

Town of Wood River

Regular Board Meeting

September 16, 2020

Ron Burg

John Hennessey

Gilbert Meyer

Marjean Legler

Laure McKeag

Duane Selander

6 others in attendance

I. Chairman Burg called the meeting to order 6:30pm

II. Pledge of allegiance was recited

III. John Hennessey made a motion to approve the agenda seconded by Gilbert Meyer, unanimous.

IV. Motion was made by John Hennessey to approve the August minutes with a couple minor changes, Gilbert Meyer seconded, unanimous.

V. Treasurer's report given by Laura; there is 143,768.13 in the operating account, 1,004,338.58 in the Money Market and \$36,255.01 in the CD and it will mature in February of 2022.

VI. Communications Report: Marjean reports that the DRE voting machines were exchanged, and she had taken some training. She has applied for the Routes to Recovery Grant and will apply again.

VII. Gilbert Meyer gave the Fire Report, year to date there are 70 calls. The new budget is out with only a 2% increase. Training will begin in October for school bus extraction.

VIII. Maintenance Report: Duane state he has been doing a lot of mowing and has changed out some road signs.

IX. Chairman's Report: Ron Burg gave an update on the new Town Hall project and the Cares Act grant he will be applying for.

X. Public Forum: Barb Peterson had questions on the new patch on N. Shore Drive as she is concerned about the water going over the road and her and her neighbor's property washing out. Ron Burg told her that much planning went into how that patch was done to avoid the water pooling and going under the road.

Beau Danielson had questions about the draft permit ordinance, Ron Burg informed him that it is a draft and was looking for input on it. Beau and Sam Langenbach will do some research and make recommendations on what the permit should include and say.

Rick Cunningham was interested in who the lawyer was who drew up this draft and how much he was charging. Bakke & Norman Law firm and \$180/hour.

Don Chell asked Ron Burg what his goal is with this permit, Ron Burg said he just wanted to clarify the language of the permit to make it clear for everyone.

Joel Johnson believes with the wording of the permit in the draft form it would be micromanaging and wonders how it would be enforced.

Laura McKeag asked who would be doing the checking on the permits issued under this draft, the Town, or the County? She also brought an email wondering about permitting requirements for solar.

Samantha Langenbach gave an update on the Bible camp and informed us they have a new director, Jordan Lueck.

XI. Road Construction: John Hennessey gave updates stating N. Shore Drive patch is done and perhaps the crack sealing will be done this year yet. Highway 70 will have a culvert replaced on the west side of Alpha which will cause a complete road shut down for a day. Traffic will be detoured to County Y to Crosstown to County M.

Ron Burg made a motion to have the County do the crack sealing on N. Shore Drive before the end of the year. Seconded by Gilbert Meyer, with John Hennessey abstaining. Carried.

XII John Hennessey made a motion to accept Wayne Swanson's giving the Town land for a turn around and snow dumping area with Todd Anderson to draw up to the legal easement. Gilbert Meyer seconded, unanimous.

XIII. Plow Truck Proposal: Duane brought a couple of estimates for a plow for the one ton. John Hennessey motioned to accept Stan's Equipment proposal for purchase and installation of the plow. Gilbert Meyer seconded, unanimous.

XIV. Building Permit Ordinance: tabled until recommendations come back.

XV. Driveway Permit Ordinance: tabled until recommendations come back.

XVI. Bills were audited and signed.

XVII. Agenda items for October, information on a new dump truck, progress of the ordinances, sample budget and road construction update.

XVIII. Adjourned 8:31