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September 18, 2023

The regular scheduled monthly board meeting was held on Monday, September 18, 2023 at 10:00am. The meeting was held in the small conference room at the village hall. Village president, Joe Burgess called the meeting to order at 10:00am.

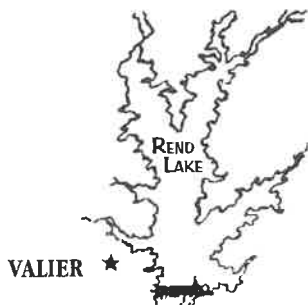
Roll Call was as follows: Kelly Bate, absent; Rob Blondi, present until 10:30am; Joe Burgess, present; Gale Burzynski, present; Scott Dagner, present; Dave Kent, present; Mike Moyers, present and village treasurer, Chris Scroggins, present.

Gale Burzynski made a motion to approve the August 21, 2023 regular scheduled board meeting minutes and second was given by Dave Kent. Motion carried. All yeas.

There was no correspondence presented at this meeting.

The village treasurer, Chris Scroggins presented a draft of the annual financial report for the fiscal period ending April 30, 2023 and went over it with the village board in detail. He stated this would be part of the annual audit and was the village treasurer's responsibility. He also went over the balance sheet and profit and loss statement with the board for this period for several funds. He discussed depositing the foreign fire insurance proceeds to a separate account but the board felt like it was not that much money to warrant a separate account being opened. He will track it internally in the financials. Chris will begin presenting monthly financial reports at the next meeting.

Chris presented a listing of recommendations on some bank account changes at Banterra Bank. The CDAP Water Fund bank account is dormant and has a zero balance. He recommends we close the account as it is no longer needed. The IHDA Housing bank account has a balance of \$179.28 currently. This account is no longer needed and he recommends we transfer the balance to the general fund account and close this account. The DECO Grant bank account is dormant and has a zero balance. He recommends we close the account as it is no longer needed. Chris would like to change the title on two accounts; the "Debt Service Reserve Fund" to "Bond Reserve Account" and the Short Lived Asset Reserve Fund" to "Depreciation Account". Chris explained that a reserve account typically is required due to a current loan that is owed and he did not find this to be the case on these accounts currently. He also would like to open an account titled "Bond and Interest Account" and transfer \$1,000.00 from



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the Water Fund account that would keep the village in compliance with the USDA bond agreement. Mike Moyers made a motion to make these bank account changes and Scott Dagner seconded the motion. The motion carried. All yeas. The list of bank accounts and account numbers will be provided to the bank with the minutes to proceed with these changes.

Chris also presented the bank balances at the banks currently. He recommends we look at moving a large portion of some of the bank balances into a CD where the village could be making some more interest on the accounts as the accounts are not paying much at this time. He will bring a listing of the current CD's to the next meeting to discuss more in detail. Chris presented the claims report of bills from August 22nd to September 18, 2023. Motion was made by Gale Burzynski to accept the financial report and claims report of bills. Second was given by Mike Moyers. Motion carried. All yeas.

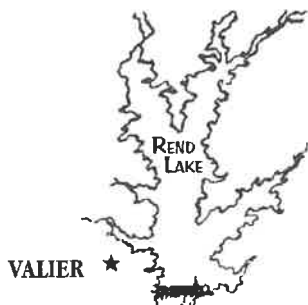
Committee reports were given at this time. Joe stated the fire department had 3 calls in the past month 1 medical emergency – lift assist, 1 landing zone and 1 illegal burn. Joe is going to look into getting a burn permit for the fire department to burn a vacant house on Kelso St. for fire department training.

Joe reported for the water/sewer department. They are continuing to do ditch work to alleviate standing water issues.

Under street and alley Joe stated they had been working on widening the intersection of Jefferson St and the Overhead Bridge Road and the getting roads ready for the oil and chip project.

There was no animal control report presented for the past month. He did make a request for the village to reimburse him a cell phone stipend for \$50.00. Chris Scroggins informed the board that this is not legal to do as he is a contractual employee.

There was no police report presented at this meeting. Mike Moyers stated Joesph Moyers wished to remain on as a part time police officer but would need to take some time off due to a new job. Scott Dagner mentioned he would like to present some ordinances and ideas to help combat crime and vandalism in the village. He will get with Joe to have this added to the agenda next month for consideration.



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

Rob Blondi left the meeting at this time at 10:30 am.

Under old business, the board discussed the cost of purchasing a camera security system for the community building, the public works/fire dept/police dept building and the parks. Mike Moyers directed the board to look on the Defender website. A 4K Vision Ultra HD 16 camera system would cost \$749 and a 4K Vision Ultra HD 8 camera system would cost \$379. 60 ft wire comes with each camera. We can purchase 4 rolls of 200 ft of wire for \$62 each or 4 rolls of 100 ft for \$26 each if needed. We also would need to purchase 2 monitors for approximately \$300-\$500. We could also put a 4 camera system at the park uptown if needed. A motion was made by Gale Burzynski to spend no more than \$3000 in total on the camera security system. Scott Dagner seconded the motion. Motion carried. All yeas.

Joe stated that with the Motor Fuel Tax fund for 2023 the village had completed the widening of the road at the intersection of Jefferson St and the Overhead Bridge Road. He also stated the oil and chip project was done for the year.

Under new business, the board voted on Ordinance 23-437 pertaining to the 1 lot for sale at 110 W. Johnson St. to Sherri Mundt who was the only bidder on the property. Mike Moyers made a motion to accept the sale and Gale Burzynski seconded the motion. The ordinance passed by a vote of 5-0. 2 members were absent.

Joe stated that Trick or Treat Hours would be observed on Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup> from 6 pm to 9pm.

The Valier Women's club would like to have a chili dinner fundraiser in the community building to raise funds for continued community projects on October 22, 2023. Mike Moyers made a motion for them to do this. Second was given by Dave Kent. Motion carried. All yeas,

Joe mentioned that we needed to pass a salary resolution for the village clerk position 180 days before the April 2025 election. It was discussed whether to make this position elected or appointed and the



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salary amount to pay. Joe said he would talk to the village attorney about it and would present this at the next meeting.

Motion to adjourn was made by Gale Burzynski. Scott Dagner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:42 am.



Gina Shurtz, Village Clerk

