

## Village Board of Mt. Auburn

### Regular Meeting

February 7, 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-present, Dee Dee Carey-absent, Scott Vincent-present, Don Henderson-present

Guests: Amanda Rankins, Vicki Simmons, Ann Holiday, Racheal LeBeane, Lee Beckman, Candace Miller, Missy Osborne, Sky Trudeau and Attorney-Dennis Atteberry.

Lee Beckman-Village Engineer attended the meeting to talk to the board about the three blocks that weren't done during the water project. Lee told the board that these could be done at different times and different bids. The village has 60,000.00 in grant money that needs to be used and this would be something this money could be used for. When questioned why these three sections were not done in the first or second phase, Lee replied they hadn't been done because they would have had to borrow more money for the project. The board discussed the sections that needed to be replaced and discussed a pressure recorder by the meter so you know how it is working. He told the board that E J Water has one and might let us borrow it for 30 days. Trustee Sandy Gooder thought we needed to get bids on all projects so we know the prices for each project. Lee told the board that all that had to be done was a survey and then they can come back with some bids. Lee told the board that the engineering fee would be between 10,000 or 12,000 for the plans. Mayor Whitehead will contact Lee Beckman when the board makes a decision.

Mayor Whitehead told the board that he had a request for a person here in Mt. Auburn to put up solar panels. This location is at 115 W. Center St. Mayor Whitehead told the board that he had talked to the county about permits and they are approving the permits. The board has the decision to accept or deny the building permit for the solar panels.

A motion was made by Trustee Rick Clayton and seconded by Don Henderson to approve building permit for solar panels. Vote: Trustees: Brenda Patton-yes, Sandy Gooder-yes, Rick Clayton-yes, Dee Dee Carey-absent, Scott Vincent-yes, and Don Henderson-yes

Mayor Whitehead told the board that he had talked to Christian County about turning the zoning over to Christian County. The county would receive all money from permits but at the time the village doesn't have their own zoning board. The cost of the county taking over the zoning is 7/10 of a percent of the cost of a permit. Trustee Vincent told the board that he wasn't comfortable turning the zoning over to the county.

A motion was made by Trustees Rick Clayton and seconded by Scott Vincent to reject the county doing our building permits. Vote: Trustees: Brenda Patton-no, Sandy Gooder-yes, Rick Clayton-

Yes, Dee Dee Carey-absent, Scott Vincent-yes, and Don Henderson-yes

Attorney Atteberry brought a copy of an Animal Control Ordinance. He told the board that he had been working on some of the new laws for animal control. He told the board to look at the Ordinance for next month's meeting for any changes that they would like to make. Attorney Atteberry also told the board that he is working of the Unlicensed vehicles. Dennis told the board that he is still looking into the tiny house ordinance.

A motion was made by Trustees Scott Vincent and seconded by Rick Clayton to table the tiny houses and abandoned vehicles for next month. Vote: Brenda Patton-yes, Sandy Gooder-yes, Rick Clayton-yes, Dee Dee Carey-absent, Scott Vincent-yes, and Don Henderson-yes

Melissa Osborne addressed the board about the issue of the tiny house. She stated to the board that although no one has said anything to her, everyone knows who they are talking about with the tiny house. The house that is standing there at the present is going to be torn down and the other building will be moved to the location of the house after it is torn down. The mayor explained, along with the attorney that the village has an ordinance against letting in anything in town under 800 sq ft. Melissa told the board that the other building had no power, water or gas. They told Melissa that this property couldn't be rented or sold as it is because of no permit and the violation of the square footage. This issue should have been discussed further before any work was done.

Amanda Rankins told the board that the picnic will be held at a different time this year due to everyone changing to the same weekend. The picnic will be held on June 22,23, and 24. Amanda also told the board that the picnic would be having the Pork Chop Supper on March 12.

**Ordinances** The village went to court over dog attacks to three different people. The papers were issued and the dogs were deemed vicious. If they are used for guard dogs, they must be leashed and muzzled. There was a fine that had to be paid within 30 days. This will be the last chance for the dogs to be kept up, if they are in violation again the dogs will be removed. Once again, the board is asked to go over the Ordinance for next month's meeting.

Mayor Whitehead told the board that Mona Dunn had donated a dog cage to put behind the village hall.

**Parks** Charlene Saulsberry reported that everything is out of the park except for the lights on the grandstand, they are waiting for Randy Tipsword to take them down. Mayor Whitehead told the board that the Nicolas Hotel sign is getting in bad shape. It was suggested to ask Peggy Boggs to see if she would be willing to paint it. He also told the board that the bench dedicated to Bobby and Alice Smith had been placed in the spot of the old eagle.

Street lights were reported being out, Mayor Whitehead will call Ameren for repairs.

**Water** Mayor Whitehead gave out the Systems Total Report to the board members and with the new increase he was afraid we were going to have to raise the rates to cover the cost.

**Community Building-** Mayor Whitehead told the board that the community building had been rented several times for the months of November and December. Treasurer Saulsberry ask if the calendar could be marked as to what type of event, they are having so that she knows that she is collecting the right amount of money. Also ask about signs being put up at the community building as the attorney advised about signs stating that we are not responsible for damages.

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

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

A motion was made by Trustee Henderson and seconded by Sandy Gooder to accept the minutes of the January 3, 2023 meeting. Vote: Trustees: Brenda Patton-yes, Sandy Gooder-yes, Rick Clayton-yes, Dee Dee Carey-absent, Scott Vincent-yes, and Don Henderson-yes

A motion was made by Trustee Don Henderson and seconded by Rick Clayton to adjourn.

All in favor

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

Tammy J. Hamell, Village Clerk