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June 25, 2024

The regular scheduled monthly board meeting was held on Tuesday, June 25, 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 until 7:28pm; Dave Kent, present; Mike Moyers, present and village treasurer, Chris Scroggins, present. Also present were police chief, Johnathan Ashlock, patrolman, Andrew Cairel, water clerk, Lisa Gulley and fire chief/water employee, Mike Gulley.

Kelly Bate made a motion to approve the May 28, 2024 regular board meeting minutes. Second was given by Gale Burzynski. Motion carried. All yeas.

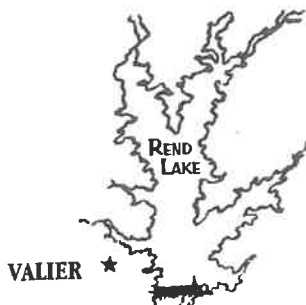
Scott Dagner as head of the police committee introduced our police officers: police chief Johnathan Ashlock and patrolman Andrew Cairel.

Under correspondence, Mike presented a letter from SIMECO that represents Homefield Energy, our electric aggregate supplier. Ameren Illinois rates would be a little less than Homefield Energy effective July 1, 2024 and residents could opt out of if they choose and to contact Home Field Energy.

At this time, Mike opened up the floor to residents that wanted to address the board. An owner of a property that was recently demolished asked what the village was doing about another building that needed to be demolished. Mike told him that the village attorney was being contacted about this property and court proceedings would be taken against the owner. Another resident had a question about the garbage can ordinance for her elderly mother. Mike let her know she could contact Republic Services and make arrangements for them to retrieve her trash receptacle.

Chris Scroggins presented the claims report of bills from May 29 to June 25, 2024. Chris went over this report in detail. Chris also presented and discussed the board financial statements as of fiscal year end May 31, 2024 and the asset schedule. A motion was made by Gale Burzynski to accept these reports and pay the claims. Second was given by Dave Kent. Motion carried. All yeas.

Under new business, Chris presented a resolution to the board for the village to impose rent to the



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water/sewer department to pay rent to the village instead of him having to split bills between the 3 departments. It would be better for accounting purposes and would be effective with this past fiscal year starting May 1, 2023. Kelly Bate made a motion to pass this resolution and Gale Burzynski seconded the motion. Motion carried. All yeas.

Fire chief, Mike Gulley presented the fire department report. They had 4 calls: 1 structure fire in the Valier Patch, 1 medical call in town, 1 traffic accident in town and 1 air lift.

Johnathan Ashlock reported for the police department. He stated that Andrew Cairel has a new body camera and body vest . They also both have new emails established. Johnathan's email is [JAshlock@valierpd.com](mailto:JAshlock@valierpd.com) and Andrew's email is [ACairel@valierpd.com](mailto:ACairel@valierpd.com). Johnathan presented a report on police matters encountered in the village. He mentioned that they would need a new modem and a new computer soon as the one we have is old. They appreciate the cooperation with the code enforcement officers and the Valier Watch working with them to combat crime and legal issues.

On water and sewer, Mike reported that we have had several water breaks; 3 on Pershing St. and 2 in the Valier Patch. He has contacted Rodney, the village engineer, on moving ahead with upgrades to the water/sewer systems. They are going to start the process to apply for some grant funding.

On animal control, they picked up 2 dogs. Scott proposed that we add an additional fine of \$50.00 for the village and all fees be paid at the village hall. Then we would give the resident a receipt to pick up their animal from Franklin County Animal Control. This would help us in recovering costs we are out in this process and we would pay animal control their fee we collect. Scott stated he would talk to Franklin County Animal Control about doing this and making a change to our contract with them.

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

Under old business, Scott, Kelly and Gina have started going through the code of ordinances and pulling out the ordinances that need updated. They are still working on this.



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Mike looked into the rate increases that Rend Lake Conservancy District has charged the village since the last increase passed to the customer in 2018 and it comes to 10%. He would like to propose an increase of 10%-15%. He asked the board to think about it and we would vote on at the next meeting.

Under new business, Illinois Department of Transportation Resolution 24-449 was presented for \$43,000.00. The resolution includes oil and chipping 16 streets, culverts, concrete for sidewalks and labor. Kelly made a motion to pass the resolution. Gale Burzynski seconded the motion. Motion carried. All yeas.

Mike stated he would like to purchase some much needed road signs: stop signs, no parking signs and speed limit signs up to \$1,000. Gale Burzynski made a motion to purchase these signs and Kelly Bate seconded the motion. Motion carried. All yeas.

Mike talked about passing an ordinance on swimming pools. The board was in agreement of this. He will try to get a copy of the City of Christopher's ordinance since we do not have anything on this.

At 7:52 pm the board went into executive session to discuss code enforcement officer's duties and responsibilities.

At 8:17 pm the board returned to regular session.

A motion to adjourn was made by Kelly Bate. Dave Kent seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm.



Gina Shurtz, Village Clerk

