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May 28, 2024

The regular scheduled monthly board meeting was held on Tuesday, May 28, 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 6:30pm and opened with a word of 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 and village treasurer, Chris Scroggins, present.

Kelly Bate made a motion to approve the April 22, 2024 regular board meeting minutes. Second was given by Gale Burzynski. Motion carried. All yeas.

Chris Scroggins presented the claims report of bills from April 23 to May 28, 2024. Chris went over this report in detail. Chris also presented and discussed the board financial statements as of fiscal year end April 30, 2024. A motion was made by Gale Burzynski to accept these reports and pay the claims. Second was given by Kelly Bate. Motion carried. All yeas.

Chris also mentioned that there had been a data security incident with our auditing firm, Rice Sullivan LLC and he notified the employees of the village of this. He also stated he needed to purchase a battery backup for his computer.

Under correspondence, Mike presented a letter from Sparklight that are internet service was going up \$5.00.

On behalf of the Valier Alumni Association, George (Ted) Farmer presented the board with a contract for the Valier Community High School monument memorial to be placed in the park with a guarantee that the Village of Valier would maintain it and not remove it for the next 99 years. After much discussion and reviewing the picture of the monument Gale Burzynski made a motion to accept the contract and Scott Dagner seconded the motion. The board members present signed the contract.

Acting village president, Mike Moyers presented the fire department report. They had 8 calls: 4 auto aid to Sesser, 2 traffic accidents in town and 2 traffic accidents out of town.

On water and sewer, the water tower rehabilitation project is complete. They had to replace the vent



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on top of the water tower so that added an additional \$7,500 to the project. Plans are to inspect the water tower north of Valier and add an altitude meter so we can fill them both up as it is higher than the one in town. We had 2 water breaks on Pershing St and they were fixed.

Scott Dagner reported for the police department. He presented a police patrolman candidate, Andrew Cairel to add to the roster. Kelly Bate made a motion to accept Scott's recommendation to hire Andrew Cairel . Dave Kent seconded the motion. Motion carried. All yeas.

Scott also asked if we could increase the hours from 16 hours a week to 25 hours per week to split between Johnathan Ashlock and Andrew Cairel. Kelly Bate made a motion to increase the police hours to 25 per week. Dave Kent seconded the motion. Motion carried. All yeas.

Mike reported for street/alley. He is planning to use motor fuel tax money to oil and chip 16 streets, build up chat, add 4 foot sidewalks in front of village hall and Main St. and 5 culverts. Mike also said that he would start picking up trash cans left in the street on Mondays if residents continued not to move them.

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

Under old business, bids were opened and read at the meeting for 2 village properties for sale. The first property for sale was 104 W. Flora St. One bid was received by John and Amy Prudent in the amount of \$1,100.00. Kelly Bate made a motion to accept the bid and Gale Burzynski seconded the motion. The motion carried. All yeas. The second property for sale was 304 E. Wilson, lots 2 and 3. 2 bids were received. One bid by Jeff Spiller for \$2,000.00 and one bid by Ryan and Sarah Marlo for \$2,001.00. Jeff Spiller was asked if he wanted to increase his bid and he declined. Gale Burzynski made a motion then to accept the bid from Ryan and Sarah Marlow for \$2,001.00 Kelly Bate seconded the motion. Motion carried. All yeas. A third property, 309 W. Kelso St. did not receive any bids.

Ordinance 23-442, Salaries of Village Officials – Village Clerk was presented in final draft status. Scott Dagner made a motion to accept the ordinance and Kelly Bate seconded the motion. Motion carried, 5



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eyes, 2 absent.

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A packet of information was distributed about updating and revising the code of ordinances. After much discussion on the need to update old fines and bring the code up to date, Scott Dagner made a motion to do this at a cost of \$5,500 that can be billed over 2 years and Kelly Bate seconded the motion. It was decided for Scott to head up a committee to work on this including himself, Kelly Bate, Dave Kent and anyone else he wanted to ask.

Under new business, Mike brought up that the village owned 300 feet of roadway on Valier Lake Road but Browning Township was maintaining this. Steven Overturf, the Browning Township Road Commissioner, presented Ordinance 24-448 a jurisdictional transfer agreement of .09 miles of this roadway from the Village of Valier to the Browning Township. Motion was made by Kelly Bate to accept this agreement and seconded by Dave Kent. Motion carried. 5 ayes, 2 absent.

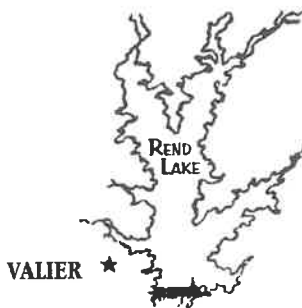
Mike mentioned that he would like to look at increasing the water and sewer rates 5% or 10%. He asked the board members to think about it and he would present the rate increases from the Rend Lake Conservancy District next month that the village has absorbed over several years.

Mike said the fire department needed a booster hose reel for one of the fire trucks. They had a quote from Sentinel of \$900.00 Gale Burzynski made a motion to purchase this and Dave Kent seconded the motion. Motion carried. All yeas,

Ordinance 24-445 authorizing the sale of municipally owned property, 104 W Flora St. Valier, IL 62891 of \$1,100.00 was presented. Kelly Bate made the motion to authorize the sale. Gale Burzynski seconded the motion. Motion carried. 5 ayes, 2 absent.

Ordinance 24-446 authorizing the sale of municipally owned property, 304 E Flora St. Valier, IL 62891 of \$2,001.00 was presented. Kelly Bate made the motion to authorize the sale. Gale Burzynski seconded the motion. Motion carried. 5 ayes, 2 absent.

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



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A motion to adjourn was made by Gale Burzynski. Kelly Bate seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:22pm.



Gina Shurtz, Village Clerk

