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April 22, 2024

The regular scheduled monthly board meeting was held on Monday, April 22, 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 and opened with a word of prayer.

Roll Call was as follows: Kelly Bate, present; Rob Blondi, present; Joe Burgess, absent; Gale Burzynski, present; Scott Dagner, present at 6:34pm and left at 7:30pm; Dave Kent, present; Mike Moyers, present and village treasurer, Chris Scroggins, present.

Gale Burzynski made a motion to approve the March 25, 2024 regular board meeting minutes. Second was given by Kelly Bate. Motion carried. All yeas.

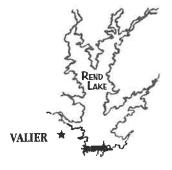
Under correspondence, Mike presented a letter from RML insurance. They are looking into comparable insurance coverage for the sewer machine and the 2017 fire truck.

On behalf of the Valier Women's Club, Sue Vercellino asked if they could take out the old benches, the old slide and fire pits at the Totland Park. They have ordered new benches and a teeter totter set to replace these items. They also asked if the village could get some signage for an age limit of 2 to 12. Mike also stated we need signage stating "No alcohol/No drugs on premises".

On behalf of the Valier Alumni Association, Sue Vercellino asked the board if they could put up a memorial with a guarantee it would not be taken down. Several board members stated they could not make that guarantee as they may not be on the board in future years and did not want to tie the hands of future village officials. No diagram or dimensions were presented so this was tabled to a future meeting.

A resident asked if he could have permission to put up a building structure to house a telescope. Mike told him to talk to Mike Gulley, the zoning committee chairman for what would be allowed.

Chris Scroggins presented the claims report of bills from March 26 to April 22, 2024. Chris went over this report in detail. Chris also presented the board financial statements as of March 31, 2024. A motion was made by Kelly Bate to accept these reports and pay the claims. Second was given by Dave Kent. Motion carried. All yeas.



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Acting village president, Mike Moyers presented the fire department report. They had 3 calls: 1 medical emergency, 1 fire in town and 1 mutual aid to Sesser.

Mike stated there was no police report this month as Johnathan is going to school and not working as much due to finals. Scott Dagner stated he had been asked if the village would be interested in signing a contract with the city of Sesser for police mutual aid. This was tabled until a contract could be reviewed.

On water and sewer, we are just waiting on the contractor to let us know when they can start on the water tower rehabilitation project.

Under animal control, we took 1 cat over to Franklin County Animal Control and they did not have room to take it.

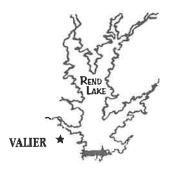
Dave Kent made a motion to accept the committee reports. Scott Dagner seconded the motion. Motion carried. All yeas.

Under old business, Rodney Potts, the city engineer reported to Mike an estimate from Wiggs Excavating to repair the sagging water line on State Highway 148. Depending on what they dig into the price would range from \$7,200 if all dirt or up to \$19,200 if all rock. Gale Burzynski made a motion to go ahead with the project and Scott Dagner seconded the motion. Motion carried. All yeas.

Mike stated the 3 village properties were been advertised for sale and the village would be taking bids until the May 28, 2024 board meeting.

Mike stated the sign board at the post office was almost ready. We are just waiting on the plexiglass and corkboard to come in.

Under new business, Mike would like to waive the water and sewer tap fees for any new home construction. The home would have to be at least 1200 square feet prefab with a foundation. He would like to advertise this to any potential contractors. Kelly Bate made the motion to accept this and Rob Blondi seconded the motion. Motion carried. All yeas.



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> Mike asked the board for permission to hire summer help. Kelly Bate made a motion giving him that permission. Rob Blondi seconded the motion. Motion carried. All yeas.

> Under other, Mike stated he would be sending out letters on vacant houses that were dangerous and unsafe as well as vacant vehicles.

A motion to adjourn was made by Dave Kent. Gale Burzynski seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:48pm.

Gina Shurtz, Village Clerk

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