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July 22, 2024

The regular scheduled monthly board meeting was held on Monday, July 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 6:30pm and opened with a word of prayer.

At this time the meeting was moved to New Business to appoint Brian Miner to fill the vacancy of the late Dave Kent's village trustee position at the direction of the acting village president. The village clerk swore in Brian Miner at this time as a village trustee.

Roll Call was as follows: Kelly Bate, present; Rob Blondi, present; Joe Burgess, present at 7:34pm; Gale Burzynski, present; Scott Dagner, present; Brian Miner, present; Mike Moyers, present and village treasurer, Chris Scroggins, present.

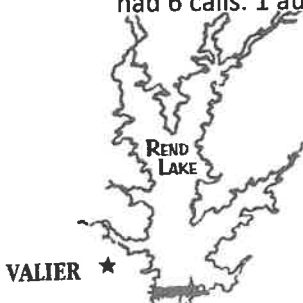
Kelly Bate made a motion to approve the June 25, 2024 regular board meeting minutes and executive board meeting minutes. Second was given by Scott Dagner. Motion carried. All yeas.

Under correspondence, Mike discussed the mail issues with the most recent late water bills. He has been told that the issue is with the St. Louis USPS mail processing center. A Valier resident stated he received his water bill late and was charged a late fee. After much discussion, the board decided to make some changes that would help alleviate some problems.

Scott Dagner made a motion to change the water bill due date to the 20th of the month or the last business day prior to the 20th of the month if it falls on a holiday or weekend. The village will also waive late fees up to November 20th but only for customers that have been current on bills within the past 90 days. If a customer was charged a late fee within the last 90 days because they did not receive a bill or a late bill, the water department will adjust the next bill for the late fee. Kelly Bate seconded the motion. Motion carried. All yeas.

Chris Scroggins presented the claims report of bills from June 26 to July 22, 2024 and financial statements as of June 30, 2024. A motion was made by Gale Burzynski to accept these reports and pay the claims. Second was given by Brian Miner. Motion carried. All yeas.

Under committee reports, Assistant fire chief, Joe Burgess talked about the fire department report. They had 6 calls: 1 auto aid to a structure fire in Sesser, 1 out of town: field fire controlled burn, 1 mutual aid



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field fire, 2 medical emergency calls and 1 gas leak. Joe also mentioned they has recently had an inspection/survey and received an insurance services organization (ISO) rating of 4.

Scott presented a police report. He stated the 2 officers had not been able to work as much due to changing of shifts at current full time jobs. He also mentioned that the Franklin County Sheriff, Kyle Bacon has given them authority to patrol in the Valier Patch.

Mike reported for the street department. He was going to look into purchasing stickers that can be placed on inoperable vehicles.

On the water/sewer department, Mike is still working with Rodney, the village engineer, on moving ahead with upgrades to the water/sewer systems. He is also planning to meet with Dave Severin, to look into grant funding.

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

Under old business, Mike asked the board their thoughts on the proposed increase to water and sewer rates of 10%-15%. Kelly Bate made a motion to increase the rates on both water and sewer by 12% effective with the end of August 2024 readings. This would be reflected on the bill due on September 20, 2024. Gale Burzynski seconded the motion. The motion carried. All yeas.

Update on the 100 East Main St property, the attorney has filed a demolition order with the Franklin County courthouse t and an order will be served to the owner. He has 30 days to respond.

Under new business, Chris Scroggins presented Budget and Appropriation Ordinance 24-450 for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2024 and ending April 30, 2025. Brian Miner made a motion to accept this. Gale Burzynski seconded the motion. Motion carried. All yeas.

Mike stated he would like the board to consider rezoning the commercial lots at 121 East Main St. and the lots across the street from it to residential lots provided the zoning committee gets approval from the surrounding residents.



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Mike also presented an estimate of a trench box for the safety of the village workers when working on water and sewer lines. The estimate is for \$4,695.00 from National Trench Safety. Brian Miner made a motion to purchase this. Joe Burgess seconded the motion. Motion carried. All yeas.

Mike addressed the board that he would not be running for the village president vacancy in the 2025 Consolidated Election. He asked the board to consider offering a salary for the position in order to get a qualified candidate. Currently the village president receives no compensation. An ordinance would need to be passed 180 days before the next election in order to do this. This would need to be done by the September 2024 meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made by Kelly Bate. Rob Blondi seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm.



Gina Shurtz, Village Clerk

