

## Village Board of Mt. Auburn

### Regular Meeting

April 4, 2023

The Village Board of Mt. Auburn met in regular session, Mayor Mike Whitehead presiding. The meeting was brought to order with a salute to the flag.

Roll Call: Trustees: Brenda Patton-present, Sandy Gooder-present, Rick Clayton-absent, Scott Vincent-present, Don Henderson-present.

Guests: Rob Gist, Bryan Bramel, Vicki Simmons, Amanda, and Hallie Rankins.

Rob Gist and Bryan Bramel attended the meeting to discuss an emergency siren. They explained that the EMA director had stated that the village needed a siren. The fire department has received a grant from the AARPA for the fund for this project. The treasurer then mentioned that we still have 2000.00 from the police department fund that could be used for this project. They explained that the grant would cover the expenses, they were just wanting permission to put the siren in the park. This location would be best for the whole town hearing it. The siren would be put on a pole in the park. They explained that there would be yearly expenses for maintenance but this would also be covered by grant money. Craig Antenna will be doing the work and the maintenance, or the trustees of the fire department. A few questions were raised on where the siren would be placed and some functional questions. They explained that they were getting more information and would get with Mayor Whitehead with more details.

Mayor Whitehead told the board that he didn't have any new bids for the retaining wall project and wondered if the village would be better off doing the project without an engineer to save expenses. Although we have grant money for the project it was decided that we could get bids to do the project and see what the difference would be.

A letter was handed out to the board from Attorney Atteberry to the URWC regarding raising of the water rates without the board's permission. The board agreed that this letter needed to be sent to URWC.

A motion was made by Trustees: Sandy Gooder and seconded by Scott Vincent to have Attorney Atteberry send the letter to URWC. Vote: Trustees: Brenda Patton-yes, Sandy Gooder-yes, Rick Clayton-absent, Scott Vincent-yes, and Don Henderson-yes

Attorney Atteberry then gave a letter to the board members about the abandoned vehicle ordinance to be sent to the citizens of village of Mt. Auburn. The board discussed that maybe the letterhead should be from the village instead of the village attorney. This letter will serve as a copy of that letter.

A motion was made by Trustees: Sandy Gooder and seconded by Scott Vincent to send the letter written up by Attorney Atteberry on village letterhead to all citizens of Mt Auburn. Vote: Trustees: Brenda Patton-yes, Sandy Gooder-yes, Rick Clayton-absent, Scott Vincent-yes and Don Henderson-yes

Mayor Whitehead told the board that he had been asked several times about the village having a trash haul here in the village. He has spoken with Kevin Carey regarding the price for this project and it will cost around \$1200 to 1400 as a guesstimate. The board discussed that the bus garage would be used for trash donations. More information will be decided once Carey's Disposal is contacted regarding dates and times.

A motion was made by Trustees Scott Vincent and seconded by Don Henderson to hold the trash haul with Carey's Disposal. Vote: Trustees: Brenda Patton-yes, Sandy Gooder-yes, Rick Clayton-absent, Scott Vincent-yes, and Don Henderson-yes

Mayor Whitehead told the board that we had received an email from Adam Mathias stating that they would no longer be doing the village audit. They have had issues with personal like everyone and had to make choices of accounts that they could no longer handle. Mayor Whitehead told the board that he had spoken to many of the other towns around and this seems to be an ongoing problem. He spoke to an accounting firm and they had little time to do our audit so he asks that if anyone on the board knows of an accounting firm that is willing to take the village on to let him know.

Treasurer Saulsberry suggested that it be put on the agenda next month to give a donation to the food pantry in town, they have been helping a lot of hungry people in town.

Liquor- The liquor license has been given to the picnic association for the Adult Prom.

Park-The port-a-potty needs to be ordered for the park and needs to be ADA accessible. It was reported that a silver car has been driving through the park.

Sidewalks- It was discussed replacing so much sidewalks per year.

Street and Alley- Vicki Simmons told the board that the water has been standing by her house on the corner and she has cleaned the tile but wondered if that was her responsibility or the village employee.

Community Building: Mayor Whitehead told the board that the building has been rented several times this month and has been busy. They are going to get a bid for stripping and polishing the floors.

Treasurer Saulsberry told the board that the loan payment would be due on May 1, 2023 which is before the next meeting, the amount is \$10,515.00.

A motion was made by Trustees: Sandy Gooder and seconded by Scott Vincent to pay all bills plus the loan payment due May 1, as presented for the month of March. Vote: Trustees: Brenda Patton-yes, Sandy Gooder-yes, Rick Clayton-absent, Scott Vincent-yes and Don Henderson-yes

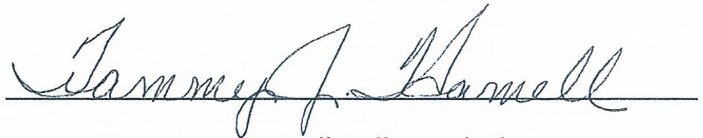
A motion was made by Trustees: Don Henderson and seconded by Sandy Gooder to pass the treasurer's report for the month of March. Vote: Trustees: Brenda Patton-yes, Sandy Gooder-yes, Scott Vincent-yes, and Don Henderson-yes

A motion was made by Trustees: Don Henderson and seconded by Sandy Gooder to accept the minutes of the March 7, 2023 minutes. Vote: Brenda Patton-abstain, Sandy Gooder-yes, Rick Clayton-absent, Scott Vincent-abstain, Don Henderson-yes and Mike Whitehead-yes

A motion was made by Trustee Don Henderson and seconded by Sandy Gooder to adjourn.

All in Favor

Next meeting is May 2, 2023 @ 7:00

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Tammy J. Hamell", is written over a horizontal line.

Tammy J. Hamell, Village Clerk