

Village Board of Mt. Auburn
Regular Meeting

May 3, 2022

The Village Board of Mt. Auburn met in regular session, Mayor Mike Whitehead presiding. The meeting was called to order with The Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Guests: Vicki Simmons, Buck Saulsberry, Racheal LeBeane-reporter, and Dennis Atteberry-Village Attorney.

Mayor Whitehead reported to the board on The United Regional Water Cooperative. The plans were to have the new well open by June 1, 2022. Someone had heard that there are problems in Illiopolis and Niantic, seems they are experiencing metal flakes in the water and low water pressure. Mayor Whitehead told the board that nothing was said at the meeting about any problems. The well itself isn't pumping the water into these locations at this time. Mayor Whitehead also told the board that E.J. Water told him that they had someone to check the water tower much cheaper than the bid that we had. This company is out of St. Louis and will come and inspect the tower for 5,000.00. This expense will be 2,500.00 for our part of the inspection. He also reported that the \$20,000.00 that we will be paid by E.J. Water for the hook-up fee to our water tower will most likely be spent on closing the old well. The cost for closing the old well will be \$15,000. To \$20,000. Someone mentioned that Kenney and Atlanta were discussing hooking on to the line.

Mayor Whitehead brought a new bid from Tullis Excavating for the new idea for building the retaining wall at a lower cost. He also told the board that this was not up for a vote, he just wanted a comparison to the previous bids, he still has to talk to someone to ask about how this would affect the grant. This bid is for \$19,410.00.

Mayor Whitehead then gave a report on ARPA. He reported that all paperwork had been sent in but no money would be received until November, at that time we should receive \$31,000. With another 30,000. coming. The board discussed using the money for the inspection and repairs to the water tower.

A motion was made by Trustee Sandy Gooder and seconded by Dee Dee Carey to pass Ordinance # 101 Prevailing Wage. Vote: Trustees: Brenda Patton-absent, Sandy Gooder-yes, Rick Clayton-absent, Dee Dee Carey-yes, Scott Vincent-no, and Don Henderson-yes Motion Carried

The board then discussed Warning System/Tornado Siren. Treasurer Saulsberry told the board that the police fund had somewhere around \$1,700.00 that could be used for this project. Mayor

Whitehead also told the board that FEMA has a program to help out with these projects but he hasn't checked into it yet.

Guests: Vicki Simmons ask if the holes in the street are going to repaired anytime soon. Mayor Whitehead told Vicki that possibly next week they would work on the streets. He also reminded that board that E. Main Street needs to be looked at. Vicki also asks when the new increase would take effect, Clerk Hamell told her as of May 1, 1022.

Finance: Mayor Whitehead let the board know that Treasurer Saulsberry had met with MFT auditors to get information on the invoices that had to be found. Treasurer Saulsberry told the board that she has worked on this project and now they are going from wanting everything from 2013 to 2010. It seems that whoever use to do the audit part of the MFT retired and it hasn't been done since he left which is causing the whole district is having to do the same thing. As she stated last month, any invoices that can't be proven will have to paid back by the village.

Ordinance: Trustee Gooder reported that the yard at 412 S. Elm hasn't been mowed this year. The board discussed that the grass needs to be 8" tall and pictures taken and a notice to be sent. Once the notice has been received the village can go in and mow the yard and charge them.

Parks: Mayor Whitehead told the board that he had not yet contacted the electricians for the park.

Water: Mayor Whitehead told the board that E.J. Water knew a company in St. Louis to come and work on the water tower. Our bid was 120,000.00, he was told the cost would be \$60,000.00 with this company. This makes our cost \$30,000.00. He also told the board that Sky is working on flushing the hydrants. At this time, he told the board with the way of the economy is he was wondering how long it had been since Sky had a raise. The board discussed this and it seems it was at least 4 or 5 years. Mayor Whitehead told the board to think this over for discussion for next month's meeting.

A motion was made by Trustees Scott Vincent and seconded by Don Henderson to pass the Treasurer's report for the month of April. Vote: Trustees: Brenda Patton-absent, Sandy Gooder-yes, Rick Clayton-yes, Dee Dee Carey-yes, Scott Vincent-yes, and Don Henderson-yes

A motion was made by Trustees Don Henderson and seconded by Sandy Gooder to pay all bills for the month of April. Vote: Trustees: Brenda Patton-absent, Sandy Gooder-yes, Rick Clayton-absent, Dee Dee Carey-yes, Scott Vincent-yes, and Don Henderson-yes.

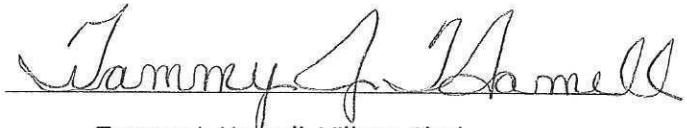
Clerk Hamell told the board that on their copy of the minutes the date was wrong but she had corrected her copy and put it in the records corrected.

A motion was made by Trustees Scott Vincent and seconded by Sandy Gooder to accept the minutes of the April meeting amended to the correct date. Vote: Trustees: Brenda Patton-absent, Sandy Gooder-yes, Rick Clayton-absent, Dee Dee Carey-yes, Scott Vincent-yes, and Don Henderson-yes.

A Motion was made by Trustees Don Henderson and seconded by Dee Dee Carey to accept the minutes of the executive session meeting for April. Vote: Trustees: Brenda Patton-absent, Sandy Gooder-yes, Rick Clayton-absent, Dee Dee Carey-yes, Scott Vincent-yes, and Don Henderson-yes

A motion was made by Trustees Don Henderson and seconded by Scott Vincent to adjourn. All in favor.

Next meeting is June 7, 2022.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tammy J. Hamell". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Tammy J. Hamell, Village Clerk