

Minutes of the Village Board Meeting August 9, 2021

The regular meeting of the Lacona Village Board was held August 9, 2021 at 7:00 PM in the Village Office. Those present included Lyndon Glazier (Mayor, Roger Lallier (Trustee, Deputy Mayor), Steve Haskins (Trustee), James Horth (Clerk/Treasurer), Sandy Besaw (Deputy Clerk), Mike LaRock (Fire Chief), John Howland (Code Enforcement Officer), and Mike Yerdon (County Legislator). Mayor Glazier called the meeting to order and led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The monthly bills were audited and approved for payment upon a motion from Tr. Haskins and seconded by Tr. Lallier, carried. Abstract 4 (vouchers #24-36) in the amount of \$4,212.84, and Abstract 5 (vouchers #37-57) in the amount of \$25,863.02.

The financial report ending July 31, 2021 along with supporting documentation was accepted as submitted by the Mayor.

Fund Balances July 31, 2021

A- General Fund \$264,837.36

A- Fire Apparatus Reserve \$96,498.52

F - Water Fund \$51,327.33

J - Joint Youth Recreation Program \$0.00

TA - Trust and Agency \$0.00

Bank Account Balances July 31, 2021:

Checking -\$0.26

Money Market \$412,663.47

Music at the Market \$0.43

The Board approved opening a new checking account for the explicit purpose of payroll.

LACONA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief LaRock presented his report for the Lacona Fire Department. He dispelled the rumor about Lacona and Sandy Creek Fire Departments merging; they are in a mutual aid agreement to respond to each other's calls to ensure enough manpower responds. He presented David Reid and David Dailey as two new members and the Board approved by motion from Tr. Lallier and second by Tr. Haskins. The Chief asked about using their reserves to purchase a Chief's vehicle to respond to calls and whether it would need to go to permissive referendum (Note: it does not, as the reserve was created by permissive referendum for this purpose). The quote from the security system includes \$9636 for 5 security cameras at the firehall and 3 on the field, \$1880 for a keyfob access system with up to 50 keyfobs, and \$18/month for monitoring of the complete system. Chief LaRock requested that a portion be taken from the Central Garage account (leaving a balance of \$1000 for contingencies) and the balance from the Chief's account. The Board approved the expenditure on a motion from Tr. Haskins, seconded by Tr. Lallier.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

CEO Howland presented a list of notices issued. The camper at 25 Maple Avenue was discussed and CEO Howland stated he had sent the required letters to the property owner. He informed that if there is a violation of a local law, the Board had the options of pursuing it in local court, State Supreme Court, or via Administrative Hearing; the Board chose to hold an administrative hearing. A similar issue may be present at 28 Powers Avenue, which could bring the total number of campers in use in the Village to 3. CEO Howland asked the Village Clerk for information from Local Law #1 of 1981 regarding mobile homes in the village as there is reference in that wording regarding campers in the Village. The truck on Salina Street has been removed and letters will be sent to property owners violating the lawn law.

HISTORIAN

Report submitted.

COUNTY LEGISLATOR

Legislator Yerdon announced the next meeting of the Legislature would be held in the judge's chambers at the Pulaski Courthouse. The recent COVID vaccination clinic held in Sandy Creek was a success with 66 people vaccinated including 1 homebound resident.

OLD BUSINESS

The Paving Project quotes were opened and reviewed. Motion was made by Tr. Haskins to accept the lowest quote but he chose to retract his motion due to the need for clarification on one of the quotes. He will inquire and report back to the Board and a special meeting will be called to make the selection to award the project.

Tr. Haskins reported his findings on the cost of new catch basins in the Village to combat excessive runoff that is causing flooding. The average cost per new catch basin would be \$9,000. The one on the corner of Tiff and Salina Streets may not be necessary after the recent cleaning of the storm drains. Any action on the new catch basins was tabled to determine if more would be corrected by the cleaning of storm drains.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Glazier presented the following candidates for membership to the Village Planning Board for 3-year terms to expire on August 1, 2024: Sadie Blauvelt and Wesley Kujawa. Tr. Lallier made a motion to approve the appointments, seconded by Tr. Haskins.

The Mayor brought up for discussion whether the Board should consider an amendment to Local Law #1 of 2021 stating that members of the Village Planning Board should reside in the Village. Clerk/Treasurer Horth was asked to contact the village attorney for more information.

After hearing that the cost of repairing and replacing the non-working fire hydrant on Maple Avenue would be approximately the same, the Board chose to replace it on a motion from Tr. Lallier, seconded by Tr. Haskins.

The Village has not received the signed contract or current insurance information from Sugar Shack's Water and therefore unanimously decided to cancel the contract. Clerk/Treasurer Horth was asked to notify Todd Bristol, owner.

The Board accepted the resignation of Frank Manchester as part-time employee for the Village. Discussion on a replacement included whether to make this position a determined amount of hours weekly and the consensus was there likely wasn't enough work and it should be classified "part-time, as needed." The Board asked the Clerk/Treasurer to post an advertisement for a replacement. Mr. Manchester's duties included playground inspections and general handyman duties at a rate of \$16.00 per hour.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for September 13, 2021 at 7:00 pm at the Village Office.

There being no further business, Mayor Glazier made a motion to adjourn at 8:22 pm, seconded by Tr. Haskins.

James Horth

Village Clerk/Treasurer