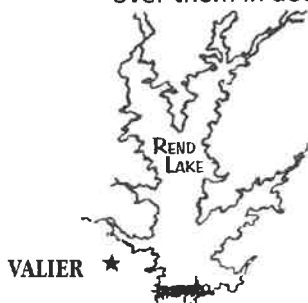
Kelly Bate made a motion to approve the November 20, 2023 regular scheduled board meeting minutes and second was given by Scott Dagner. Motion carried. All yeas.

There was no correspondence presented at the meeting.

The meeting was moved to New Business to allow Shane Cockrum, Benton's Fire Chief to speak on behalf of the MABAS Master agreement 2022. Shane spoke to the village board about the agreement and the need to have it. Mike thanked him for coming and stated we would be voting on the resolution to go with the agreement later in the meeting.

Acting village president, Mike Moyers gave an update on water/sewer. On the water line needing fixed on State Highway 148, we have 3 options: Option 1: Leave it as is. Option 2. Encase the line in a steel pipe and Option 3. Bore under the ditch and fix it. The engineering firm is working on Option 3 and is getting a quote from Wiggs Excavating. The lift pumping station has been shut down twice in the last month with rags plugging it up. Mike has contacted C & C Pump about an estimate on getting a grinder pump to combat this issue. On the water towers, the engineering firm is working with the EPA to see if we need to have meters for both water towers and seeking bids for the main water tower project. Mike also mentioned we had issues with 2 furnaces not working at the community building. It was found that birds were clogging them up. Mike had all units serviced while they were here.

Chris Scroggins presented the tax levy for 2023 for the board to review and changes he recommended for the village to be more in compliance as to what funds were needed. Chris also presented the claims report of bills from November 21 to December 18, 2023. Chris handed out financial reports and went over them in detail. Chris also made a recommendation to pay off the USDA loan owed but after



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discussion, it was agreed that it would be best to hold off since many infrastructure projects are coming up in the next year and funds may be needed for this. A motion was made by Gale Burzynski to accept the claims report of bills and the financial reports. Kelly Bate seconded the motion. Motion carried. All yeas. Chris left the meeting to work up an analysis of cash/bank account recommendations to bring back later in the meeting as the board continued with the agenda.

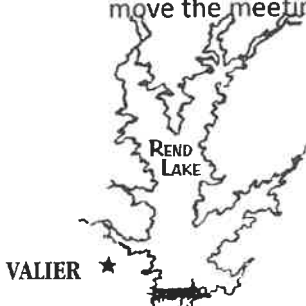
Under committee reports, Mike had previously reported for water and sewer. There was no police report presented but Mike and Scott remarked that he had made some traffic stops and arrests since coming on in the past few weeks. There was no animal control report presented at the meeting. Under street and alley, they have been trimming trees on Johnson and Gelston Streets. Mike Gulley reported for the fire department. They had 3 calls and they were all medical emergency lift assists. Kelly Bate made a motion to accept the committee reports. Scott Dagner seconded the motion. Motion carried. All yeas.

Under old business, Mike stated the security camera system was purchased and he had installed 4 cameras at the village hall/community building and was working to get the others installed as he had time.

Scott Dagner mentioned that he was working on contacting Kyle Bacon, the Franklin County Sheriff, to set up a neighborhood watch meeting in January 2024 since many residents expressed interest in forming one that attended the community meeting held on Monday, December 11, 2023. It was also discussed to possibly provide an incentive to reimburse \$100.00 to those neighborhood watch members that provide security camera footage to be used in prosecution of cases in conjunction with the police.

Continuing under new business, the village offices will be closed December 22, 2023 to January 3, 2024. Mike stated he would be working at the office various times during this time.

Several residents and 2 of our board members work during the day now and are not able to attend the 10:00 am regularly scheduled board meetings. After some discussion, it was agreed to move the regularly scheduled board meetings to the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday's of the month at 6:30pm. If a meeting falls on a holiday, it will be scheduled on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm. Kelly Bate made a motion to move the meeting date and time and Dave Kent seconded the motion. Motion carried. All yeas.



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At this time, village ordinance 23-440 "Bicycles" was presented in final draft with a correction to add subsection E: Penalties to the ordinance. Kelly Bate made a motion to pass this ordinance and Dave Kent seconded the motion. Motion carried. All yeas.

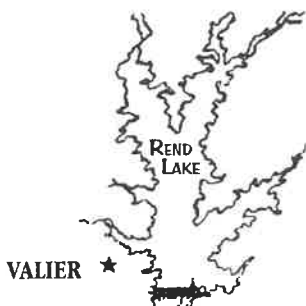
Village ordinance 23-441 "Parental Responsibility" was presented in final draft. Motion was made by Kelly Bate to pass this ordinance and seconded by Gale Burzynski. Motion carried. All yeas.

Village ordinance 23-443, Village of Valier Tax Levy for 2023 that Chris presented earlier was voted on. Kelly Bate made a motion to pass this ordinance and seconded by Gale Burzynski. Motion carried. All yeas.

Village resolution 23-442, Clerk Salary, had to be tabled after consulting with the village attorney as he will have to research this. He believes it is to be in Ordinance form instead of a salary resolution.

Village resolution 23-444, A Resolution Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement for Participation in the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS Master Agreement 2022) was voted on that was discussed earlier by Fire Chief, Shane Cockrum. Kelly Bate made a motion to accept the agreement and Scott Dagner seconded the motion. Motion carried. All yeas.

At this time Chris Scroggins presented a list of cash/bank accounts and his recommendations to close several zero balance accounts, change the titles on some accounts, close some restricted accounts that are not needed and purchase CD's and merge some accounts into the operating account. Chris stated he would keep track of the different accounts with his accounting software and there was not a need for separate sewer, water and restricted accounts. He also wants to transfer the balance in the housing account to the general account and close it. He spoke with Tammy Campbell, who handles the housing grant account and said there should be no more money left in the account as there was a clerical error made in the past and it will be awhile before we can apply again for grants. Chris would also like to have Banterra Bank stop doing sweeps on the accounts. A list of all of Chris's recommendations will be provided to Banterra Bank to make these changes. Motion was made by Kelly Bate to accept Chris's recommendations on the bank account changes. Second was given by Scott Dagner. Motion carried. All yeas.



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Scott Dagner presented a list of police equipment that was needed to purchase for the new police officer and the village police department. He also would like to increase the hours to 4 hours shifts for 4 days a week if needed. Since we have not utilized much of the police budget this past year, he did not think that would be a problem. Kelly Bate made a motion to purchase the equipment and allow additional hours to be worked. Dave Kent seconded the motion. Motion carried. All yeas.

Acting village president, Mike Moyers stated we need to purchase a 4 way gas monitor for the use of the village workers to use when going down into the lift station or other areas where gas leaks are suspected. He would also like to purchase 4 rectangular tables to be used in the community building. 2 6 foot tables and 2 8 foot tables. Gale Burzynski made a motion to purchase these items. Scott Dagner seconded the motion, Motion carried. All yeas.

At 12:30pm a motion was made by Gale Burzynski to go into executive session. Second was made by Kelly Bate. Motion Carried. All yeas.

Motion to return out of executive session was made by Gale Burzynski at 12:47pm. Second was given by Kelly Bate. Motion Carried. All Yeas.

Motion to adjourn was made by Scott Dagner. Dave Kent seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 12:47pm.



Gina Shurtz, Village Clerk

