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February 3, 2025

The regular monthly board meeting was held on Monday, February 3, 2025, rescheduled from January 27, 2025 at 6:30pm due to lack of a quorum. 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; Brian Miner, present at 7:00pm; Mike Moyers, present, Jonathan Ashlock, police chief, present and village treasurer, Chris Scroggins, present at 7:30pm.

There was no correspondence presented at the meeting.

At this time, Mike opened the meeting to the public for comments or questions. A resident of Valier spoke to the board to dispute a traffic ticket issued by the Valier police as she stated she was not pulled over in the village limits and wanted the ticket to be dismissed. Scott Dagner informed her that police will issue tickets based on where the infraction occurred, not where you are eventually pulled over. Police chief, Jonathan Ashlock provided more details on this and stated she was observed in Valier on a traffic violation.

Kelly Bate made a motion to approve the December 23, 2024 regular board meeting minutes. Second was given by Gale Burzynski. Motion carried. All yeas.

Under committee reports, Mike Moyers presented the fire department report. They had 7 calls: 2 auto aids to Sesser, 2 medical emergencies – lift assist, 2 lines down, and 1 CO2 detector. He also reported that the new 911 dispatch system would cost \$4,600 to be paid in 2 installments.

Mike reported for water/sewer and street/alley. The water tower in the patch will have maintenance done on it when the weather gets warmer. It was originally scheduled for January. Mike mentioned that the village may have to turn over the expense of the alley damage done by the contractor of Frontier on the fiber optic lines installed to the village attorney as they are not answering his calls.

Police chief, Jonathan Ashlock provided a police report for the period of 1/1/25 to 2/3/25. He had 16 reports. He asked if the village could purchase 3 body cameras for \$49 each; 1 for each police officer and 1 back up to charge. They cost about \$49. The board was in agreement to allow this purchase. It was

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also discussed and voted in a prior meeting about moving the police office to the city hall building. Jonathan asked if he could look into a police car grant through the USDA as our police car is older and does not have the most up to date equipment and technology. The board told him to look into it and report back. Kelly Bate made a motion to accept the committee reports. Gale Burzynski seconded the motion. Motion carried. All yeas.

Under old business, Scott Dagner mentioned that the village police department needs to get a new desk top computer as the one they currently have will not allow new software update requirements. The board had previously voted to purchase a laptop computer in December 2023 for around \$589.00. Jonathan also mentioned that they would most likely need to purchase accessories/cables as well and said it should all be less than \$1,000. Scott Dagner made a motion to revise the computer and accessories cost to less than \$1,000. Kelly Bate seconded the motion. Motion carried. All yeas.

Scott presented a map to the board on proposed changes to stop signs to help control traffic in the village. After much discussion, Mike asked the board members to think about these changes and let him get pricing on the stop signs and report back at the next meeting.

Under new business, Mike stated the roof was leaking in the storage room off of the large meeting room. He asked the board permission to reach out to the roofing contractor we used for the city hall before and get a quote. The board was in agreement on this.

Under other, Mike mentioned that the village has about 5 acres by the lagoon and another 5 acres in the field behind city hall. He asked the board to think about possibly selling it for development.

Chris Scroggins presented the claims report of bills and discussed the claims from December 24 to February 3, 2025. Chris stated he talked to the auditors on his questions and classifications. The audit should be finalized now. A motion was made by Gale Burzynski to accept the reports and pay the claims. Second was given by Kelly Bate. Motion carried. All yeas.

A motion to adjourn was made by Brian Miner. Gale Burzynski seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:06pm.

Gina Shurtz, Village Clerk

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