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December 23, 2024

The regular monthly board meeting was held on Monday, December 23, 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 6:32pm and opened with a word of prayer.

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

There was no correspondence presented at the meeting.

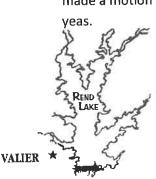
Joe Burgess made a motion to approve the December 2, 2024 regular board meeting minutes, the December 2, 2024 executive session meeting minutes and the zoning committee meeting minutes from the public hearing on December 8, 2024. Second was given by Gale Burzynski. Motion carried. All yeas.

Chris Scroggins presented the claims report of bills and discussed the claims from December 3 to December 23, 2024. Chris also handed out some questions he had on the auditor's report and discussed them. He is looking into some of their classifications and questioning them on it. He said he would report back once he had met with them and finalized it. A motion was made by Joe Burgess to accept the reports and pay the claims. Second was given by Gale Burzynski. Motion carried. All yeas.

Under committee reports, Joe Burgess, assistant fire chief, presented the fire department report. They had 4 calls: 2 auto aids to Sesser, 1 medical emergency and 1 line down. He also reported that central dispatch would be routing calls through the new 911 system starting in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter-around February 2025. There will be a 3% increase to our billing to be paid in a 6 month billing.

There was no police report presented.

Mike reported for water/sewer and street/alley. The water salesman is broke and the light is out. Frontier has been installing fiber optic cable in the alleyways and they have hit 4 water lines so far and tore up some alleyways. Mike has contacted them on paying to fix the water lines and the alleys. They reassured Mike that when they were done, they would pay for any damages they caused. Gale Burzynski made a motion to accept the committee reports. Joe Burgess seconded the motion. Motion carried. All



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Under old business, Mike had postponed PSC Engineering coming to talk about the engineering proposal since we were uncertain of board members attending and having a quorum.

Mike stated the zoning board committee met on December 8, 2024 to hold a public hearing on any objections to rezoning 121 East Main St from commercial to residential property. The recommendation from the zoning board is for the village board to allow the rezoning with the passing of Ordinance 24-457. Joe Burgess made a motion to accept their recommendation and Gale Burzynski seconded the motion. Motion carried. All yeas.

Under new business, Mike stated we needed to discuss how to handle jury duty and pay for the city workers. Jay Stroud and Mike Gulley had both been recently called to possibly serve. After some discussion, a motion was made to pay them their full wage and they would then refund their jury duty pay to the village. Joe Burgess made this motion and Gale Burzynski seconded the motion. Motion carried. All yeas.

Mike said that the village had some CD's that were coming due at the bank on January 2, 2025. He recommended we go ahead and renew for another year term. After discussion with the board and the treasurer, it was agreed to do this.

Mike asked the board to think about offering an increase in wages to attract a good police candidate and if they had any one in mind that would be qualified and interested. No one had any candidates in mind at the time but would think about it before discussing any increase in wage.

A motion to adjourn was made by Joe Burgess. Gale Burzynski seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm.

Gina Shurtz, Village Clerk

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