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February 26, 2024

The regular scheduled monthly board meeting was held on Monday, February 26, 2024 at 6:30pm. The meeting was held in the small conference room at the village hall. Acting village president, Mike Moyers called the meeting to order at 6:31pm.

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

Kelly Bate made a motion to approve the January 22, 2024 community meeting minutes and the January 22, 2024 executive meeting minutes. Second was given by Gale Burzynski. Motion carried. All yeas.

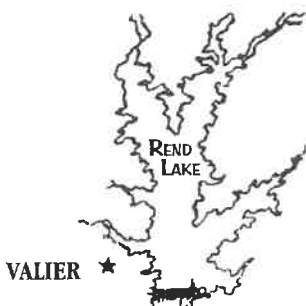
There was no correspondence presented at the meeting.

Mike opened the floor to village residents at the meeting and asked if they had anything they wanted to present. At this time, Sue Vercellino, president of the Valier Woman's Club said she had some items she would like to present to the board. We moved to "New Business" on the agenda and she continued. She stated the club would like to do some projects like cleaning the playground equipment, painting and installing some new benches at the Totland Park. She asked if the club could use the village tax exempt status and then reimburse the village for the cost of the equipment. The board agreed they did not have a problem with that as long as it was handled properly and facilitated with the village clerk.

Chris Scroggins presented the claims report of bills from January 24 to February 26, 2024. Chris went over this report in detail. A motion was made by Dave Kent to accept this report. Second was given by Kelly Bate. Motion carried. All yeas.

Chris also handed out a balance sheet and profit and loss statement as of January 31, 2024. After he discussed the report, Kelly made a motion to accept it. Gale Burzynski seconded the motion. Motion carried. All yeas.

Acting village president, Mike Moyers presented 2 police reports from patrolman, Johnathan Ashlock. 1 report was for the period of 01/01/24 to 02/01/24 for 7 calls and the other was for 2/1/24 to 2/24/24 for 10 calls.



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Assistant Fire Chief, Joe Burgess, presented the fire department report. They had 9 calls; 2 medical emergency lift assists, 2 in town smoke alarms, 1 auto aid to Sesser and 1 out of town field fire, 1 out of town wash down road due to a deer and 2 Mabis box alarms; 1 at Waltonville and 1 in Ziegler. Joe also presented a candidate for a volunteer fireman, Jim Galloway. Gale Burzynski made a motion to accept the recommendation of Jim Galloway as a volunteer fireman and Kelly Bate seconded the motion. Motion carried. All yeas.

Mike reported that Derek Parvin resigned as the animal control officer. No report was given for any calls prior to his resignation.

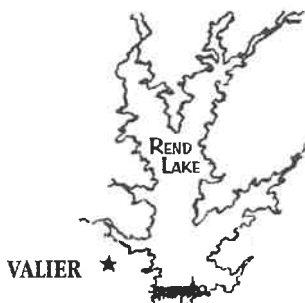
Mike reported for street/alley he had been working to try to clean the town and letters would be going out to 2 owners regarding abandoned buildings and 1 resident regarding an inoperable motor home in the alley on Benedict St.

Joe Burgess made a motion to accept the committee reports. Rob Blondi seconded the motion. Motion carried. All yeas.

Under old business, Mike informed the board that he would be meeting with Rodney Potts from the engineering firm on 2 bids on the water tower project Tuesday, February 27, 2024 at 10am.

Mike also stated he has talked to Rodney and contacted Mike McKee at USDA to see if there is money to fix the water line on State Highway 148. He presented 3 possible options. Option 1 is wait to see if USDA can pay for it which might take some time and he is not sure how long it will hold up before it breaks. Option 2 is for the village to pay for it and try to seek reimbursement from the USDA. Option 3 is for the village to pay for it and not seek reimbursement. Joe Burgess recommended the village look at Option 2: paying to fix it and possibly get reimbursed. The board was in agreement and Mike said he would look into this option further.

Under new business, Mike presented a contract from Franklin County for animal control services in light of our recent resignation of the animal control officer. They would pick up any animals during the hours of 7:30am and 3:00pm Monday through Friday and provide traps to residents if they want to bring



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animals to them provided they have the capacity. The cost would be \$2.38 per capita of 556 residents for \$106 a month. Gale Burzynski made a motion to accept the contract and Kelly Bate seconded the motion. Motion carried. All yeas.

Mike stated there would be a city wide cleanup scheduled on Thursday, April 25th. He would like to see residents clean up their properties of unwanted items, trash, weeds and abandoned vehicles. He asked to purchase about 50 yard signs with slogans reminding residents of this for approximately \$400.00 and to also get a closed bulletin board sign outside the post office for residents to be able to view town information at a cost of approximately \$500.00. Joe burgess made a motion to approve to do this and Kelly Bate seconded the motion. Motion carried. All yeas.

At 7:36pm a motion was made by Kelly Bate to go into executive session. Second was made by Dave Kent. Motion Carried. All yeas.

Motion to return out of executive session was made by Gale Burzynski at 7:51pm. Second was given by Kelly Bate. Motion Carried. All Yeas.

A motion was made by Kelly Bate to increase Johnathan Ashlock's pay from \$18.00 per hour to \$20.00 per hour based on Mike's recommendation from the police committee. Dave Kent seconded the motion. The motion carried. All yeas.

A motion to adjourn was made by Joe Burgess. Rob Blondi seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:56pm.



Gina Shurtz, Village Clerk

